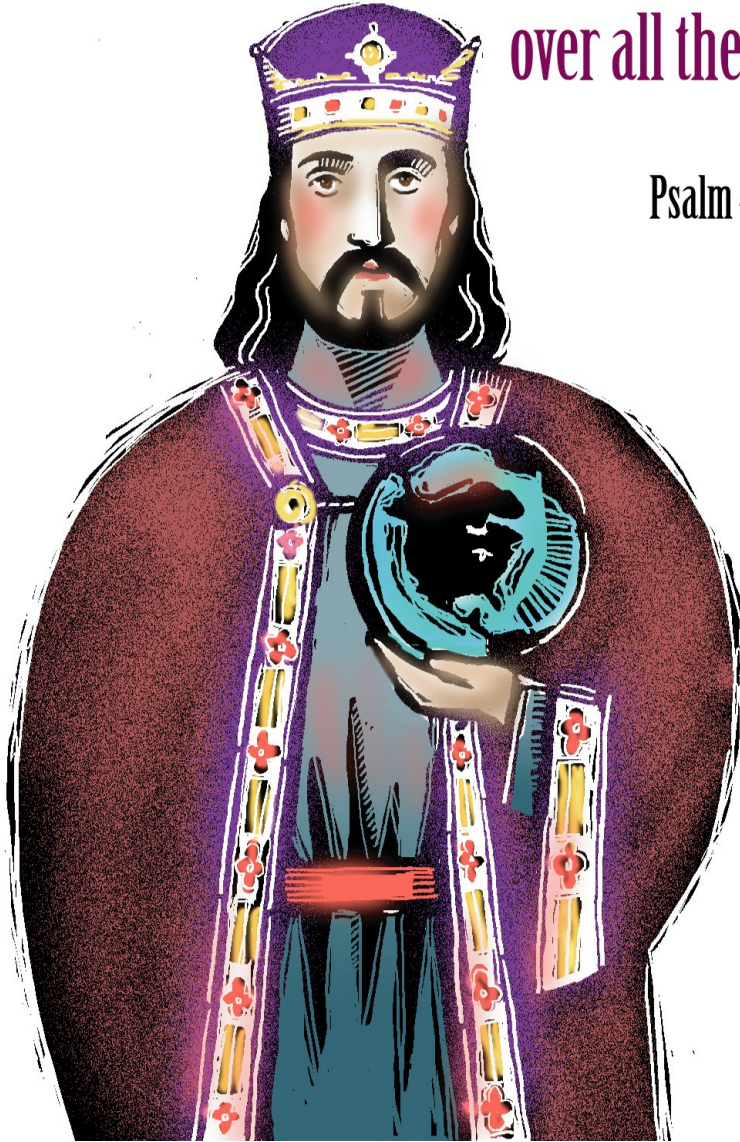


For the LORD, the Most High,  
is awesome, a great king  
over all the earth.

Psalm 47:2, NRSV



NOVEMBER 26, 2023

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

# 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

November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

**Speaker:**

Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:**

Lila Brown

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 95:1-7*

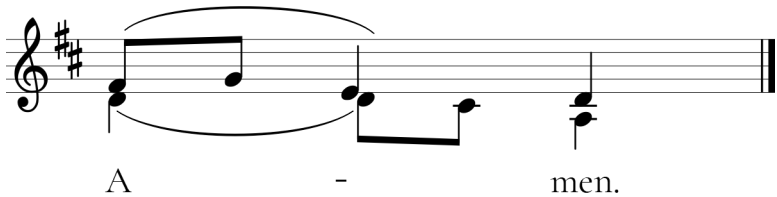
Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. <sup>2</sup> Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. <sup>3</sup> For the LORD is the great God, And the great King above all gods. <sup>4</sup> In His hand *are* the deep places of the earth; The heights of the hills *are* His also. <sup>5</sup> The sea is His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry *land*. <sup>6</sup> Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker. <sup>7</sup> For He *is* our God, And we *are* the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #606 O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking

### INVOCATION

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

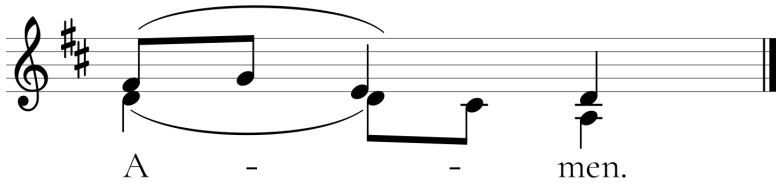


### CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

all 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.





