



PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 90:1-12

1 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

Speakers: Pastor Matthew Ude
Organists: Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

Hymn 239 — Come, Thou Almighty King

INVOCATION

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

c  A-men.

CONFESSION OF SINS


p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.


C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth, In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But

trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray; Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

p God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

c  A-men.

c  Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

c  Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise;
Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We
worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord
God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore
for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God,
Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer,
grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God's

right hand in majesty most high: Who, with
the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all
the heav'nly host we glorify.

p Let us pray . . . O Lord, almighty and ever-living
God, You have given exceedingly great and precious
promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern
our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we
may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

c  A-men.

THE WORD

Zephaniah 1:7-16 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[a] 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.

1 *Thessalonians 5:1-11* But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. 2 For you yourselves know perfectly that the day

of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. 3 For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. 4 But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. 5 You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. 6 Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. 8 But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. 9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. 11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

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

c  Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 (Insert) — Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

SERMON

Matthew 25:14-30 “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 delivered 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 abundance; 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.'


CHRIST JESUS HAS GIVEN US FAITH

A Heart Of Faith, Not Fear

A Salvation Of Faith, Not Works


The lazy servant gives a convincing speech, but the Lord knows the truth that his heart is a heart of fear instead of faith. He knew that his master doesn't make mistakes;

therefore he should have known that he was capable of making use of his talent. He condemned not because of his works but because of his lack of faith.

- c  Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your Spirit free.

Hymn 344 — Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

OFFERING AND OFFERING HYMN: 572 VS. 4

- c  As Thy prospering hand hath blest, May we give Thee all our best And by deeds of kindly love For Thy mercies grateful prove, Singing thus through all our days Praise to God, immortal praise.

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 648 — I am Jesus Little Lamb

MFH 123

Calendar:

THIS WEEK:

Sunday 11/19

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

Tuesday 11/21

Women of Faith Meeting at 3:30pm

Thursday 11/23

10am Thanksgiving Service-Children sing

Thur 11/23-Fri 11/24

Faith Thanksgiving break-no school

Sunday 11/26

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec 3 - Faith Alive meeting 5pm - no potluck

Dec 5 - School Board meeting at 7pm

Dec 12 - Elders meeting at 7pm/Church Council meeting at 7:30pm

Dec 16 - Christmas VBS

Dec 17 - Christmas caroling at 2pm with a chili potluck following

Jan 7th - Faith Alive sledding party at 2pm with Pizza and Games to follow

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week:

Team #6: Kent Quade, Jim Kok

Next Week:

Team #1: Dennis Jones, Jeff Jones

NOVEMBER USHERS

Sundays: Greg Jones, Russ Brown, Bob McElroy, Randy Haight

Mondays 6 & 13, Thanksgiving: Martin Hansen, Bob Kirst, Ryan Krueger, Dan Dumke

FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance: 85/16

Bible Class/Sunday School: 21/10

General Fund: \$3,270.50

Mission Fund: \$570.00

Announcements:

GUESTS AND VISITORS

Thank you for worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest register in the entry as you leave the church today.

FOOD DRIVE

You are welcome to join the students of Faith in their annual food drive for the Markesan Food Pantry. Non-perishable food items are to be brought to the school by Monday, December 4th. The Box is in the school hallway.

FAITH MUSTANG CLOTHING

We have an online store where you can order Faith Mustang Gear. The store will close November 30th and will be delivered to the church/school three weeks

after that.

The link is: <http://www.cv-sports.com/TeamSales.aspx>

Store Name: Faith Lutheran

Access Code: faith

MARKESAN DIY SIGN-MAKING EVENT!!

Hello friends! We're having a DIY Sign-Making Event on December 2, 2017 from 10:00am-2:00pm. The coordinator for this event is Jessi Scheberl, a member of Messiah in Eau Claire and owner of JS Designs, a sign-making/sign-event business. Please feel free to invite others! Just make sure to let Jessi know what they want to make if they aren't on Facebook. To attend this event, you only need to do TWO THINGS.

STEP 1) DECIDE WHAT TO MAKE.

There are several basic sizes from which to choose: 11x11 or 12x12 (\$15), 12x16 or 16x16 (\$20), 8x48 (porch sign) or 10x24 (\$20). Any other sign sizes that exceed 300 square inches are \$30. She also has a 4x4 post, 24 inches tall, with a hook that can be used to display a small sign outside for \$20, \$25 if you'd also like to make a small sign to go with the post (scroll down to see pictures of previous projects:)). There are dozens of paint and stain choices available for background colors. Paint for the stenciling is available in almost any color. Jessi designs and cuts reusable stencils, and she currently has over 200 designs, including many seasonal ones, available for the sign sizes listed above. She is unable to take custom

stencil requests for this event, but with so many designs already on her website, she's sure you'll be able to find something you'll want to make. Here is a link to Jessi's website, where you can view all of the stencils she already has available. Browse at your convenience! Please note the website includes several designs that can be used to make a REVERSIBLE sign! Any signs made from single boards (12x12, 12x16, 10x24, 8x48) can be reversible, with a design stenciled on both the front and back. Signs that are made from 3 separate boards (11x11, 16x16, 16x20) are one-side only.

WEBSITE (password: craftnight) ---->
www.jsdesignseauclaire.com

STEP 2) RSVP! If you plan to attend the event, AWESOME. The more the merrier! Click "Going" and then start thinking about what you'd like to make. Please post in the event or message Jessi what project(s) you'd like to make so that she has adequate time to prepare everything for the party. She is able to take payment via cash, check, or card at the event.

Let the host Marie Muehlenhaupt or Jessi know if you have any questions. Jessi can be reached via Facebook either through this event, Facebook messenger, email (jsdesigns.eauclaire@gmail.com) or via text (715.379.6716). Looking forward to seeing you all there!

FAITH ALIVE

Next meeting will be December 5th at 5pm with no potluck

CHRISTMAS VBS

Will be Saturday, December 16th from 10am-4pm. Parents can bring their children to have a fun day of learning the Christmas story and doing projects. While parents can go finish their Christmas errands. Public is welcome so please spread the word. There is a sign up sheet in the entryway to volunteer (high school and college age students are encouraged to help) and provide food. Forms are out in the entryway to sign up children 4yr - 8th grade, place form in Pastor's mailbox.

COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A number of maintenance tasks were completed this last month we thank those who gave their time and energy to these tasks.

Voters' meeting to ratify the nominees for next year will be Dec 13th after the evening Advent service.

Voters' will also discuss a few issues that were missed at the last voters' meeting.

Christmas tree setup and church decoration will be December 2nd at 8am.

Dates for Advent services are 6th, 13th and 20th of December.

Date of next council meeting will be Dec 12th.

Christmas Eve Children's Service 7pm

Christmas Day Service at 10pm

New Years Eve Service at 7pm, snacks and fellowship following

New Years Day – No Service

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

School checking account is doing much better thanks to all who donated.

The School board is looking in to increased security on the outside doors.

Ryan is coaching basketball but is looking for help.

4th – 6th grades will play a game at CWC, 4pm Dec 12th



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