Faith Lutheran September 20th 2020

The LORD

is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Psalm 27:1, NRSV

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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TODAY'S SERVICE

September 20th, 2020 Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude **Organist:** Ann Sprengeler

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 27:1-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? 2 When the wicked came against me To eat up my flesh, My enemies and foes, They stumbled and fell. ³ Though an army may encamp against me, My heart shall not fear; Though war should rise against me, In this I will be confident. 4 One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. 5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. ⁶ And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD. 7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me. 8 When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek." 9 Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; Do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

"Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might"

by John S.B. Monsell, 1811-1875

- I. Fight the good fight With all thy might;
 Christ is thy Strength and Christ thy Right.
 Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Thy joy and crown eternally.
- Run the straight race Thro' God's good grace;
 Lift up thine eyes and seek His face.
 Life with its way before us lies;
 Christ is the Path and Christ the Prize.
- 3. Cast care aside; Upon thy Guide Lean, and His mercy will provide; Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove Christ is its Life and Christ its Love.

4. Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;

He changeth not, and thou art dear.

Only believe, and thou shalt see

That Christ is All in all to thee.

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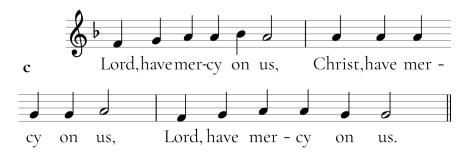
p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



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 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.



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.



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





p The Lord be with you.

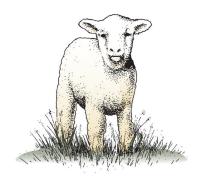
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p Let us pray... Lord God heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.





THE WORD

Isaiah 55:6-9 ⁶ Seek the LORD while He may be found, Call upon Him while He is near. ⁷ Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. ⁸ "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. ⁹ "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Matthew 20:1-16 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² "Now when he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ "And he went out about the third hour and saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴ "and said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. ⁵ "Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. ⁶ "And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others

standing idle, and said to them, Why have you been standing here idle all day?' 7 "They said to him, Because no one hired us.' He said to them, You also go into the vineyard, and whatever is right you will receive.' 8 "So when evening had come, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, Call the laborers and give them their wages, beginning with the last to the first.' 9 "And when those came who were hired about the eleventh hour, they each received a denarius. 10 "But when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received each a denarius. " "And when they had received it, they complained against the landowner, 12 "saying,'These last men have worked only one hour, and you made them equal to us who have borne the burden and the heat of the day.' 13 "But he answered one of them and said, Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴ Take what is yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man the same as to you. 15 'Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?' 16 "So the last will be first, and the first last. For many are called, but few chosen."

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



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.

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"My God, my Father, make me strong"

By Frederick Mann

I My God, my Father, make me strong, When tasks of life seem hard and long, To greet them with this triumph song: Thy will be done.

2 Draw from my timid eyes the veil, To show, where earthly forces fail, Thy pow'r and love must still prevail— Thy will be done.

3 With confident and humble mind, Freedom in service I would find, Praying thro' every toil assigned: Thy will be done.

4 Things deemed impossible I dare, Thine is the call and Thine the care; Thy wisdom shall the way prepare--Thy will be done. 5 All power is here and round me now; Faithful I stand in rule and vow, While 'tis not I, but ever Thou: Thy will be done.

6 Heaven's music chimes the glad days in; Hope soars beyond death, pain, and sin; Faith shouts in triumph, Love must win--Thy will be done!

SERMON

Philippians 1:1-11 Paul and Timothy, bondservants of Jesus Christ, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: ² 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.

SURROUNDED BY THE LOVE OF CHRIST



Prayers and The Lord's Prayer

a11 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

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

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"Stand Up!--Stand Up for Jesus"

by George Duffield, 1818-1888

I. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the Cross!
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army shall He lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet-call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day!
Ye that are men, now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus!
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

4. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next, the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 20

9am Worship Service 10am Sunday School 10:15am Bible Class

Monday, September 21

7 pm Worship Service

Wednesday, September 23 4:30pm Confirmation Class

Sunday, September 27

9am Communion Service 10am Sunday School 10:15am Bible Class

Monday, September 21

7 pm Communion Service

COUNTERS

This Week: Team # 6

Ronald Kearley, Keith Dickerson

Next Week: Team # 1

Dean Bremer, Frank Quade

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Mike Dumke, Bob McElroy, Jason Fox, Jack Bremer

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

Gary Brown, Jeremy Golz, Jake Kearns

FRUITS OF FAITH

General \$ 2758.00

Missions \$ 175.00

School Fund \$ 20.00 in memory of Kenneth Kenoble

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service: 41

Monday Service: 16

Bible Class: 4

Sunday School: 7

NEW MEMBERSHIP BOOKS

The new membership books are on a table in the hallway. Please be sure to take one.

FAITH LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Markesan public schools are closed for the week (9/21—9/25) however since there are no known cases or symptoms of Covid-19 at Faith, Faith will continue school as normal

Wednesday night confirmation classes will also continue as normal.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Tom Schuetze, St. Paul, Lakewood, CO. has returned the call extended to him by Bethel, Morris, MN.



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