

Psalm 90 A Prayer of Moses the man of God. LORD, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God. ³ You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." ⁴ For a thousand years in Your sight *Are* like yesterday when it is past, And *like* a watch in the night. ⁵ You carry them away *like* a flood; *They are* like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up: ⁶ In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. ⁷ For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance. ⁹ For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. ¹⁰ The days of our lives *are* seventy years; And if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years, Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath. ¹² So teach *us* to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom. ¹³ Return, O LORD! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. ¹⁴ Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! ¹⁵ Make us glad according to the days *in which* You have afflicted us, The years *in which* we have seen evil. ¹⁶ Let Your work appear to Your servants, And Your glory to their children. ¹⁷ And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, And establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

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Hymn 108:1-4 We Sing, Immanuel, Thy Praise

Invocation

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

c  A-men.

Confession of Sins


p We have come into the presence of God,
who created us to love and serve him as his
dear children. But we have disobeyed him
and deserve only his wrath and
punishment. Therefore, let us confess our
sins to him and plead for his mercy.


c **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether
sinful from birth, In countless ways I have
sinned against you and do not deserve to
be called your child. But trusting in Jesus,
my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me**


according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

c  **A-men.**

 **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

 **Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

 **Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin.**

**O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won,
Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace
within.**

**♪ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord,
At God's right hand in majesty most high:
Who, with the Spirit worshiped and
adored, With all the heav'nly host we
glorify.**

p Let us pray . . . Eternal God, we commit to
Your mercy and forgiveness the year now
ending and commend to Your blessing and
love the times yet to come. In the New
Year, abide among us with Your Holy Spirit
that we may always trust in the saving
name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

c **♪ A-men.**

The Word

Numbers 6:22-27 ²² And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: ²³ "Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, 'This is the way you shall bless the children of Israel. Say to them: ²⁴ "The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵ The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; ²⁶ The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace." ' ²⁷ "So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them."

Luke 2:21-40 ²¹ And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb. 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"), 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." 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 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, 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, 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, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him.

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

c **♪ Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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.

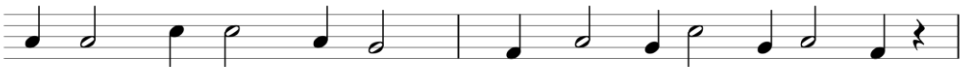
Hymn 112 To God the Anthem Raising
(to tune of #69)



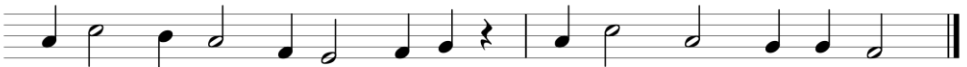
1. To God the an-them rais - ing, Sing, Chris-tians, great and small;



Sing out, His good-ness prais - ing, Oh, thank Him, one and all!



Be-hold how God this year, Which now is safe - ly end - ed



Hath in His love be - friend - ed His chil - dren far and near.

4. His Father heart is yearning
To take us for His own
When, our transgressions mourning,
We trust in Christ alone;
When in His name we pray
And humbly make confession,
He pardons our transgression
And is our faithful Stay.

5. Our God hath well defended,
Hath kept us through His grace;
But if He had contended
With us our sins to trace
And given us our meed,
We all would then be lying
In sin and sorrow dying,
Each one for his misdeed.

6. O Father dear in heaven,
For all Thy gifts of love
Which Thou to us hast given
We lift our thanks above.
In Jesus' name we here,
To Thee our prayers addressing,
Still ask Thee for Thy blessing:
Grant us a joyful year.

Sermon

Galatians 3:23-29 ²³ But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. ²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Baptism, Christmas and New Years All In One

**c ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and
renew a right spirit within me. Cast me
not away from Your presence. Take not
Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me
the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with
Your Spirit free.**

Hymn 128:1-3 Brightest and Best of the Sons

Offering, 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 Service of the Sacrament

p The Lord be with you.

c **And also with you.**

p Lift up your hearts.

c **We lift them up to the Lord**

p It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the wonder and mystery of His birth You have opened our eyes to the glory of Your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of Your love. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:

c **♪ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth , adored; heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to**

**the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in
the name of the Lord!**

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

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed 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!

c **♪ O Lamb of God, O Christ our Lord, whose
blood, once shed, true life restored, Impart**

**Your joy, our faith increase. Sustain with
Your mercy and grant us Your peace.**

The Distribution

We ask that only members of Faith Lutheran Church or the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. Visitors are welcome to speak to the pastor after the service.

Thanksgiving

- c ♪ O Lord, now let Your servant depart in
heav'nly peace. For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace; A light to lead
the Gentils unto Your holy hill, The Glory of
Your people, Your chosen Israel.
All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in one;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever
be, God's triune name resounding Through
all eternity.**
- p Go in peace, Serve the Lord with gladness.**

- c** **♪ My heart has now become Your dwelling, O blessed, holy Trinity. With angels I, Your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. Lord, may Your body and Your blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

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.
- c** **♪A-men A-men A-men.**

Hymn 717 Bright and Glorious Is the Sky

New Year's Eve

This Week:

Sunday 12/31	9am Worship Service 7pm New Year's Eve Service
Tuesday 1/2	5pm Basketball Practice 7pm School Board Meeting
Wednesday 1/3	4pm Confirmation Class
Thursday 1/4	10:30am Bible Class 5pm Basketball Practice
Saturday 1/6	8am Christmas De-Decorating
Sunday 1/7	9am Sunday Service 10am Sunday School 10:15 Bible Class 2pm Sledding Party

Upcoming Dates:

- Jan 2nd - School Board meeting at 7pm
- Jan 2nd - Faith Basketball Practice at 5pm
- Jan 4th - Thursday morning bible class @ 10:30
- Jan 4th - Faith Basketball Practice at 5pm
- Jan 7th - Faith Alive sledding party at 2pm with Pizza and Games
- Jan 9th - Elders meeting /Church Council
- Jan 16th - Women of Faith meeting

Guests and Visitors

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

Thursday Morning Bible Class

Thursday morning bible class will begin again the Thursday, January 4th.

Call News

Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, has called the Rev. Neal Radichel, Pastor of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, as co-pastor.

Envelope Committee

This Week: Team #6: Kent Quade, Jim Kok

Next Week: Team #1: Dennis Jones, Jeff Jones

December Ushers

Sundays & Christmas Eve: Dan Thiem, Dave Dillie, Frank Quade, Andy Kohn

Advent 6, 13, 20 & Christmas Day, New Year's Eve: Randy Strelow, Gary Brown, Jeff Jones, Mitch Newton

Fruits of Faith

Attendance: 88 / 238 / 58

General Fund: \$7053

Mission Fund: \$986

School Fund: \$265

\$150 to Building Fund in memoriam Lyndon Pamerter

\$50 to School Fund in memoriam Tom Denson



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