

Faith Lutheran Church
January 15th 2023

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

January 15, 2023

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Musician:

Lila Brown

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 29

Give unto the LORD, O you mighty ones, Give unto the LORD glory and strength. ² Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters. ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty. ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon. ⁶ He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. ⁷ The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire. ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh. ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!" ¹⁰ The LORD sat *enthroned* at the Flood, And the LORD sits as King forever. ¹¹ The LORD will give strength to His people; The LORD will bless His people with peace.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#298:1-4 "Baptized Into Thy Name Most Holy"

(MFH 114)

by Johann J. Rambach, 1693-1735

1. Baptized into Thy name most holy,
O Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,
Among Thy seed, Thy chosen host.
Buried with Christ and dead to sin,
Thy Spirit now shall live within.

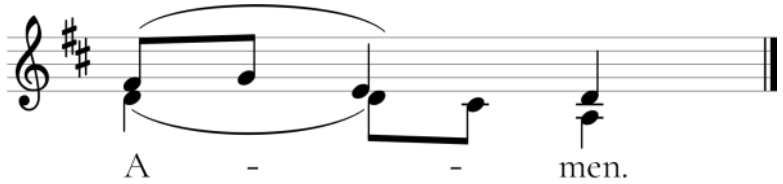
2. My loving Father, Thou dost take me
To be henceforth Thy child and heir;
My faithful Savior, Thou dost make me
The fruit of all Thy sorrows share;
Thou, Holy Ghost, wilt comfort me
When darkest clouds around I see.

3. And I have vowed to love and fear Thee
And to obey Thee, Lord, alone;
Because the Holy Ghost did move me,
I dared to pledge myself Thine own,
Renouncing sin to keep the faith
And war with evil unto death.

4. My faithful God, Thou failest never,
Thy covenant surely will abide;
Oh, cast me not away forever
Should I transgress it on my side!
Though I have oft my soul defiled,
Do Thou forgive, restore, Thy child.

INVOCATION

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

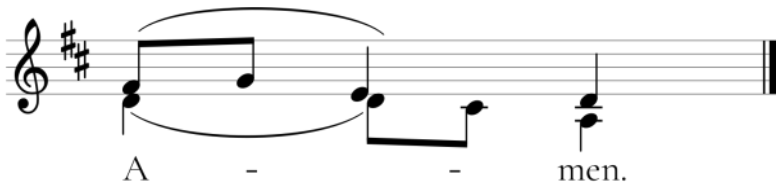


CONFESSION OF SINS

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.





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

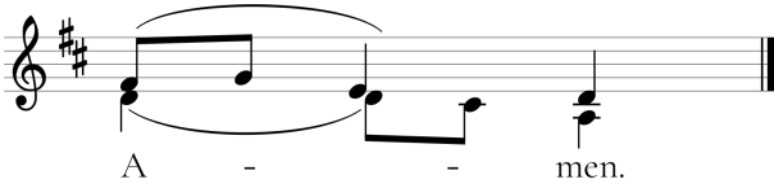


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



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 . . . Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Isaiah 42:1-8 "Behold! My Servant whom I uphold, My Elect One *in whom* My soul delights! I have put My Spirit upon Him; He will bring forth justice to the Gentiles. ² He will not cry out, nor raise *His voice*, Nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. ³ A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth. ⁴ He will not fail nor be dis-

couraged, Till He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands shall wait for His law." ⁵ Thus says God the LORD, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it: ⁶ "I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, And will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people, As a light to the Gentiles, ⁷ To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house. ⁸ I *am* the LORD, that is My name; And My glory I will not give to another, Nor My praise to carved images.

Romans 6:1-11 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ² Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³ Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we

have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of His resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin. ⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, ⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. ¹⁰ For *the death* that He died, He died to sin once for all; but *the life* that He lives, He lives to God. ¹¹ Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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



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.

