

*A river whose streams
shall make glad the
City of God*

OCULI

MARCH 15TH 2020

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

March 15th, 2020

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My eyes are always to the Lord

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Pamela Schultz

Liturgy: Worship Supplement 2000 compiled and edited by John C Reim

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Luther's Small Catechism

The First Article

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me.

God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil.

God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.

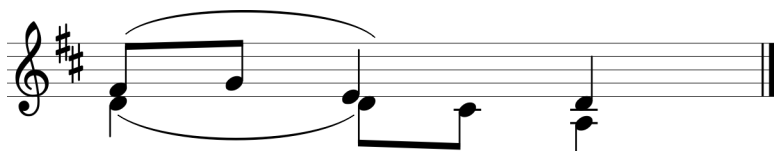
This is most certainly true.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 245:1-4 God Loved The World

INVOCATION

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



c A - men.

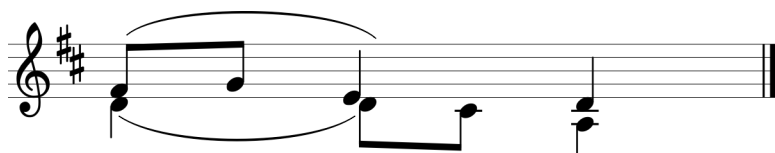
CONFESSION OF SINS

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.





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



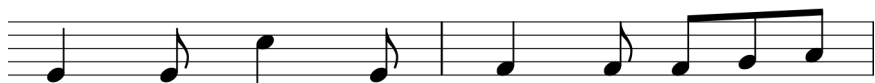
peace to all peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



heav - en - ly king, al - mighty - y 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 seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re -



ceive our prayer For You a-lone are the



Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

p Let us pray . . . O God, whose glory it is to always have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

A - men.

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THE WORD

Romans 5:1-8 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 4:5-26 ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call

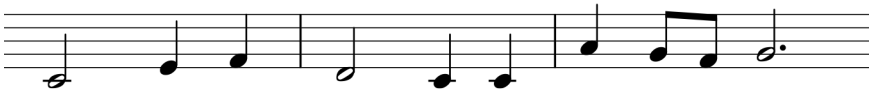
your husband and come back." ¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." ¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹

"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." ²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you-- I am he."

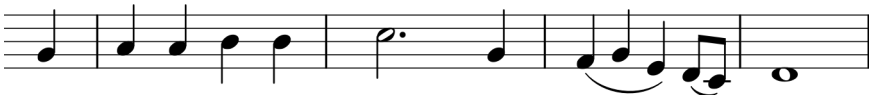
p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



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



These words are writ - ten that we may be-lieve



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



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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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 262 - A Mighty Fortress (MFH 98)

SERMON

Psalm 46:1-11 God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, ³ though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. ⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. ⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. ⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. ⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done, the desolations he has brought on the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth. He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰ He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." ¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

THE LORD IS OUR REFUGE

1. It is a small thing to God
2. His word is peace
3. We are His children
4. His promises are forever

c

Cre-ate in mea clean heart, O
 God. 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. Re - store to
 me the joy of Your sal - va - tion. Up -
 hold me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn 54 - Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah

OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 442 VS. 2

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of seven staves of music in a 3/4 time signature, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a soprano clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. The score begins with a common time signature 'c' and ends with a double bar line.

c Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
Glad-ly, free-ly, of Thine own; With the sun-shine
of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and self-ish na-tures, Warmed by
Thee, at length be-lieve That more happy and more
bless-ed 'Tis to give than to re-ceive.

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 53 - Abide O Dearest Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

Sunday 3/15

9am Worship Service

10:15am Bible Class

Tuesday 3/17

Women of Faith 3:30

Wednesday 3/16

4pm Confirmation Class

7pm Lent Services

Sunday 3/22

9am Worship

10am Sunday School

10:15am Call Meeting

FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance - 66

General: \$ 2572.50

Missions: \$ 190.00

Memorials-

\$50 Eric and Curtis Brown - Faith

Student Aid Fund

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team # 3

Lynn Dumke, Roy Draheim

Next Week: Team # 4

Greg Jones, Jim Kok

MARCH USHERS SUNDAYS

John Bobek, Russell Brown,

Bruce Braaksma, Gary Ward

MARCH USHERS WEDNESDAYS

Robert McElroy, Kent Quade,

Jim Hanneman, Jim Kok

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS

Wednesday 3/18, John 11:45-53

Sunday 3/22, Psalm 51

UPCOMING

April 4th 2pm Easter Caroling

April 12th Easter

2020 EASTER SCHEDULE

April 12th

7am Early Service

8am Easter Brunch

9am Late Service

10am Children's Easter Egg Hunt

FREE T-SHIRTS

There are left-over T-Shirts from Faith Lutheran VBS 2018 on the table in the entryway. They are FREE! Please feel free to take one for you child.

