



*Faith Lutheran Church
December 20th 2020*

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

December 20th, 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 89:1-5,19-29

<A Contemplation of Ethan the Ezrahite.> I will sing of the mercies of the LORD forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. ² For I have said, "Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens." ³ "I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: ⁴ 'Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations.'" Selah ⁵ And the heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; Your faithfulness also in the assembly of the saints . . .¹⁹ Then You spoke in a vision to Your holy one, And said: "I have given help to *one who is* mighty; I have exalted one chosen from the people. ²⁰ I have found My servant David; With My holy oil I have anointed him, ²¹ With whom My hand shall be established; Also My arm shall strengthen him. ²² The enemy shall not outwit him, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him. ²³ I will beat down his foes before his face, And plague those who hate him. ²⁴ "But My faithfulness and My mercy *shall be* with him, And in My name his horn shall be exalted. ²⁵ Also I will set his hand over the sea, And his right hand over the rivers. ²⁶ He shall cry to Me, 'You *are* my Father, My God, and the rock of my salvation.' ²⁷ Also I will make him My firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth. ²⁸ My mercy I will keep for him forever, And My covenant shall stand firm with him. ²⁹ His seed also I will make to *en-dure* forever, And his throne as the days of heaven.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#62 "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

by unknown author, c. 1100 (MFH p. 42)

1. Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,

And ransom captive Israel

That mourns in lonely exile here

Until the Son of God appear.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free

Thine own from Satan's tyranny;

From depths of hell Thy people save

And give them victory o'er the grave.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

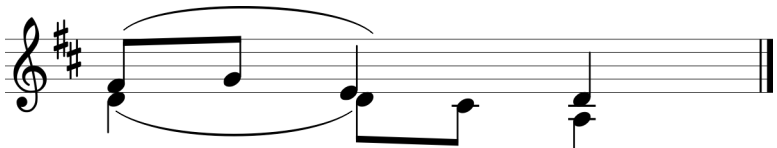
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home:
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

INVOCATION

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



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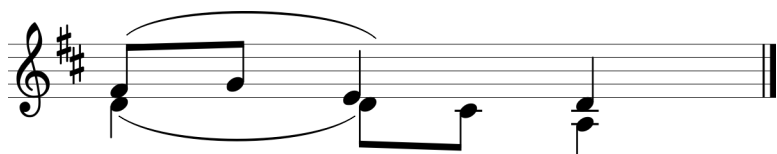
men.

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 Jesus 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,

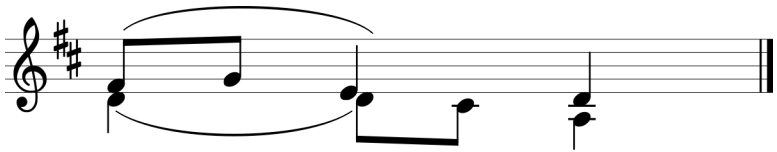


Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of



God the Fa - ther. A - men.

p Let us pray . . . Stir up Your powers of Lord, and come and help us by Your might, that the sins which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your grace and mercy; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.



c A - men.

THE WORD

2 Samuel 7:1-16 Now it came to pass when the king was dwelling in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies all around, ² that the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells inside tent curtains." ³ Then Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that *is* in your heart, for the LORD *is* with you." ⁴ But it happened that night that the word of the LORD came to Nathan, saying, ⁵ "Go and tell My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: "Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? ⁶ "For I have not

dwelt in a house since the time that I brought the children of Israel up from Egypt, even to this day, but have moved about in a tent and in a tabernacle. ⁷ "Wherever I have moved about with all the children of Israel, have I ever spoken a word to anyone from the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd My people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?'" ⁸ "Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. ⁹ "And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who *are* on the earth. ¹⁰ "Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously, ¹¹ "since the time that I commanded judges *to be* over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house. ¹² "When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish

his kingdom. ¹³ "He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴ "I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men. ¹⁵ "But My mercy shall not depart from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I removed from before you. ¹⁶ "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.'"

Romans 16:25-27 ²⁵ Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began ²⁶ but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith-- ²⁷ to God, alone wise, *be* glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.

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.

