

Faith Lutheran Church



THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

December 15th 2024

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 15th 2024

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Lila Brown

Liturgy: Worship Supplement 2000 compiled and edited by John C Reim

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 85

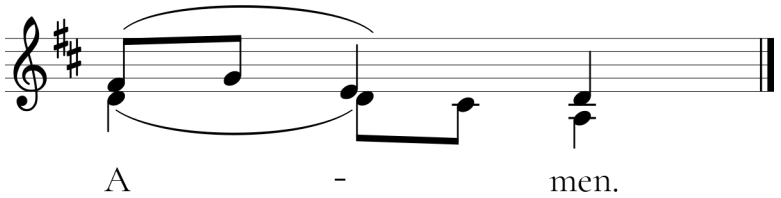
LORD, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob. ² You have forgiven the iniquity of Your people; You have covered all their sin. Selah ³ You have taken away all Your wrath; You have turned from the fierceness of Your anger. ⁴ Restore us, O God of our salvation, And cause Your anger toward us to cease. ⁵ Will You be angry with us forever? Will You prolong Your anger to all generations? ⁶ Will You not revive us again, That Your people may rejoice in You? ⁷ Show us Your mercy, LORD, And grant us Your salvation. ⁸ I will hear what God the LORD will speak, For He will speak peace To His people and to His saints; But let them not turn back to folly. ⁹ Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him, That glory may dwell in our land. ¹⁰ Mercy and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed. ¹¹ Truth shall spring out of the earth, And righteousness shall look down from heaven. ¹² Yes, the LORD will give *what is good*; And our land will yield its increase. ¹³ Righteousness will go before Him, And shall make His footsteps *our* pathway.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#609 Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

INVOCATION

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



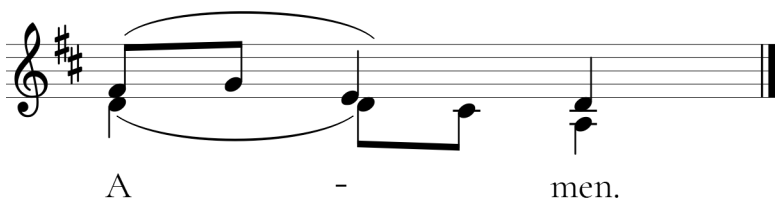
CONFESSION OF SINS

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 Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against

You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

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.





Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to all peo-ple on earth. Lord God,



heav-enly king, al - mighty God and Fa - ther; We



wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we



praise You for Your glory. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly



Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take away the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. You are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-

ceiveour prayer For You alone are the Ho-ly One,
 You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

Zephaniah 3:14-20 ¹⁴ Sing, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all *your* heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! ¹⁵ The LORD has taken away your judgments, He has cast out your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; You shall see^t disaster no more. ¹⁶ In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear; Zion, let not your hands be weak. ¹⁷ The LORD your God in your midst, The Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet *you* with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." ¹⁸ "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly, Who are among you, *To whom* its reproach is a burden. ¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, And gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame In every land where they were put to shame. ²⁰ At that time I will bring you back, Even at the time I gather you; For I will give you fame and praise Among all the peoples of the earth, When I return your captives before your eyes," Says the LORD.

Philippians 4:4-7 ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord *is* at hand. ⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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



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.

#85:1-3,13-15 From Heaven Above

SERMON

Luke 7:18-28 ¹⁸ Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things. ¹⁹ And John, calling two of his disciples to *him*, sent *them* to Jesus^t, saying, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" ²⁰ When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'" ²¹ And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight. ²² Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that *the* blind see, *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed, *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised, *the* poor have the gospel preached to them. ²³ "And blessed is *he* who is not offended because of Me." ²⁴ When the messengers of John had departed, He began to speak to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵ "But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who are gorgeously appareled and live in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶ "But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes,

I say to you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ "This is *he* of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You!'²⁸ "For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist¹; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

ARE YOU WAITING FOR JESUS?

Jesus is probably not the one we are waiting for. He is without a doubt the one whom the scriptures foretold. He does not come to fulfill our expectations. He came to fulfill the scriptures. (worksheet page 18)



Create in me a clean heart, O



God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your presence; take not Your Ho-ly



Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-



va - - tion. Up -



hold me with Your free Spir - it.

#714 Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

Offering Hymn #442 vs 2

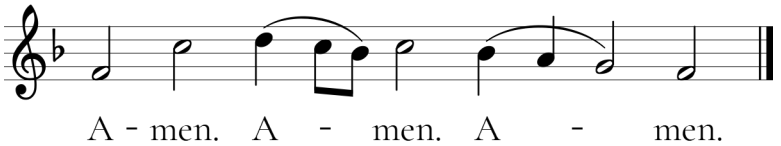
Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee, gladly, freely of
Thine own, With the sunshine of Thy goodness melt our
thankless hearts of stone. Till our cold and selfish nature,
warmed by Thee, at length believe, That more happy and
me blessed 'tis to give than to receive

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.



#713 Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, Are We

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

9 am Worship Service
10 am Christmas Eve Practice
10:15am Voter's Meeting
3 pm Christmas Caroling

WEDNESDAY, 18

3:45-5:15 pm Confirmation Class
7pm Advent Service

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

9 am Worship Service
10 am Christmas Eve Practice
10:15am Filling Christmas Bags

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/24 6:30pm Christmas Eve Service
12/25 10am Christmas Day Service
12/31 7pm New Years Eve Service

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Bob Kirst, Russ Brown,
Jeremy Golz, Kade Muehlenhaupt

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 97
Bible Class- 6
General Fund- \$ 9561
Missions - \$ 130
Building Fund - \$ 100
Advent Service 18
Kitchen Fund - \$ 50

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 6

Jim Kok

Next Week Team #1

Greg Suwanski, Keith Dickerson

SPECIAL VOTING MEETING

Our annual special voters meeting to ratify the list of candidates for church offices is scheduled for Sunday December 15 after church.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Christmas caroling is scheduled for December 15. We will meet at the church at 3 pm and go from there.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICE

Children's Christmas Eve practice begins the Sunday after Thanksgiving, December 1 at 6 am

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm 80:1-7

Heb. 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

CALL NEWS

CLC CALL NEWS Pastor Del Maas of Gift of God Lutheran Church, Mapleton, ND and St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Ponsford, MN has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA.

Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Pastor George Dummann of Salem Lutheran Church, Eagle Lake, MN has received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Sermon Worksheet - Luke 7:18-23

Pre-sermon questions

What are some things that may have caused you to ask God “why?”

Have there been times when you have doubted God?

What was happening in John’s life that may have caused him to doubt?

Where does Jesus direct John

Sermon questions

What is likely the cause of John’s doubts?

What might be the cause of our own doubts?

Where does Jesus point John for proof?

Where should we go for proof of who Jesus is?

What is the biblical meaning of the word “offend?”

In what ways can Jesus be an offense to people?

What should we not expect of Jesus?

What should we expect of Jesus?



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