

Faith Lutheran Church



THE CHILD GREW AND
BECAME STRONG,
FILLED WITH
WISDOM;
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.

Luke 2:40

December 29, 2024

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

December 29th, 2024

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Jared Swyter

Organist: Lila Brown

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 111

Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with *my* whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and *in* the congregation. ² The works of the LORD *are* great, Studied by all who have pleasure in them. ³ His work *is* honorable and glorious, And His righteousness endures forever. ⁴ He has made His wonderful works to be remembered; The LORD *is* gracious and full of compassion. ⁵ He has given food to those who fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant. ⁶ He has declared to His people the power of His works, In giving them the heritage of the nations. ⁷ The works of His hands *are* verity and justice; All His precepts *are* sure. ⁸ They stand fast forever and ever, *And are* done in truth and uprightness. ⁹ He has sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever: Holy and awesome *is* His name. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do *His commandments*. His praise endures forever.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#90:1-3 Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising

INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

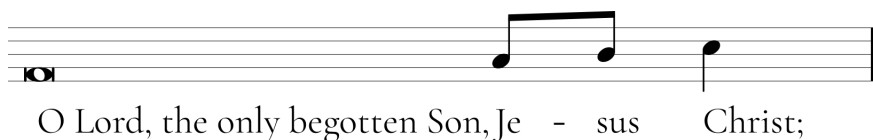
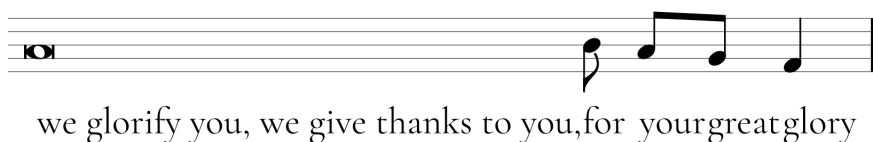
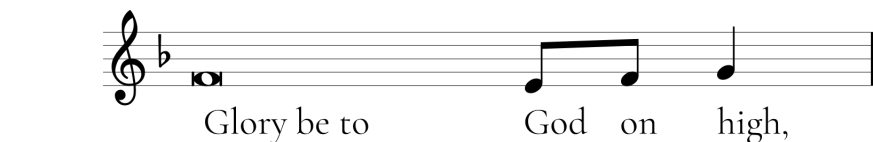
all Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have mer -
 cy on us, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

A - - - men.

p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



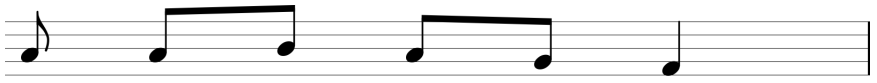
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.



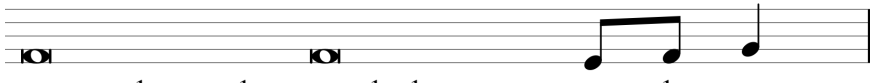
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;



have mercy on us, For you only are holy;



you only are the Lord.



You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

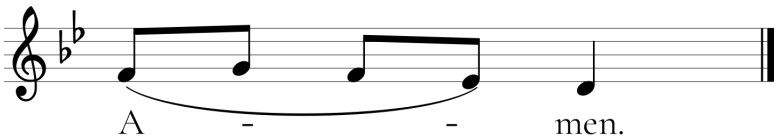


are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

p The Lord be with you.



p Let us pray . . . O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Exodus 13:1-3a,11-15 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, *both* of man and beast; it is Mine." ³ And Moses said to the people: "Remember this day in which you went out of Egypt, out

of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out of this *place*.

¹¹ "And it shall be, when the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as He swore to you and your fathers, and gives it to you, ¹² "that you shall set apart to the LORD all that open the womb, that is, every firstborn that comes from an animal which you have; the males *shall be* the LORD'S. ¹³ "But every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb; and if you will not redeem *it*, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴ "So it shall be, when your son asks you in time to come, saying, 'What is this?' that you shall say to him, 'By strength of hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. ¹⁵ 'And it came to pass, when Pharaoh was stubborn about letting us go, that the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of beast. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all males that open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'

Luke 2:22-40 ²² Now when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were completed, they

brought Him to Jerusalem to present *Him* to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD^t"), ²⁴ and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "A pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons^t!" ²⁵ And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name *was* Simeon, and this man *was* just and devout, waiting for the Consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶ And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷ So he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when the parents brought in the Child Jesus, to do for Him according to the custom of the law, ²⁸ he took Him up in his arms and blessed God and said: ²⁹ "Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; ³⁰ For my eyes have seen Your salvation ³¹ Which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, ³² A light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of Your people Israel." ³³ And Joseph and His mother^t marveled at those things which were spoken of Him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother, "Behold, this *Child* is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against

³⁵ "(yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶ Now there was one, Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, and had lived with a husband seven years from her virginity; ³⁷ and this woman *was* a widow of about eighty-four years^t, who did not depart from the temple, but served *God* with fastings and prayers night and day. ³⁸ And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord^t, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem. ³⁹ So when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their *own* city, Nazareth. ⁴⁰ And the Child grew and became strong in spirit^t, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and
keep it!



Al-le - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia!

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

#62 Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

SERMON

Revelation 3:7-8,11 ⁷ "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, "He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens"': ⁸ "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it"; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. ¹¹ "Behold!, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

THE KEY OF DAVID!

Speaker: Jared Swyter

Written by: Pastor Paul D. Nolting

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
 and re - new a right spir - it with - in me.
 Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and
 take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to
 me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
 hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

#713 Your Little One, Dear Lord, Are We

Offering Hymn #7922

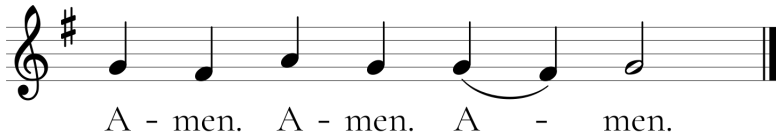
Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

all Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy
name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive
those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is
the kingdom and the power and the glory forever
and ever. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#709 God Loves Me Dearly

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

9 am Worship Service
No Sunday or Bible Class today

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

7pm New Years Eve Service

SUNDAY JANUARY 5

9am Worship Service
10 am Sunday School
10:15 am Bible Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/31 7pm New Years Eve Service

FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$ 4350
Missions - \$ 170
School Fund - \$ 25
Christmas Eve Service – 146
Christmas Day Service- 56

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Bob Kirst, Russ Brown,
Jeremy Golz, Kade Muehlenhaupt

USHERS FOR JANUARY

BJ Lillo, Mike Dumke, Todd Thiem,
Austin, Thiem

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 2

David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

Next Week Team #3

Jim Kok

PASTOR'S VACATION

Pastor is gone today, Sunday December 29. There will be no communion today also no Sunday School or Bible. Next week Jan 5, 2025, there will be communion.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Christmas Poinsettias donated in memory of Kent Quade, Ted and Irmgard Quade, Rob Kearley, Bob and Gwen Bornick, and Curtis Brown

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

1 Kings 3:4-15

Psalm 119:97-104

Eph. 1:3-14

Luke 2:40-52



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