#56:1-3 "Jesus Came, The Heavens Adoring"

by Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903

1. Jesus came, the heavens adoring,
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for man's redemption,
Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility.

2. Jesus comes again in mercy
When our hearts are bowed with care;

Jesus comes again in answer
To an earnest, heartfelt prayer;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.

3. Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,
Bringing news of sins forgiven;
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,
Leading souls redeemed to heaven.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Now the gate of death is riven.

SERMON

Luke 1:26-38 ²⁶ Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name *was* Mary. ²⁸ And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!" ²⁹ But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. ³⁰ Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for

you have found favor with God. ³¹ "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. ³² "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³ "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" ³⁵ And the angel answered and said to her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God.* ³⁶ "Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. ³⁷ "For with God nothing will be impossible." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

God's Grace Is Troubling

(worksheet on page 22)

God gives favor to those who should not get it and what is impossible he accomplishes daily.



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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.

#76:1,2,4 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

by St. Germanus, 634-734

1. A great and mighty wonder.

A full and holy cure:

The Virgin bears the Infant

With virgin honor pure!

Repeat the hymn again:

"To God on high be glory

And peace on earth to men!"

2. The Word becomes incarnate

And yet remains on high,

And cherubim sing anthems

To shepherds from the sky.

Repeat the hymn again:

"To God on high be glory

And peace on earth to men!"

4. Since all He comes to ransom.

By all be He adored,

The Infant born in Bethl'em,

The Savior and the Lord.
Repeat the hymn again:
"To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 20

8:30 am Worship Service
9:30 am Call Meeting
10:30 am Worship Service

Thursday, December 24

8:15 pm Song Service

Friday, December 25

10 am Christmas Service

Sunday, December 27

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

FRUITS OF FAITH

General \$ 5145.00
Missions \$ 190.00
Building Fund \$ 75.00
ILC Improvement Fund \$ 50.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service - 37
Second Service - 20
Bible Class - 6

USHERS FOR DECEMBER,

Sundays and Christmas Eve :

Russ Brown, Mike Dumke,
Adam Frederick, Blaine Kempenaar

**Advent, Christmas Day,
New Year's Day:**

Bob McElroy, Kent Quade,
Randy StreLOW, Geoffrey Ward

UPCOMING

December 24 -

8:15 pm Christmas Eve Song Service

December 25-

10 am Christmas Day Service

December 31 -

7 pm New Year's Eve Service

COUNTERS

This Week: Team # 1

Dean Bremer, Frank Quade

Next Week: Team #2

Dennis Jones, Jeff Jones

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

Church Cleaning, if you are able to help clean the church every once in a while please talk to Marsha Brown.

CHRISTMAS EVE SONG SERVICE

There is quite a lot of interest in the Christmas eve song service. If you are thinking about coming please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board so that we can have a estimate how many might be coming.

BAG FOR LYNETTE

There is a bag for Lynette Huyser on the table in the office. If anyone would like to send a Christmas gift to Lynette please put it in the bag. The bag will be there until Dec 21.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Due to a large amount of sick and quarantined people we unfortunately have to cancel the Children's Christmas Eve program. The Christmas Eve song service is however still on at 8:15pm on Christmas Eve.

There are still membership books are on a table in the hallway. If you have not taken one, please do.

CALL NEWS

Pastor David Ude, Living Hope, Appleton, WI has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

Redeemer of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich have called Pastor Emeritus John Klatt to serve as their vacancy pastor, beginning in 2021. Pastor Klatt has accepted their calls.

Pastor Timothy Daub, the current vacancy pastor, will conclude his service to those congregations with the arrival of Pastor Klatt in January.

Pastor Michael Eichstadt, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.

Sermon Worksheet—Luke 1:26-38

INTRODUCTION

1. Why doesn't the angel's greeting make any sense?
2. What is another way to translate favor?

PART 1

1. What's odd about the angel's entrance?
2. What does Mary say that proves she is a sinner?

3. What is wrong with the idea that Mary must be someone special to receive God's favor?

PART 2

1. What makes a virgin birth possible?

2. What else does Jesus say is impossible?

3. In what ways is our coming to faith similar to the birth of Christ?



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