

WELCOME

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TODAY'S SERVICE

Speakers:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organists:

Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Liturgy:

Common Service

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 85

LORD, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob. 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. Selah 3 You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger. 4 Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease. 5 Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? 6 Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You? 7 Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant us Your salvation. 8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints; But let them not turn back to folly. 9 Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land. 10 Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed. 11 Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven. 12 Yes, the LORD will give what is good; And our land will yield its increase. 13 Righteousness will go before Him, And shall make His footsteps our pathway.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 61 — Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

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.

C 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.



C Lord, have mercy on us, Christ, have mer -



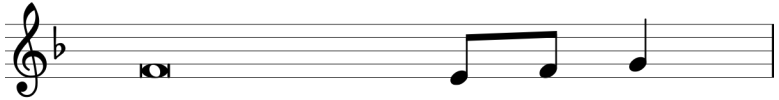
cy on us, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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.



C A - - - men.

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C Glory be to God on high,



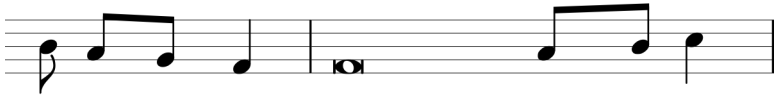
and on earth peace, good will toward men,



We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,



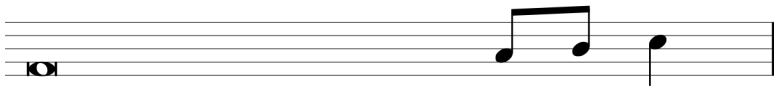
we glorify you, we give thanks to you,



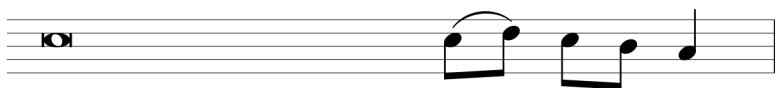
for your great glory O Lord God, heav'nly King



God the Fa - ther al - mighty,



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



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



1 you take away the sin of the world;



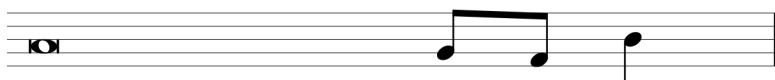
2 have mercy on us.



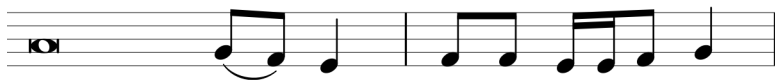
3 You take away the sin of the world;



4 re - cieve our prayer.



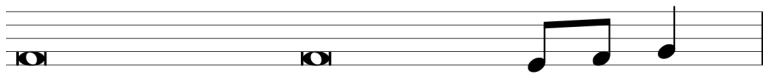
5 You sit at the right hand of God the Father;



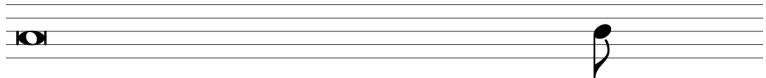
6 have mercy on us, For you only are holy;



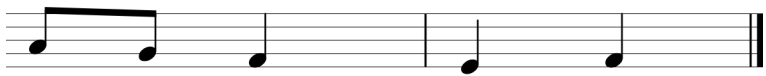
7 you on - ly are the Lord.



You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of



God the Father. A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray . . . Lord Jesus Christ, we implore
You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness
of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You
live, and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

THE WORD

Zephaniah 3:14-20 Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! 15 The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You shall see disaster no more. 16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: “Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. 17 The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.” 18 “I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, To whom its reproach is a burden. 19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, And gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame In every land where they were put to shame. 20 At that time I will bring you back, Even at the time I gather you; For I will give you fame and praise Among all the peoples of the earth, When I return your captives before your eyes,” Says the LORD.

Philippians 4:4-7 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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



C Al-le - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia! Alle - lu - ia!

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 59 — Hail to the Lord's Anointed

SERMON

Luke 7:18-28 Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things. 19 And John, calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to Jesus, saying, “Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?” 20 When the men had come to Him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, ‘Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?’” 21 And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. 22 Jesus answered and said to them, “Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that the blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. 23 “And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me.” 24 When the messengers of John had departed, He began to speak to the multitudes concerning John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 25 “But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who are gorgeously appareled and live in luxury are in kings’ courts. 26 “But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. 27 “This is he of whom it is

written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.' 28 "For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

Disappointment, Doubt, Christ

John, alone in a cold dark prison, despite his doubts, reaches out in faith to Christ. Christ responds by fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He may not look and act the way we want, but Jesus came to set us free from sin and death.

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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 presence, 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 Spirit.



A - men.

Hymn 74 — Once He Came in Blessing

OFFERING



Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to

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yield Thee Glad-ly, free-ly, of Thine own;



With the sun - shine of Thy good - ness



Melt our thank-less hearts of stone Till our



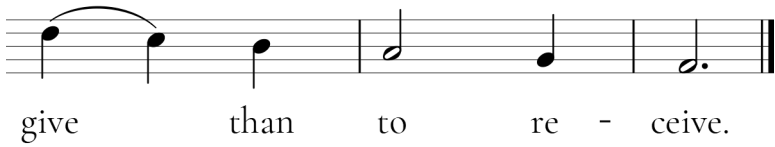
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Thee, at length be - lieve That more



hap - py and more bless - ed 'Tis to



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 709 [MFH 52] — God Loves Me Dearly

Announcements

This Week

Sunday 12/16

9am Worship Service

10am Christmas Eve Practice

10:15am Bible Class

Tuesday 12/18

3:30pm Women of Faith

Wednesday 12/19

7pm Advent Services

Voters' Meeting

Thursday 12/20

10:30am Bible Class

Saturday 12/22

Christmas Child Care

Sunday 12/23

9am Worship Service

10am Christmas Eve Practice

10:15am Bible Class

Upcoming

Dec 5, 12, 19 – 7pm Advent Services

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

Dec 31st – New Years Eve Party following service

Jan 6th – Call Meeting

Envelope Committee

This Week: Team #6: Tim Garietski, David Draeger

Next Week: Team #1: Dale Muehlenhaupt, Troy Cotterill

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: 120 / 20

Bible Class: 10

General: \$4437.51

Missions: \$235

Building: \$50

Memoriam:

\$20 Jon Laper – School Fund

\$20 Mabel Schweder – Building Fund

Voters' Meeting – Dec 19th after Advent Service

Voters' are asked to meet after the midweek Advent service on December 19th to ratify nominations for church officers for next year. Nomination lists are sitting on the table in the hallway.

Council Meeting Notes

November Checking Balance:
\$8958.19

Professor John Ude preaching on December 30th

New Years Eve Party

Everyone is invited to a New Year's Eve party after church on Dec 31st in the fellowship hall. Bring games, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages. We will play volleyball, basketball, card and board games.

Christmas Child Care Day

December 22nd from 10am to 3pm

All kids ages 3 to 8th grade are welcome

Call News

Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN, has called the Rev, Edward Starkey, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX.

Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN, has called Pastor Richard Kanzenbach, pastor of Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI, and Trinity Lutheran, Millston WI.



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