

As the *rain* from heaven
So shall My word be

Isaiah 55:11

JULY 16, 2023

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
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as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

July 16th, 2023

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Organist:

Pamela Schulz

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 65:9-13

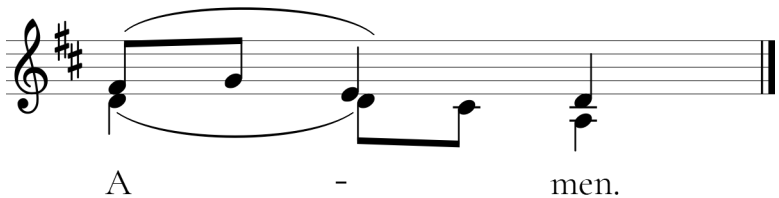
⁹ You visit the earth and water it, You greatly enrich it; The river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, For so You have prepared it. ¹⁰ You water its ridges abundantly, You settle its furrows; You make it soft with showers, You bless its growth. ¹¹ You crown the year with Your goodness, And Your paths drip *with* abundance. ¹² They drop *on* the pastures of the wilderness, And the little hills rejoice on every side. ¹³ The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

775:1-3 Thy Strong Word

INVOCATION

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

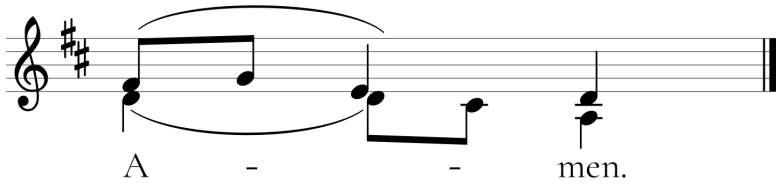


CONFESSION OF SINS

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

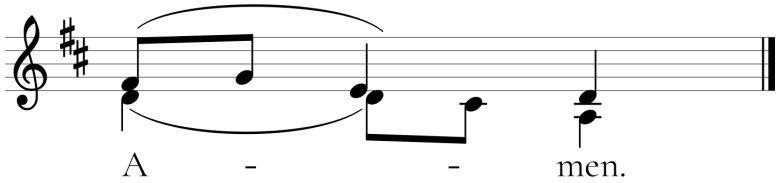


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



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 . . . Blessed Lord, since You have caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Isaiah 55:10-13 ¹⁰ "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, ¹¹ So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper *in the thing* for which I sent it. ¹² "For you shall go out with joy, And be led out with peace; The mountains and the hills Shall break forth into singing be-

fore you, And all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, And instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; And it shall be to the LORD for a name, For an everlasting sign *that* shall not be cut off."

Romans 8:12-17 ¹² Therefore, brethren, we are debtors-- not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

p Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



These words are written that we may believe 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.

775:4-6 Thy Strong Word

SERMON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 On the same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the sea. ² And great multitudes were gathered together to Him, so that He got into a boat and sat; and the whole multitude stood on the shore. ³ Then He spoke many things to them in parables, saying: "Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ "And as he sowed, some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵ "Some fell on stony places, where they did not have much earth; and they immediately sprang up because they had no depth of earth. ⁶ "But when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away. ⁷ "And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up and choked them. ⁸ "But others fell on good ground and yielded a crop: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ "He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

¹⁸ "Therefore hear the parable of the sower: ¹⁹ "When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand *it*, then the wicked *one* comes and snatches away

what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. ²⁰ "But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ "yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. ²² "Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. ²³ "But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands *it*, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

GOD'S WORD GIVES THE INCREASE

The power is not in the soil.
The problem is not in the seed.
God's word causes growth.



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.

46 On What has Now Been Sown

OFFERING HYMN #442:2

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 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.



49 Almighty God Thy Word Is Cast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, July 16

9am Worship Service

Monday, July 17

9am VBS Begins

7pm Worship Service

Thursday, July 20

7pm Voters' Meeting

Friday, July 21

11:30am VBS Presentation

Sunday, July 23

9am Worship Service

Monday July 24

7pm Worship Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 17-21 VBS

July 20 – Voters Meeting

August 20 Worship in the Woods

USHERS FOR JULY

John Bobek, Dan Thiem,

Al Henke, Gabe Henke

MONDAY SERVICE

Jeff Jones, Owen Jones,

Greg Jones, Gary Brown

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 2

Jim Hanneman, Lloyd Schmidt

Next Week Team # 3

Preston Schmidt, Robert Schmidt

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 56

Monday Service – 20

General Fund- \$

Building Fund - \$ 100

Gym Fund - \$ 50

CANCELING MONDAY SERVICES

One of the voters is suggesting that we dispense with Monday night services. This topic will be discussed at our voters meeting on July 20.

VOTERS' MEETING AGENDA

(JULY 20)

Discuss Monday Services
Call Ann and Jessica as coprincipal
Delegates Conference (June 3,4
2024)
Ratify Confirmands membership
Estimate on sealing cracks
Recommendation to hire Matthew
Martinez for snow plowing
Sanctuary windows

JULY MEETING REPORTS AVAILABLE

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 44:6-8
Psalm 119:57-64
Rom. 8:18-27
Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43

CALL NEWS

Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI has called Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran, Manchester, MO, to be their third pastor.

Mrs. Loretta Leinberger has accepted the call from Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Saginaw, MI to be its Pre-K teacher, as well as Kindergarten assistant.

Missionary Peter Evensen has returned the call from Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI. Calvary has now called Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's in Okabena, MN.



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