



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

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organists:

Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Liturgy:

Liturgy: Setting One

large print bulletins available, ask the ushers
Services are streamed live to the TV in the kitchen (channel 4).

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 66:1-12

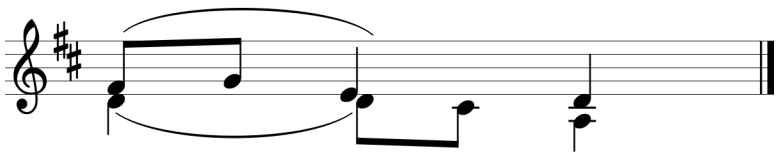
Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth! 2 Sing out the honor of His name; Make His praise glorious. 3 Say to God, “How awesome are Your works! Through the greatness of Your power Your enemies shall submit themselves to You. 4 All the earth shall worship You And sing praises to You; They shall sing praises to Your name.” Selah 5 Come and see the works of God; He is awesome in His doing toward the sons of men. 6 He turned the sea into dry land; They went through the river on foot. There we will rejoice in Him. 7 He rules by His power forever; His eyes observe the nations; Do not let the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah 8 Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard, 9 Who keeps our soul among the living, And does not allow our feet to be moved. 10 For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined. 11 You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs. 12 You have caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water; But You brought us out to rich fulfillment.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 66 — Hark the Glad Sound

INVOCATION

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



C A - men.

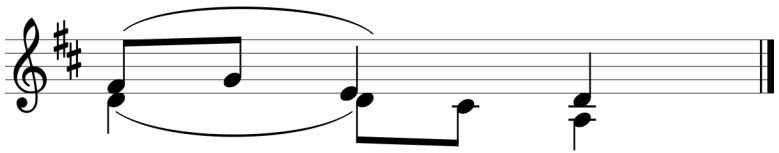
CONFESSION OF SINS

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 Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we
confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned
against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We

have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

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.



C A - men.



C Lord, have, mer - cy on us.



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



on us.



C

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to all people on earth. Lord God,



heavenly king, al - mighty God and Fa - ther; We



wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glo-ry. Lord Je - sus



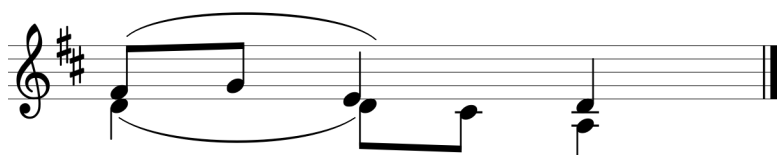
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God: You take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. You are
 3
 seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re-
 6
 ceive our prayer For You a-lone are the
 9
 Ho - ly One, You alone are the Lord,
 3
 You alone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
 6
 with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
 9
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

P Let us pray . . . Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; 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

Malachi 3:1-7 “Behold, I send My messenger, And he will prepare the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, Will suddenly come to His temple, Even the Messenger of the covenant, In whom you delight. Behold, He is coming,” Says the LORD of hosts. 2 “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner’s fire And like launderer’s soap. 3 He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, And purge them as gold and silver, That they may

offer to the LORD An offering in righteousness. 4 “Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem Will be pleasant to the LORD, As in the days of old, As in former years. 5 And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien-- Because they do not fear Me,” Says the LORD of hosts. 6 “For I am the LORD, I do not change; Therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob. 7 Yet from the days of your fathers You have gone away from My ordinances And have not kept them. Return to Me, and I will return to you,” Says the LORD of hosts.

Philippians 1:2-11 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, 5 for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, 6 being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; 7 just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my

chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. 8 For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

C

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

These words are writ-ten that we may believe that

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



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.

Hymn 63 — On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry

SERMON

Luke 3:1-14 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of Iturea and the region of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ² while Annas and Caiaphas were high priests, the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight. ⁵ Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; ⁶ And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’” ⁷ Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, “Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ “Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to

Abraham from these stones. 9 “And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” 10 So the people asked him, saying, “What shall we do then?” 11 He answered and said to them, “He who has two tunics, let him give to him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise.” 12 Then tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” 13 And he said to them, “Collect no more than what is appointed for you.” 14 Likewise the soldiers asked him, saying, “And what shall we do?” So he said to them, “Do not intimidate anyone or accuse falsely, and be content with your wages.”

