

Rejoice in the Lord
always; again
I will say,
Rejoice.



Philippians 4:4, NRSV

Faith Lutheran Church
November 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

November 15th, 2020

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Lila Brown

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

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 90:1-12

Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God. ³ You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." ⁴ For a thousand years in Your sight *Are* like yesterday when it is past, And *like* a watch in the night. ⁵ You carry them away *like* a flood; *They are* like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up: ⁶ In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. ⁷ For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance. ⁹ For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. ¹⁰ The days of our lives *are* seventy years; And if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years, Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so *is* Your wrath. ¹² So teach *us* to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

"Who Knows when Death May Overtake Me"

by Aemilie Juliane, 1637-1706

1. Who knows when death may overtake me!

Time passes on, my end draws near.

How swiftly can my breath forsake me!

How soon can life's last hour appear!

My God, for Jesus' sake I pray

Thy peace may bless my dying day.

2. The world that smiled when morn was breaking

May change for me ere close of day;

For while on earth my home I'm making,

Death's threat is never far away.

My God, for Jesus' sake I pray

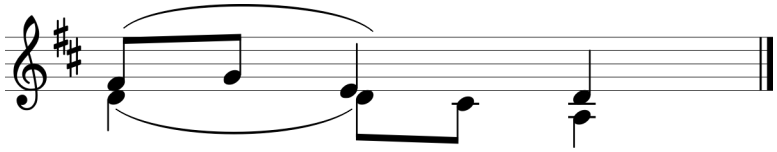
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

3. My end to ponder teach me ever
And, ere the hour of death appears,
To cast my soul on Christ, my Savior,
Nor spare repentant sighs and tears.
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

6. My many sins blot out forever
Since Jesus has my pardon won;
In mercy robed I then shall never
Fear death, but trust in Thee alone.
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray
Thy peace may bless my dying day.

INVOCATION

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



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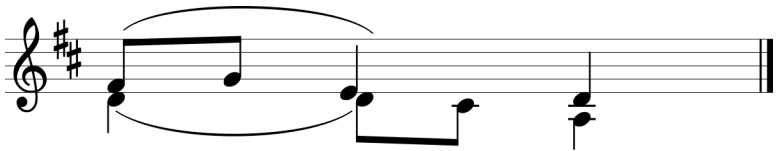
men.

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.



Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy



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



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



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



heav-enly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther; We



worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your



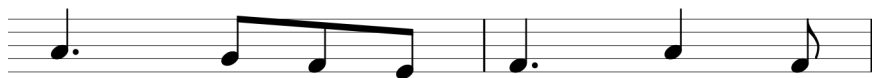
glory. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a-way the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re -



ceive our prayer For You alone are the Ho-ly One,



You alone are the Lord, You alone 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 . . . Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son , Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

c A - men.

THE WORD

Zephaniah 1:7-16 ⁷ Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; For the day of the LORD is at hand, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited His guests. ⁸ "And it shall be, In the day of the LORD'S sacrifice, That I will punish the princes and the king's children, And all such as are clothed with foreign apparel. ⁹ In the same day I will punish All those who leap over the threshold, Who fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit. ¹⁰ "And there shall be on that day," says the LORD, "The sound of a mournful cry from the Fish Gate, A wailing from the Second Quarter, And a loud crashing from the hills. ¹¹ Wail, you inhabitants of Maktesh! For all the merchant people are cut down; All those who handle money are cut off. ¹² "And it shall come to pass at that time *That* I will search Jerusalem with lamps, And punish the men Who are settled in complacency, Who say in their heart, 'The LORD will not do good, Nor will He do evil.' ¹³ Therefore their goods shall become booty, And their houses a desolation; They shall build houses, but not inhabit *them*; They shall plant vineyards, but not drink their wine." ¹⁴ The

great day of the LORD is near; *It is near and hastens quickly.* The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out. ¹⁵ That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶ A day of trumpet and alarm Against the fortified cities And against the high towers.

Matthew 25:14-30 ¹⁴ "For *the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them.* ¹⁵ "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. ¹⁶ "Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ "And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. ¹⁸ "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. ¹⁹ "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you de-

livered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' ²¹ "His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²² "He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' ²³ "His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²⁴ "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what* is yours.' ²⁶ "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷ 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. ²⁸ 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents. ²⁹ 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abun-

dance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

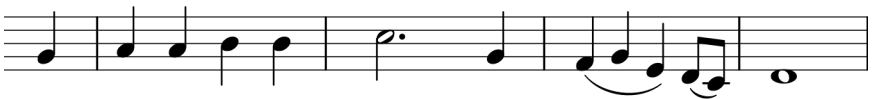
p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



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.

