



*Faith Lutheran Church  
December 4<sup>th</sup> 2022*

# 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

December 4, 2022

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

**Speaker:**

Pastor Matthew Ude

**Musician:**

Lila Brown

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 72:1-7*

Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king's Son. <sup>2</sup> He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice. <sup>3</sup> The mountains will bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness. <sup>4</sup> He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor. <sup>5</sup> They shall fear You As long as the sun and moon endure, Throughout all generations. <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, Like showers *that* water the earth. <sup>7</sup> In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #58 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee"

by Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676

5. Rejoice, then, ye sad-hearted, Who sit in deepest gloom,  
Who mourn o'er joys departed And tremble at your doom.  
Despair not, He is near you, Yea, standing at the door,  
Who best can help and cheer you  
And bids you weep no more.

7. Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
Let not your souls distress;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon And cover by His grace.  
He comes, for men procuring The peace of sin forgiven,  
For all God's sons securing Their heritage in heaven.

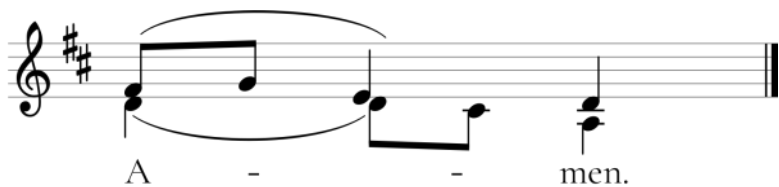
9. He comes to judge the nations, A terror to His foes,  
A Light of consolations And blessed Hope to those

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Who love the Lord's appearing.  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth Thy beams so cheering,  
An guide us safely home.

## INVOCATION

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

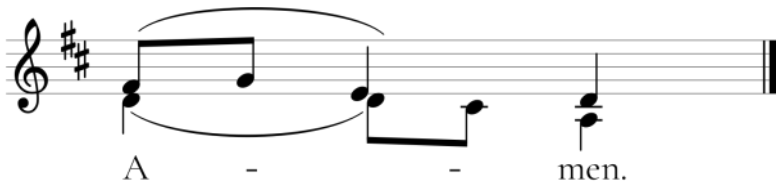


## CONFESSION OF SINS

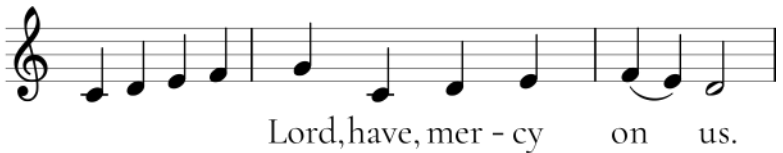
p We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**all** 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.



A - - - men.



Lord, have, mer - cy on us.



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



Glo - ry to God, we  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
A - lone, O Christ, You



give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly  
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for  
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



joy and peace on earth we sing. We wor-ship  
us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of  
hand in maj-es - ty most high: Who, with the

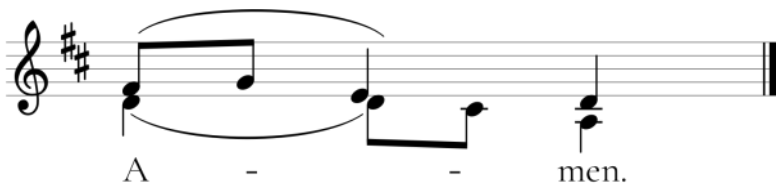


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King  
prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

p Let us pray . . . Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds ; through the same Jesus Christ , our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

**Romans 15:4-13** <sup>4</sup> For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. <sup>5</sup> Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> Now I say that Jesus Christ has be-



come a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises *made* to the fathers, <sup>9</sup> and that the Gentiles might glorify God for *His* mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name." <sup>10</sup> And again he says: "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!" <sup>11</sup> And again: "Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!" <sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope." <sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 3:1-12** In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, <sup>2</sup> and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" <sup>3</sup> For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup> And John himself was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup> Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the

Jordan went out to him <sup>6</sup> and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>7</sup> But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> "Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, <sup>9</sup> "and do not think to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as *our* father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. <sup>10</sup> "And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup> "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup> "His winnowing fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly clean out His threshing floor, and gather His wheat into the barn; but He will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

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



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



These words are written that we may believe that



Jesus 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 seat-

ed 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.

## #63 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

by Charles Coffin, 1676-1749

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Come, then, and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings from the King of kings.
  
2. Then cleansed by every Christian breast  
And furnished for so great a Guest.  
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

3. For Thou art our Salvation, Lord,  
Our Refuge, and our great Reward.  
Without Thy grace our souls must fade  
And wither like a flower decayed.

4. Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in every place.

## SERMON

**Genesis 12:1-7** Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." <sup>4</sup> So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and

Lot went with him. And Abram *was* seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> Then Abram took Sarai his wife and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people whom they had acquired in Haran, and they departed to go to the land of Canaan. So they came to the land of Canaan. <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place of Shechem, as far as the terebinth tree of Moreh. And the Canaanites *were* then in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your descendants I will give this land." And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

## **JEHOVAH-NISSI: JESUS IS OUR BANNER**

He is our banner to lead us when we are lost. He is our banner to bless us. He is our banner to give us hope.

(worksheet on page 23)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and 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. Restore to me the joy of Your sal-  
 va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir-it free.

## #66 "Hark the Glad Sound!"

by Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751

1. Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
 The Savior promised long;  
 Let every heart prepare a throne  
 And every voice a song.

2. He comes the prisoners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

3. He comes from thickest films of vice  
To clear the mental ray  
And on the eyeballs of the blind  
To pour celestial day.

4. He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To enrich the humble poor.

5. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim  
And heaven's eternal arches ring  
With Thy beloved name.



## OFFERING 572:4

4. 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.

## 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.



## #54 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

by William Williams, 1717-1791

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Sunday, December 4**

9 am Worship Service  
10 am Christmas Eve Practice  
10:15 am Nomination Committee

### **Tuesday, December 5**

7pm School Board Meeting

### **Wednesday, December 7**

3:40pm Confirmation Class  
7 pm Advent Service

### **Saturday, December 11**

9 am Worship Service  
10 am Christmas Eve Practice  
10:15 am Bible Class

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec 11 - 3:30pm Advent by Candlelight at Fond Du Lac

Dec 24 - 6:30pm Christmas Eve Program

Dec 25 - 10am Christmas Service

Dec 31 - 7pm New Year's Eve Service

Dec 31 - 8pm New Year's Eve Party

## **USHERS FOR DECEMBER**

Jeff Jones, Mike Dumke,  
Bob McElroy. Randy Strelow

## **ADVENT / CHRISTMAS EVE**

Dan Thiem, Russ Brown,  
Dave Draeger, Wayne Draeger

## **CHRISTMAS DAY / NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Mike Dumke, Jeff Jones,  
Bob McElroy, Randy Strelow

## **COUNTERS**

### **This Week Team # 4**

Ron Kearley, Tristan Jenkins

### **Next Week Team #5**

Steve Meilahn, Dale Muehlenhaupt

## **FRUITS OF FAITH**

Sunday Service – 83

Bible Class - 8

General - \$ 3525.00

Missions - \$ 65.00

## ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Devotion books for advent are available on the table by the water fountain. These devotion books follow the theme we will be studying during Advent and at the Children's Christmas Eve program. The devotion books cost \$2.50 each. Please put the money in the box behind the devotions.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 35:1-10

Psalm 146

James 5:7-11

Matt. 11:2-15

## ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

This free holiday event for ladies will be held December 11th at 3:30 pm at Luther Memorial Church in Fond du Lac. Scripture, song, food, and fellowship with a Christ-centered focus. More info at [www.FDLLutheran.com/advent](http://www.FDLLutheran.com/advent). Hope to see you there!

## SEMINAR DVDS

DVDs of the depression seminar and the music concert from November 5th are available for free on the shelf under the bulletin board.

## NEW YEARS' EVE PARTY

New Years Eve get together at church after services. Cards and games for the adults. Games and movies for the kids. Bring finger food to share.

## FROM JYOTHI BENJAMIN

"Philippians 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

My father, Rev V.S. Benjamin, Chairman of the CLCI, went to be with the Lord at the age of 89 years. Please pray for the comfort family members.

His race ended, but we still have our race to run.

Words of encouragement and condolences can be sent to: [jyothi-files@gmail.com](mailto:jyothi-files@gmail.com)

## **CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will present a Choral Christmas Service entitled Christmas Memories on Friday, December 16, 7:30 pm at Messiah Lutheran Church, 2015 N Hastings Way, Eau Claire, WI 54703. Open to the public. Admission is free. Video streaming information will be published at [ilc.edu/tv](http://ilc.edu/tv) as it becomes available.

## **CALL NEWS**

Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, is has accepted the call to to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary.

Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL.

## Sermon Worksheet - Genesis 12:1-7

What was the name Moses gave to the altar?

Why?

God is a banner to Abraham in what three ways?

1.

2.

3.

How is God a banner to you?

1.

2.

3.

4.



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