Glo - ry to God, we  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly  
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for  
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

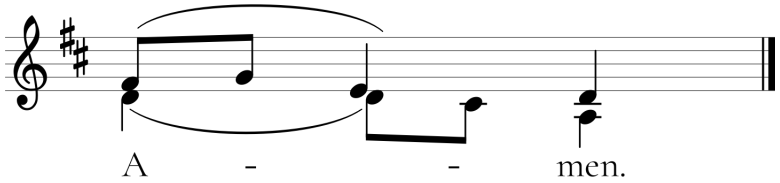


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

**1 Corinthians 15:20-28** <sup>20</sup> But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. <sup>24</sup> Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and

power. <sup>25</sup> For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy *that* will be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For "He has put all things under His feet." But when He says "all things are put under *Him*," *it is* evident that He who put all things under Him is excepted. <sup>28</sup> Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

**Matthew 25:31-46** <sup>31</sup> "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy<sup>t</sup> angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. <sup>32</sup> "All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides *his* sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup> "And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup> "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: <sup>35</sup> 'for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; <sup>36</sup> 'I *was* naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'



<sup>37</sup> "Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? <sup>38</sup> 'When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? <sup>39</sup> 'Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' <sup>40</sup> "And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.' <sup>41</sup> "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: <sup>42</sup> 'for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; <sup>43</sup> 'I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.' <sup>44</sup> "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' <sup>45</sup> "Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me.' <sup>46</sup> "And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.

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

These words are written that we may believe that

Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a piano (p) dynamic marking. The first line of music is followed by the text "Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!". The second line of music is followed by the text "These words are written that we may believe that". The third line of music is followed by the text "Je-sus is the Christ, the Son of God.". The fourth line of music is followed by the text "Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!". The score ends with a double bar line.

## 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.

## **#652 I Lay My Sins on Jesus**

# SERMON

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24** <sup>11</sup> 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. <sup>12</sup> "As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. <sup>13</sup> "And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> "I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup> "I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup> "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment." . . . <sup>20</sup> 'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: "Behold, I Myself will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup> "Because you have pushed with side and

shoulder, butted all the weak ones with your horns, and scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup> "therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no longer be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup> "I will establish one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them-- My servant David. He shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> "And I, the LORD, will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

## **WE ARE WAITING FOR A KING**

Judgement - Righteousness - Home

(WS Page #21)



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. Take not Your Ho - ly  
 Spir-it from me. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-  
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

## #648 I Am Jesus; Little Lamb

### Offering Hymn #788:1

Lord, You love the cheerful giver who with open heart and hand blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true that our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

# 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.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

p The Lord be with you.



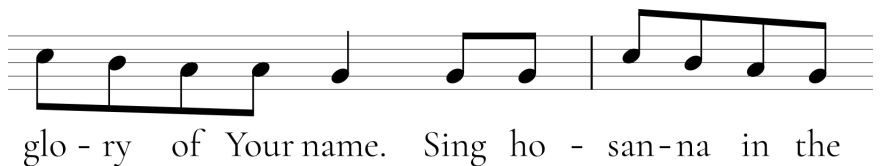
And al - so with you.

p Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

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, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song;





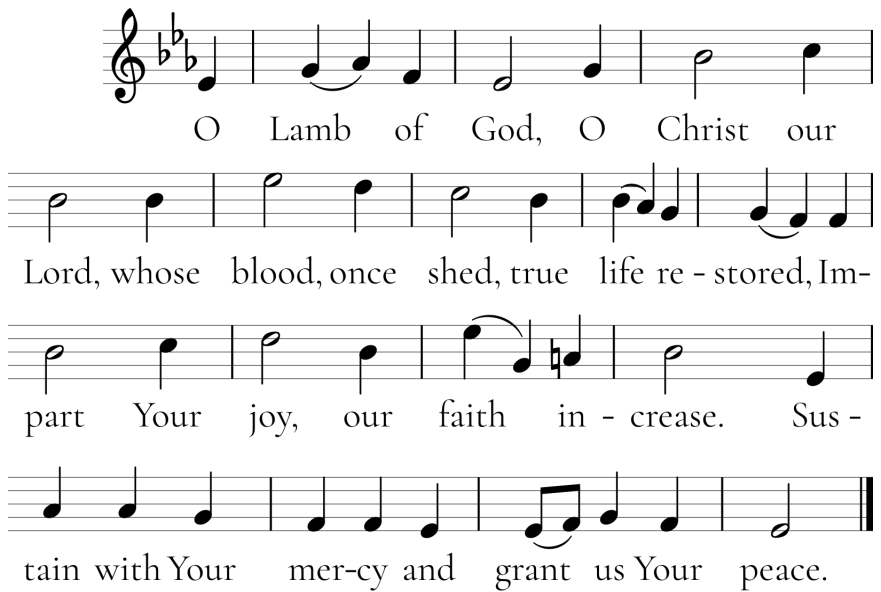


high-est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly  
blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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."

