


Faith Lutheran Church



THE CHILD GREW...
AND  THE
FAVOR OF
GOD
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40

January 5, 2025

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

January 5th, 2025

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Pamela Schulz

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church

Psalm 119:97–104

The Lord Jesus “grew and became strong” (Luke 2:40); He “increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might “have redemption through his blood” (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up “to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover” (Luke 2:41); when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father’s house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in “the word of truth, the gospel,” by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain “an understanding mind” to go about our vocations, discerning “between good and evil” (1 Kings 3:9). And so do we also go up to Jerusalem, to stand “before the ark of the covenant of the Lord” (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

#715 Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

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.

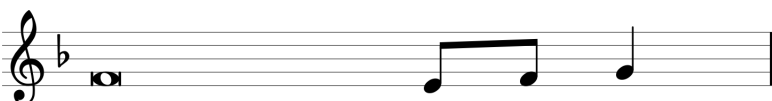
all Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my 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.



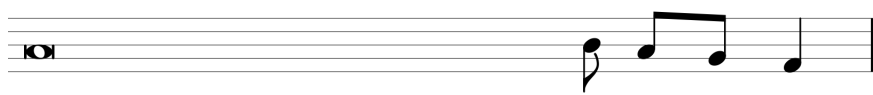
Glory be to God on high,



and on earth peace, good will toward men,



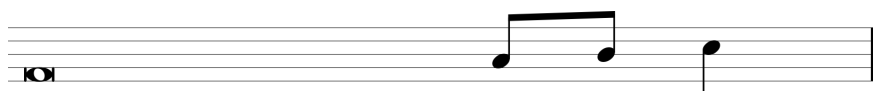
We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you,



we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory



O Lord God, heav'nly King God the Father al - mighty,



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



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



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



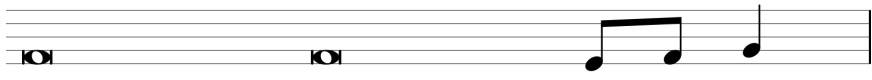
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;



have mercy on us, For you only are holy;



you only are the Lord.



You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

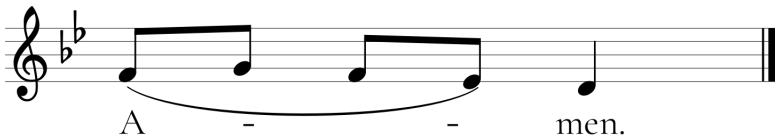


are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

p The Lord be with you.



p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives: through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

1 Kings 3:4-15 ⁴ Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that *was* the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" ⁶ And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David

my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day. ⁷ "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I *am* a little child; I do not know *how* to go out or come in. ⁸ "And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. ⁹

"Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?"

¹⁰ The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. ¹¹ Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, ¹² "behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. ¹³ "And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you

among the kings all your days. ¹⁴ "So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

Ephesians 1:3-14 ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that

in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both^t which are in heaven and which are on earth-- in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who^t is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

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



THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one

Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#712 What Child is This

SERMON

Luke 2:40-52 ⁴⁰ And the Child grew and became strong in spirit^t, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. ⁴¹ His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. ⁴³ When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother^t did not know *it*; ⁴⁴ but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵ So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶ Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them

questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ⁴⁸ So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." ⁴⁹ And He said to them, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. ⁵¹ Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

Jesus Is Still In His Temple



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.

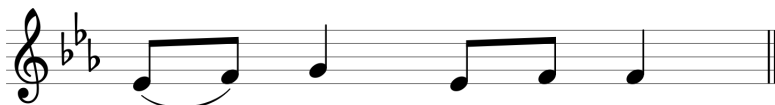
#711 See In Yonder Manger Low

Offering Hymn #572:4

As thy prospering hand hath blest, may we give thee all
 our best. And by deeds of kindly love, for Thy mercies
 grateful prove, singing thus through all our days, Praise to
 God, immortal praise

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

p The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

p Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

p Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



It is good and right so to do.

p It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom we confess that you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, are one God and one Lord, and we acknowledge you as our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Therefore, with all the saints

on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy
name and join their glorious song;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord
God of heav - en - ly hosts; heav'n and earth are full
of your glo - ry. Hosan - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na
in the high - est. bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he,
bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosan - na, ho-san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est.