CW89 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

By James P Tiefel



1 To Jor-dan's riv - er came our Lord,
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood
4 Then from God's throne with thund'rous sound



The Christ, whom heav'n - ly hosts a - dored,
The Son of God in flesh dis-guised
And John bap - tized the Lamb of God,
Came God's own voice with words pro-found:



The God from God, the Light from Light,
To stand be - neath the Fa - ther's will
The Ho - ly Spir - it, Heav'n - ly dove,
"This is my Son," was his de - cree,



The Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
And all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
De - scend - ed on him from a - bove.
"The one I love, who pleas - es me."

SERMON

Matthew 3:13-17 ¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit *it to be* so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. ¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

THE NECESSITY OF BAPTISM

Baptism was necessary for Jesus. It is necessary for you. It is necessary not as a thing that has happened but as a thing that is happening.

(worksheet on page 22)



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.

#355 "Thou Art the Way; to Thee Alone"

by George W. Doane, 1799-1859

1. Thou art the Way; to Thee alone
From sin and death we flee;
And he who would the Gather seek
Must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.

2. Thou art the Truth; Thy Word alone
True wisdom can impart;
Thou only canst inform the mind
And purify the heart.

3. Thou art the Life; the rending tomb
Proclaims Thy conquering arm;
And those who put their trust in Thee
Nor death nor hell shall harm.

4. Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;
Grant us that Way to know,
That Truth to keep, that life Life to win,
Whose joys eternal flow.

OFFERING 442:2

2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee
Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYERS

Lee and Elna Krueger

Arleen Thiem

Christine Reчек

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.



#657 "Beautiful Savior" (MFH 82)

by Author Unknown, 1677

1. Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,
Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
Than all the angels in the sky.

4. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 15

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

Tuesday, January 17

5pm BB Game

Wednesday January 18

3:40pm Confirmation Class

Thursday January 19

7pm Annual Voters Meeting

Sunday January 22

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 17 5pm BB game

January 19 7pm Annual Voters'
Meeting

February 2 5pm BB game

February 25 Round Robin Tournament

March 10-12 BB tournament in EC

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 4

Ron Kearley, Tristan Jenkins

Next Week Team # 5

Steve Meilahn, Dale Muehlenhaupt

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Ryan Krueger, Kent Quade,

Dale Muehlenhaupt, Jake Kearns

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 73

General - \$ 2835.00

Missions -\$ 130.00

Building Fund- \$ 75.00

In memory of Earl Rohde

to Building Fund- \$20.00

OFFERING RECEIPTS

Annual offering reports available in boxes. If you have any questions talk to Sue Klawitter.

MEETING NOTES

January Meeting notes available on shelf.

BASKETBALL

Members in 4th through 8th grade who are not enrolled in our school are still welcome to participate in our BB program., even if you can't make it to all our practices.

Practices are Mondays 3:30pm - 5pm and the following Saturdays from 9-10:30am: Jan 21, Feb 4 and Feb 11

Basketball Games are listed under upcoming events.

If you have any questions contact Ryan Krueger

VOTERS' MEETING ITEMS

1st quarter schedule
Called workers' salaries
Election of church officers
Set synod mission offerings goal
Report from auditing committee
Church windows
Continue with pest control

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 9:1-4 | Psalm 27:1-9
1 Cor. 1:10-18 | Matt. 4:12-25

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/>

CHRISTMAS CARDS TO FAITH

Some Christmas cards and letters that were sent to the congregation are sitting on the shelf under the bulletin board.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary Lutheran Church, Marquette, MI, is still considering the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI.

Pastor Wayne Eichstadt has received the call to Messiah, Eau Claire, WI

Pastor Michael Gurath has the call to Tacoma and Lynnwoo, WA.

Sermon Worksheet - Matthew 3:13-17

Preservice:

Can you think of a time when you thought you knew better than God?

Can you think of examples of others who might think they have a way that is better than God's promises through baptism?

Can you think of a time when you might have thought that your way was better than God's promises through baptism?

Sermon:

What caused John to attempt to stop Jesus?

What was it that John failed to understand?

Why was it necessary for Jesus to be baptized?

1.

2.

Why is your baptism necessary?

1.

2.

Post service:

Can you think of some times when you may have sought comfort, strength, or reassurance through means other than Christ and His baptism?

What promises can you think of that God gives in baptism that may have been more helpful in those situations?



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