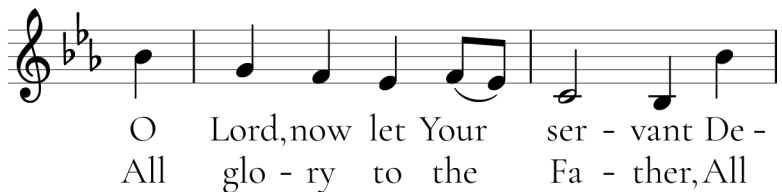
The peace of the Lord be with you always!



O Lamb of God, O Christ our  
 Lord, whose blood, once shed, true life re - stored, Im -  
 part Your joy, our faith in - crease. Sus -  
 tain with Your mer - cy and grant us Your peace.

## THE DISTRIBUTION

Prayers for before and after communion are available on page 118 of your hymnal. We ask that only members of the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n-ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo-ry to the Son, All glo-ry to the



glo-ry Of Your re-deeming grace: A light to lead the  
Spir-it, For - ev - er Three-in - One; For as in the be-



Gen - tiles Un - to Your ho - ly hill, The  
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's



glo-ry of Your peo-ple, Your chosen Is-ra - el.  
tri-une name re - sounding Through all e - terni - ty.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.



My heart has now be-come Your dwell - ing,



O bless-ed, ho-ly Trin-i - ty. With angels I, Your

prais-es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Lord, may Your bod - y and Your blood

Be for my soul the high - est good.

## THE BENEDICTION

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

A - men. A - men. A - men.

## #376 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

**Pre-sermon**

What are you hoping for this holiday season?

Was your thanksgiving everything you hoped it would be?

**Sermon**

Whom does God blame for Israel's dispersion?

What was God's solution?

Why is that important to us as well?

Upon whom does God bring judgement?

What marks of faith does Jesus point to?

Faith \_\_\_\_\_ saves, but faith is never \_\_\_\_\_.

What kind of righteousness are waiting for?

How is Jesus' reign in our hearts imperfect?

What are we waiting for?

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday, November 26**

9am Communion Service  
10am Christmas Eve Practice

**Wednesday, November 29**

3:45pm Confirmation Class

**Saturday, December 2**

9am Church Decorating

**Sunday, December 3**

9am Worship Service  
10am Christmas Eve Practice  
10:15am Bible Class

## UPCOMING EVENTS

November 26 Christmas Eve Practice

December 2, 9am Christmas Decorating

December 6, 7pm Advent Service

December 10 Christmas Caroling

December 13, 8pm Voters' Meeting

December 24, 6:30pm Christmas Eve

December 25, 10am Christmas Day

December 31, 7pm New Year's Eve

## USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Ryan Krueger, Andy Kohn,  
Parker Kohn, Tyler Denson

## USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Benjamin Lillo, Blaine Kempenaar,  
Mark Kempenaar, Mike Dumke

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Preston Schmidt, Robert Schmidt

**Next Week Team #4**

Lynn Dumke, Tyler Denson

## FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 84

Bible Class – 15

Sunday School – 5

In memory Kristan Zergretti  
and Greg Olson \$100 mission

## THANKSGIVING

Service – 44

## CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The church is invited to join us in caroling on Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>. Lisa and Marion have volunteered to provide Chili after the caroling. Those who come are welcome to bring a side dish or desert. Exact time of caroling TBD.

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Christmas decorating at the church is scheduled at 9am on Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 2024 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online:  
[mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://mht.lutheranmissions.org)

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7  
1 Cor. 1:3-9  
Mark 11:1-10

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran of Saginaw, MI, has received the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. Teacher Daniel Barthels of Gethsemane Lutheran School of Saginaw, MI has announced that he is retiring from the teaching ministry effective July 1, 2024.

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC has received a call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.

## NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PROFESSOR AND ILC PRESIDENT:

The Board of Regents announces the following nominations to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor Mark Kranz at the end of the 2023-24 academic year: Neil Bernthal, Jeff Karnitz, Joshua Ohlmann, Dan Roehl, Seth Schaller, Steve Sydow, Matthew Thurow, Paul Tiefel III, and Matthew Ude. In addition, the following and only person has been nominated for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Daniel Schierenbeck. The term of the ILC President's call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2026. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight January 2, 2024 (letters postmarked December 23, 2023) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: [jeb6217@yahoo.com](mailto:jeb6217@yahoo.com).



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