In You Is Gladness

Johann Lindemann, 1549-1631

1 In You is gladness Amid all sadness,
Jesus, Sunshine of my heart. By You are given
The gifts of heaven; You the true Redeemer are.
Our souls are waking; Our bonds are breaking.
Who trusts You surely Has built securely
And stands forever. Alleluia!
Our hearts are pining To see Your shining,
Dying or living To You are cleaving
Now and forever. Alleluia!

2 If He is ours, We fear no powers,
Not of earth nor sin or death. He sees and blesses
In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices
In Him forever. Alleluia!
We shout for gladness, Win over sadness,
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him
Glad hymns forever. Alleluia!

SERMON

Philippians 4:1-7 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved. ² I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names *are* in the Book of Life. ⁴ 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.

The Lord is At Hand

(worksheet on page 20)

The knowledge of His imminent return gives us a reason to rejoice and stand firm in Christ.

c Create 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.

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.

"O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking"

by John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875

1. O'er the distant mountains breaking
Comes the redd'ning dawn of day,
Rise, my soul, from sleep awaking;
Rise and sing and watch and pray.
'Tis thy Savior, 'Tis thy Savior,
On His bright returning way.

2. O Thou Long-expected, weary
Waits my anxious soul for Thee;
Life is dark, and earth is dreary,
Where Thy light I do not see.
O my Savior, O my Savior,
When wilt Thou return to me?

3. Nearer is my soul's salvation;
Spent the night, the day at hand.
Keep me in my lowly station,
Watching for Thee till I stand,
O my Savior, O my Savior,
In Thy bright, Thy promised land.

4. With my lamp well trimmed and burning,
Swift to hear and slow to roam,
Watching for Thy glad returning
To restore me to my home.
Come, my Savior, Come, my Savior,
O my Savior, quickly come.

Sermon Worksheet

Verse 1 - What does the term Mran Atha mean?

Verses 2 ,3 - Why would the situation with Euodia and Syntyche be discouraging? Why can we be hopeful anyway?

Verse 4 – How can we find a reason to rejoice always?

Verse 5 – What does it mean to be gentle?

Verse 6 – In verse six what is mentioned that often takes our focus away from Christ?

Verse 7 – What happened to the Israelites when they took God's protection for granted? What does this teach us about our own lives?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 15

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Sunday School
9:30 am Bible Class
10:30 am Worship Service

Wednesday, November 18

4:30 pm Confirmation Class

Sunday, November 22

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Christmas Eve Practice
9:30 am Bible Class
10:30 am Worship Service

UPCOMING

November 22 - 9:20am Christmas
Eve Practice

November 26 - 10am Thanksgiving
Service

December 2 - 7pm Advent Service

December 5 - 9am Christmas Deco-
rating

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Bob Kirst, Kent Quade, Tyler
Denson, Kevin Ward

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service -50
Second Service - 8
Sunday School -

COUNTERS

This Week: Team # 2

Dennis Jones, Jeff Jones

Next Week: Team #3

DeLynn Dumke, Roy Draheim

CALL NEWS

Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, Grace,
Sleepy Eye & Faith, New Ulm, MN
has returned the call extended to
him by Living Savior, Eden Prairie,
MN.

Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI call
Quinn Sprengeler as principal and
upper grade teacher.

COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NOTES

\$16,682 – Expenses for October

\$15,777 – Income for October

-\$905 – Net Income for October

\$7,592 – General Checking Balance

\$6,000 – Loans we Owe

\$978 – Current Equity

\$14,993 – Building Fund Balance

\$2155 – Mission offerings for October. We are at 83% of our annual goal

\$14,582 – School Checking Account

A new camera is installed and ready to be mounted in the library.

School board drew up recommendations for call committee. Namely they would like to call a principal and upper grade teacher for grades 3 – 8.

Report cards for first quarter are going out Friday November 13 2020.

Brittanie and Alex Flick's membership was accepted.

School was inspected by the Grand River Fire Department. There seems to be a problem with some of the exit lights but otherwise everything passed inspection.

The church website is up and working again.

Christmas decorating was scheduled for Saturday December 5th at 9am.

We are still looking for volunteers to help clean the church offices and the school. Please talk to Marsha Brown.



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