



PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 98:1-9

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

For He has done marvelous things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. ² The LORD has made known His salvation; His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. ³ He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel; All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴ Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;
Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises. ⁵ Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm, ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of a horn;

Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

⁷ Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it; ⁸ Let the rivers clap *their* hands; Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD, ⁹ For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organists: Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Liturgy: Setting Two WS pg 12

large print bulletins available, ask the ushers

Services are streamed live to the TV in the kitchen (channel 4).

Hymn 1 **Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty**

GREETING


- p He is not here; for He is risen
- c **He is risen, as He said.**

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.**

- c  Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

WS 799:1,2,4 This is the Feast (MFH pg 110)

- c  *Refrain:* This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
And honor, blessing, and glory are His.

Refrain

Blessing, honor, and glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen

Refrain

p Let us pray . . . O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them: through Jesus Christ your son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever.

c  A-men.


THE WORD

Acts 10:34-48 ³⁴ Then Peter opened *his* mouth and said: "In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. ³⁵ "But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him. ³⁶ "The word which *God* sent to the children of Israel, preaching peace through Jesus Christ -- He is Lord of all -- ³⁷ "that word you know, which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: ³⁸ "how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him. ³⁹

"And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree. ⁴⁰ "Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly, ⁴¹ "not to all the people, but to witnesses chosen before by God, *even* to us who ate and drank with Him after He arose from the dead. ⁴² "And He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God *to be* Judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ "To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins." ⁴⁴ While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word. ⁴⁵ And those of the circumcision who believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles also. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God. Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷ "Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit just as we *have*?" ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they asked him to stay a few days.

1 John 5:1-8 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world -- our faith. ⁵ Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is He who came by water and blood -- Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. ⁷ For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. ⁸ And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one.

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 APOSTLES' CREED

all 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.


387:1-4,9,10 - Dear Christians One And All Rejoice

SERMON

John 15:9-17 ⁹ "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. ¹⁰ "If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. ¹¹ "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and *that* your joy may be full. ¹² "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. ¹⁴ "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. ¹⁵ "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶ "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. ¹⁷ "These things I command you, that you love one another.


RETURN TO HIS LOVE

Jesus died to wash away our sin and to create a people who live in love. But we will never learn to live in love for one another unless we live at the foot of His cross.

- 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.

98 - Of The Father's Love Begotten


OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 572 VS. 4

- c  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.

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

785 - Children Of The Heavenly Father (MFH pg 122)

May 6, 2018

CALENDAR

This Week

Sunday 5/6

9am Communion Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

5pm Faith Alive

Tuesday 5/8

7pm Elders' Meeting

7:30pm Council Meeting

Wednesday 5/9

4pm Confirmation Class

Thursday 5/10

10:30am Bible Class

7pm Ascension Service

Sunday 5/13

9am Communion Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

Upcoming

May 6 – 5pm Faith Alive

May 7 – Preschool Preview

May 10 - 7pm Ascension Service

May 11 – Faith Will Host Field Day,

May 24 – Last Day Of School

June 3 – Graduation & Picnic

July 23 - 27 VBS

Envelope Committee

This Week: Team #4: Mitch
Newton, Andy Kohn

Next Week: Team #5: Mark
Kempenaar, Jim Kok

May Ushers

Russ Brown, Jim Brown, Dave Dillie,
Steve Meilahn

Fruits of Faith

Attendance: 99

Bible Class: 14

Sunday School: 11

General Fund: \$3,860

Missions: \$1,360

School Fund: \$100

Memorials:

\$20 Bernie Sanders – Stain Glass

\$10 Bernie Sanders – School Fund

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\$10 Roger Stellmacher – Stain Glass

Announcements

Guest and Visitors

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

Delegates

Faith needs one more delegate for delegates' conference (which will be here) and for convention (in Eau Claire). Anyone interested can talk to Pastor or come to the voters' meeting on Thursday.

Church Secretary

The church would like to hire a secretary, 10 - 15 hours a week, \$10.50 an hour. More information can be found on the bulletin board. If interested talk to Pastor or President Bob McElroy

Faith Alive this Sunday

We will be talking about:

Parade Float

VBS

Church in the Woods

Fun Night @ Kelms

Summer Activities

If anyone is interested in either of the following let me know, if no one responds we won't try and plan them:

Canoe Outing

Timber Rattlers Game

VBS

VBS is coming up. We have a few months but we want to start planning now. I'm hoping to do a lot of decorating for VBS this year but will obviously need a lot of talented help. If you are interested in helping out with the decorating let me know and/or come to Faith Alive this Sunday.

We will also need teachers, helpers and snacks, if you interested in helping out in those areas a signup sheet will be going up soon.



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