SCHOOL CANCELED

Faith School is cancelled from now till April 13th. Students may pick up assignments on their desks in their classrooms.

EASTER LILIES

Sign up for Easter Lilies on bulletin board. \$15 a piece.

ILC TOUR CHOIR

The ILC tour choir has been postponed for now.

EASTER EGG HUNT

We're planning an Easter egg hunt for the children following the second Easter Service. Talk to Lisa Reyes for more information.

PARADE FLOAT

The June Dairy Days parade is June 6th. We are looking for volunteers to organize and build a float for the parade. The VBS theme for this summer is "Rainforest Explorers." If interested please talk to Pastor Ude.

SUMMER EVENTS

A list of CLC summer events is posted on the bulleting board.

SCHOOL BOARD

School checking account is at \$12,665.

Jeremy Golz elected as Secretary to replace Kevin Campion who asked to be released.

\$200 dollars was approved for new health books.

Date of the next school board meeting was moved to March 31st.

The school board is making the following recommendations to the April voter's meeting:

Confirmation questioning be done the Thursday evening before Confirmation Sunday.

The voters call Lisa Reyes as teacher aid one day a week.

Pre-school be extended to five days a week starting next fall.

The voters set a price for Pre-School for next year.

CHURCH COUNCIL

Fund Balance:

\$5419 – General Checking

\$13,961 – Memorial and Specials

\$6660 – Missions

Income for February was \$16,380 and expenses were \$14,053 giving us a net income of \$2,327.

Facia board is missing on corner of library.

Ridge caps on roof need replacing.

Water is seeping into the Library.

Monday night services will begin June 8th.

The need for new carpet in the church was discussed.

Bob McElroy was elected president to replace Martin Hansen.

Bob Kirst was appointed point man for water testing.

Sunday school was cancelled on

March 25th since all the kids will be up at Eau Claire.

May 17th is the date of confirmation with questioning the Thursday before.

CALL NEWS

Sarah Ude has returned the call as upper grade teacher to Faith Lutheran School.

Teacher Joshua Ohlmann has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY to be their Principal/Teacher.

Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.

Teacher and principal, Kirsten Gullerud, St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA, has asked for a peaceful release from her call as teacher and principal of St. Stephen Lutheran School to pursue a different path in Wisconsin.

St. Stephen has now called Claire Abbas, Gethsemane, Spokane Valley, WA to be their teacher.

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

"Whom are You Reaching?" Peace Thru Christ invites you to a personal evangelism workshop for local CLC congregations on Saturday, April 18 from 2:00 until 4:30 PM at the Comfort Suites, 725 Paradise Lane, Johnson Creek. The workshop is intended to help adults to "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that

you have." Three lay speakers will share experiences from different walks of life followed by discussion to help you develop your own personal plan. Please RSVP to John Gerbitz at 608-208-8900 or gerbitz2253@gmail.com by April 13.

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP

You are invited to participate in the Evangelism Workshop at Messiah, Eau Claire on Sunday, April 26. This year's theme is "Introducing the REAL Jesus." Almost everyone in our society has at least heard of Jesus, but many people we know have a misinformed idea of who He really is. At this workshop we will learn about some of these misconceptions, and discuss ways to introduce the real Jesus to people we care about. The presentations and group discussions go from 3 to 5:30 pm on Sunday, April 26, and a chili supper will follow. Plan now to attend!

PAUL SULLIVAN RETIREMENT GIFT

Professor Paul Sullivan has announced his retirement effective the end of the current academic year. His faithful service to our church and our school will be acknowledged during the ILC Class Day/Graduation festivities on May 22-23, 2020. Our custom is to present a monetary gift to Prof. Sullivan as a token of our appreciation. CLC members are invited to contribute to a monetary gift which will be presented to him at Graduation (May 23). Please make your checks payable to Immanuel Lutheran College and indicate: "Prof. Sullivan Retirement." Send your gift to: Immanuel Lutheran College, 501 Grover Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701.

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT:

The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Professors Paul

Naumann, Daniel Schierenbeck, and John Ude. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2022. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by April 11, 2020 (postmarked by April 1), to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

CLC MIDWEST WOMEN'S RETREAT

Registration is now open for the CLC Midwest Women's Retreat. Join us March 20-22 at the new retreat location in Amery, Wisconsin. The cost is \$150 per person which includes lodging and all meals. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Radichel or Sarah Radichel at clcmidwestwomensretreat@gmail.com.



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