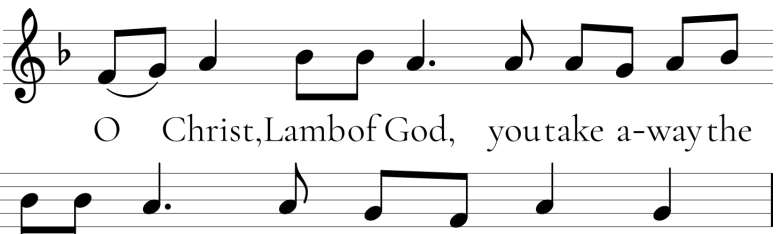
The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics. The third staff includes a 7-measure rest (marked with a '7' in a box) before continuing the melody. The fourth staff continues the melody with lyrics. The fifth staff continues the melody with lyrics. The sixth staff continues the melody with lyrics. The seventh staff begins with a 7-measure rest (marked with a '7' in a box) and ends with a double bar line.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, “Take and eat; This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.”

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The first staff contains the notes G4, A4, B4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff contains the notes B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, D3, C3. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens under 'mer - cy' and 'a-way'.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; grant us your peace. A - men.

THE DISTRIBUTION

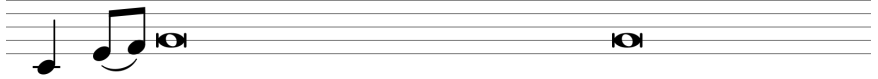
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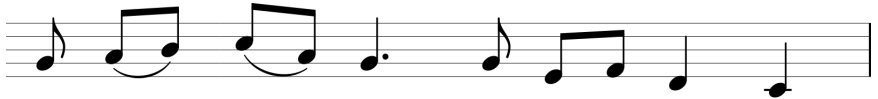
Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace



ac - cord - ing to your word.



For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have



prepared be - fore the face of all people,



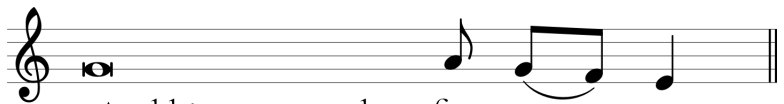
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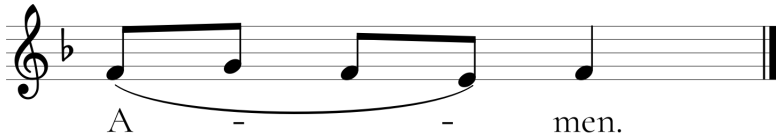
THANKSGIVING

p O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



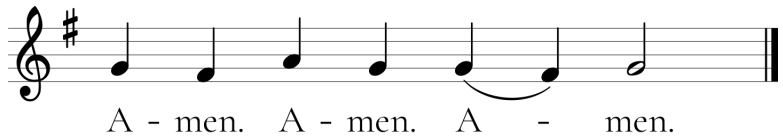
And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

p We give thanks, almighty God, that you have re-
freshed us with this holy supper. We pray that
through it you will strengthen our faith in you and
increase our love for one another. We ask this in the
name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever.



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.



#83 Hark What Mean Those Holy Voices

SUNDAY JANUARY 5

9am Communion Service

TUESDAY JANUARY 7

7 pm School Board Meeting

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8

3:45 Confirmation

SUNDAY JANUARY 12

9am Communion Service

10 am Sunday School

10:15 am Bible Class

FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$ 3359

Missions - \$ 50

School Fund - \$ 50

In memory of Bob Bornick -\$ 50 to

Window Fund

In memory of Gwen Bornick \$ 50 to

School Fund

Gym Fund - \$50

School Fund- \$ 50

USHERS FOR JANUARY

BJ Lillo, Mike Dumke,

Todd Thiem, Austin, Thiem

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 3

Jim Kok

Next Week Team #4

Robbin Whitehouse,

Dale Muehlenhaupt

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

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm 72:1-11

Eph. 3:1-12

Matt. 2:1-12

VOTERS' MEETING

January 23, 2025 at 7pm is our annual voters' meeting.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN has returned the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

NOMINEES FOR CHURCH OFFICERS

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