The Result is Salvation

The Lord sent John and through him prepared the way to bring His salvation. Nothing would stand in the way of Christ bringing His salvation, not even our sin. The Lord still prepares the way to bring salvation to our own hearts.



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Cre - ate in me a



clean heart, O God. Re - new a right



spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a -



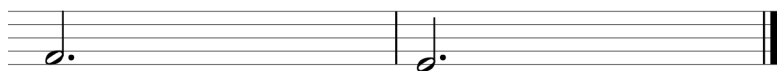
way from Your presence; take not Your Ho-ly



Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free



Spir - it.

Hymn 55 — Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

OFFERING



C 1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus As



e'er the gift may be; All that we have is
stewardst true re - cieve And glad-ly, as thou



Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
bless-est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

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.

Hymn 701 — Prepare the Royal Highway

Announcements

THIS WEEK

Sunday 12/9

9am Worship Service
10am Christmas Eve Practice
10:15am Bible Class
5pm Faith Alive

Tuesday 12/11

7pm Elder's Meeting
7:30pm Nominate Officers
7:40pm Council Meeting

Wednesday 12/12

7pm Advent Services

Thursday 12/13

10:30am Bible Class

Sunday 12/16

9am Worship Service
10am Christmas Eve Practice
10:15am Bible Class
2pm Christmas Caroling

UPCOMING

Dec 5, 12, 19 – 7pm Advent Services-
Dec 16th – Christmas Caroling
Dec 19th – Voters' Meeting
Dec 22nd – Christmas Parent Day
Dec 24th – 6pm Children's
Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25th – 10am Christmas Day
Service with Communion
Dec 31st – 7pm New Years Eve Service
with Communion

Envelope Committee

This Week: Team #5:
Mark Kempenaar, Jim Kok
Next Week: Team #6:
Tim Garietski, David Draeger

December Sundays and Christmas Day Ushers

Dan Thiem, Russ Brown, Darwin
Kelm, Kent Quade

Advent Wednesdays, Christmas Eve, and New Years Eve

Randy Strelow, Paul Eserhut, Martin
Hansen, Todd Cotterill

Fruits of Faith

Attendance: 74 / 34

Bible Class: 10

Memoriam:

\$25 Herb Jorgensen – School Fund

Voters' Meeting – Dec 19th after Advent Service

Voters' are asked to meet after the
midweek Advent service on Decem-
ber 19th to ratify nominations for
church officers for next year.

Nominations For Church Officers

The three outgoing school board members and the three outgoing church council members are asked to meet at 7:30pm this Tuesday to nominate church officers for next year.

Christmas Caroling

Christmas Caroling after church on Dec 16th. Meet at the church at 2pm. If anyone would like the carolers to stop by your house, or you know someone who would like them to stop by please let Pastor or Martin Hansen know.

Christmas Child Care Day

December 22nd from 10am to 3pm
Leave your kids at the church and get some shopping done
All kids ages 3 to 8th grade are welcome
Sign up at markesanlutheran.com/christmas-child-care
If you would like to help out talk to Marion Strelow. We are also looking for donations for pizza and soda.

Lutheran Spokesman

If you signed up for the Lutheran Spokesman but aren't getting it please let Pastor know.

2019 CLC Mission Helper Trip to India

Applications for the upcoming CLC Mission Helper Trip to India will be accepted until January 7th. You can apply online at: www.mht.lutheran-missions.org There is still lots of room for more volunteers. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Missionary Todd Ohlmann at thohlmann@gmail.com or (314) 517-0177.

Midwest Christian Women's Retreat

The Midwest Christian Women's Retreat, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, will be held March 22-24, 2019, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. Registration is \$75 and opens on January 1, 2019. Register at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net. Choose the "Midwest Spring Retreat." Deadline to register is February 22, 2019 (with a late fee of \$25). Hotel reservations (separate from retreat registration) can be made by calling (507) 452-0606, beginning on 2/22/19. Be sure to say it is for the Christian Women's retreat to get the group rate!



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