

Faith Lutheran Church
December 11th 2022

*in this place
I will give Peace*



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 11th, 2022

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Ann Sprengeler

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! ² While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. ³ Do not put your trust in princes, *Nor* in a son of man, in whom *there is* no help. ⁴ His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish. ⁵ Happy *is he* who *has* the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope *is* in the LORD his God, ⁶ Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that *is* in them; Who keeps truth forever, ⁷ Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives freedom to the prisoners. ⁸ The LORD opens *the eyes of* the blind; The LORD raises those who are bowed down; The LORD loves the righteous. ⁹ The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; But the way of the wicked He turns upside down. ¹⁰ The LORD shall reign forever-- Your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#71 "Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

by John Bowring, 1792-1872

1. Watchman, tell us of the night,
What its signs of promise are.
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height,
See that glory-beaming star.
Watchman, doth its beauteous ray
Aught of joy or hope foretell?
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,
Promised day of Israel.

2. Watchman, tell us of the night;
Hiher yet that star ascends.
Traveler, blessedness and light,
Peace and truth, its course portends.

Watchman, will its beams alone
Gild the spot that gave them birth?
Traveler, ages are its own;
See, it bursts o'er all the earth.

3. Watchman, tell us of the night,
For the morning seems to dawn.
Traveler, darkness takes its flight;
Doubt and terror are withdrawn.
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease;
Hie thee to thy quiet home.
Traveler, lo, the Prince of Peace,
Lo, the Son of God, is come!

INVOCATION

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



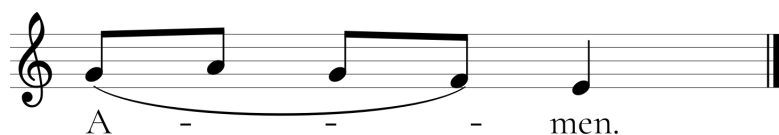
CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

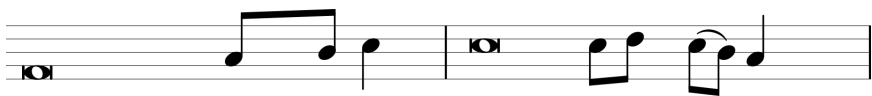
Lord, have mer-cy on us, Christ, have mer -
cy on us, Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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.

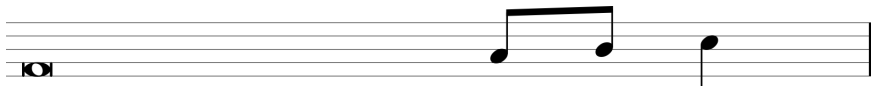


p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





O Lord God, heav'nly King God the Father al - mighty,



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You take away the sin of the world; re-cieve our prayer.



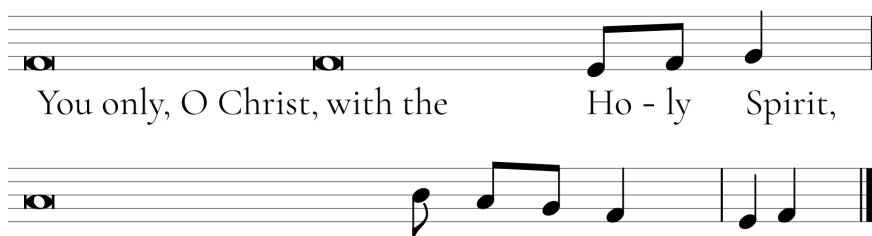
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;




have mercy on us, For you only are holy;



you on - ly are the Lord.



You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,




are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.

p The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

p Let us pray . . . Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - - - men.

THE WORD

James 5:7-11 ⁷ Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹ Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! ¹⁰ My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. ¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended by* the Lord-- that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

Matthew 11:2-15 ² And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples ³ and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" ⁴ Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: ⁵ *"The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them.* ⁶ "And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." ⁷ As they departed, Jesus began to say

to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?"⁸ "But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft *clothing* are in kings' houses."⁹ "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet."¹⁰ "For this is *he* of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.'¹¹ "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."¹² "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force."¹³ "For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John."¹⁴ "And if you are willing to receive *it*, he is Elijah who is to come."¹⁵ "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

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.

#95 "Savior of the Nations, Come"

by Martin Luther, 1483-1546

i. Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!

Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

2. Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh--
Woman's Offspring, pure and fresh.

3. Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child
Of the Virgin undefiled!
Though by all the world disowned,
Still to be in heaven enthroned.

4. From the Father forth He came
And returneth to the same,
Captive leading death and hell--
High the song of triumph swell!

SERMON

Haggai 2:1-9 In the seventh month, on the twenty-first of the month, the word of the LORD came by Haggai the prophet, saying: 2 "Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying: 3 'Who is left among you who saw this temple in its former glory? And how do you see it now? In comparison with it, is this not in your eyes as nothing? 4 'Yet now be strong, Zerubbabel,' says the LORD; 'and be strong, Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all you people of the land,' says the LORD, 'and work; for I am with you,' says the LORD of hosts. 5 'According to the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!' 6 "For thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; 7 'and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the LORD of hosts. 8 'The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine,' says the LORD of hosts. 9

'The glory of this latter temple shall be greater than the former,' says the LORD of hosts. 'And in this place I will give peace,' says the LORD of hosts."

JEHOVAH SHALOM: THE LORD BRINGS PEACE

Strength - Unity - Prosperity

When Jesus brings peace it is not simply the absence of conflict but the presence of all good things. In our text He especially promises strength, unity and prosperity.

(worksheet on page 26)



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, and



take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to



me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -



hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

#61 "Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People"

by Johann Olearius, 1635-1711

1. Comfort, comfort, ye My people,
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrows' load.
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover
And her warfare now is over.

2. Yea, her sins our God will pardon,
Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserved His anger
He no more will see or heed.
She hath suffered many a day,
Now her griefs have passed away;
God will change her pining sadness
Into ever-springing gladness.

3. Hark, the Herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance
Since the Kingdom now is here.
Oh, that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way;
Let the valleys rise to meet Him
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

4. Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain;
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His Word is never broken.

OFFERING #441:1-2

1. We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2. May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!

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.



#609 "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

by Philipp Nicolai, 1556-1608

1. "Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?"

The Bridegroom comes, awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Hallelujah! With bridal care Yourselves prepare
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

2. Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious,
Her Star is ris'n, her Light is come.
"Now come, Thou Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hail! Hosanna! The joyful call We answer all
And follow to the nuptial hall."

3. Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
Let men and angels sing before Thee,
With harp and cymbal's clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,

Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No vision ever brought,
No ear hath ever caught,
Such great glory; Therefore will we Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 11

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

Tuesday, December 13

7pm Elders' Meeting
7:30pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 14

3:40pm Confirmation Class
7 pm Advent Service

Saturday, December 18

9 am Worship Service
10 am Christmas Eve Practice
10:15 am Voters' Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 23 - 8am Christmas party and
Christmas Eve Rehearsal
Dec 24 - 6:30pm Christmas Eve Pro-
gram
Dec 25 - 10am Christmas Service
Dec 31 - 7pm New Year's Eve Ser-
vice
Dec 31 - 8pm New Years' 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 #5

Steve Meilahn, Dale Muehlenhaupt

Next Week Team #6

Wayne Dreager, David Draeger

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service - 107
General - \$3855.00
Missions - \$265.00
Advent Service - 25
General - \$383
Missions - \$105

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.

NOMINATIONS MEETING

The nomination committee has met and come up with a list of nominees for church offices. The voters' will meet after church on December 18 to ratify the list.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10-17

Psalms 24

Rom. 1:1-7

Matt. 1:18-25

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.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

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. Hope to see you there!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

ILHS concert 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 as it becomes available.

2023 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

The application deadline for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal is quickly approaching. Applications need to be submitted by January 16th, 2023. Space is limited for this trip so please apply soon. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

CALL NEWS

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

Pastor Tim Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, has received the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.

NOMINEES FOR COUNTING

David Draeger

Wayne Draeger

Steven Meilahn

Dale Muehlenhaupt

Lynn Dumke – Captain

Adam Friederick

Jim Hanneman

Bill Jenkins

Tristan Jenkins

Lloyd Schmidt

Preston Schmidt

Robert Schmidt

Sermon Worksheet - Haggai 2:1-9

What was the name of Gideon's altar?

Why did he call it that?

What is the difference between the English word peace and the Hebrew word shalom.

What peace is God promising in the benediction?

When is a wall at peace?

What makes our life like “a drunkard?”

When are Job’s flocks at peace?

What makes a church incomplete?

What makes a nation at peace?

What peace does Jesus promise us as our king?



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