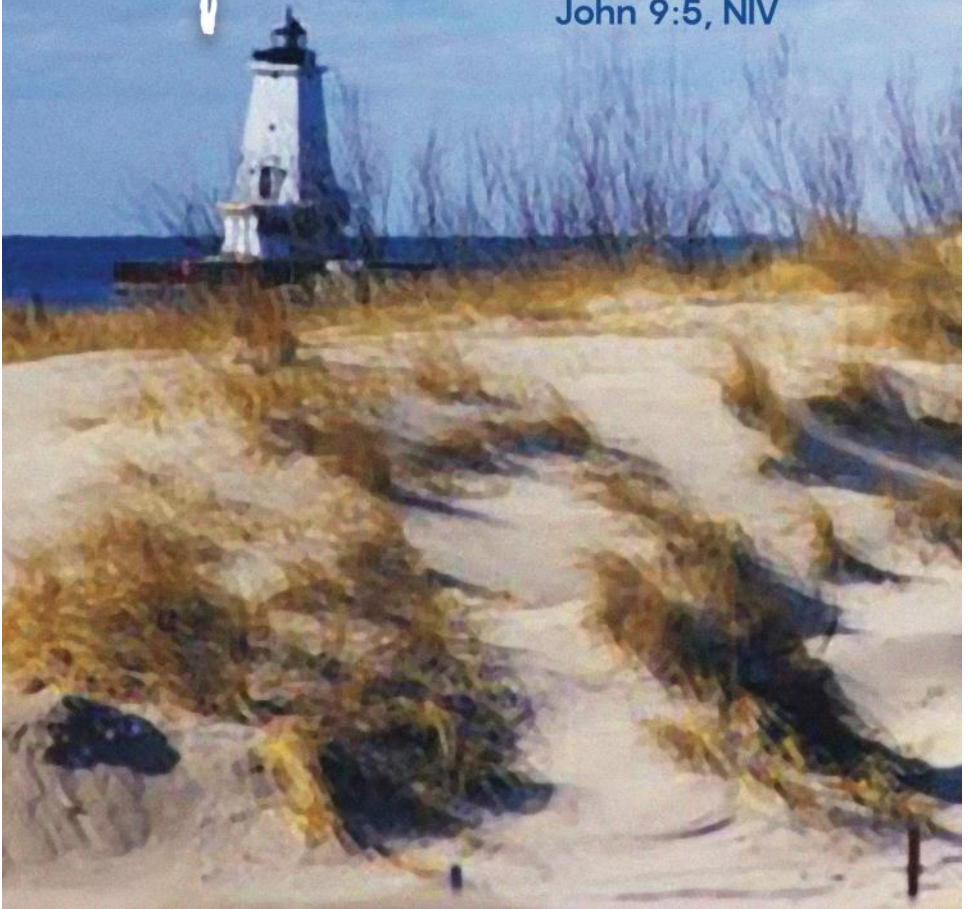


"WHILE I AM IN THE WORLD,

*I am the light
of the world."*

John 9:5, NIV



Faith Lutheran Church March 19th 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

March 19, 2023

Liturgy: Setting Two, WS page 12

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Musician:

Vanessa Ude

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

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 142:1-7

I cry out to the LORD with my voice; With my voice to the LORD I make my supplication. ² I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble. ³ When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, Then You knew my path. In the way in which I walk They have secretly set a snare for me. ⁴ Look on my right hand and see, For *there is* no one who acknowledges me; Refuge has failed me; No one cares for my soul. ⁵ I cried out to You, O LORD: I said, "You *are* my refuge, My portion in the land of the living. ⁶ Attend to my cry, For I am brought very low; Deliver me from my persecutors, For they are stronger than I. ⁷ Bring my soul out of prison, That I may praise Your name; The righteous shall surround me, For You shall deal bountifully with me."

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#361 "O Jesus, King Most Wonderful"

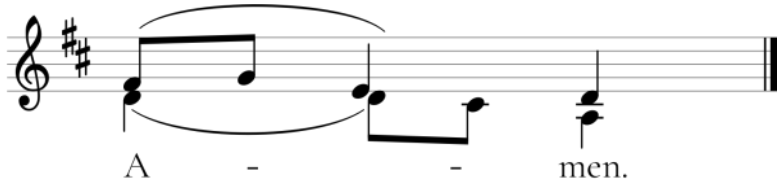
by unknown author, 12th century

1. O Jesus, King most wonderful,
Thou Conqueror renowned,
Thou Sweetness most ineffable,
In whom all joys are found!
2. When once Thou visitest the heart,
The truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanities depart,
Then kindles love divine.
3. O Jesus, Light of all below,
Thou Fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know,
All that we can desire--
4. May every heart confess Thy name
And ever Thee adore
And, seeking Thee, itself inflame
To seek Thee more and more!

5. Thee may our tongues forever bless,
Thee may we love alone,
And ever in our lives express
The image of Thine own!

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.

The first line of musical notation is on a treble clef staff with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It features a melodic line with a long note on 'A', followed by a descending line for 'men.' with a fermata over the final note.

Lord, have, mer - cy on us.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody with a series of eighth notes for 'Lord, have, mer - cy on us.' The melody is simple and rhythmic.

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

The third line of musical notation continues the melody with a series of eighth notes for 'Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.' The melody is simple and rhythmic.



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

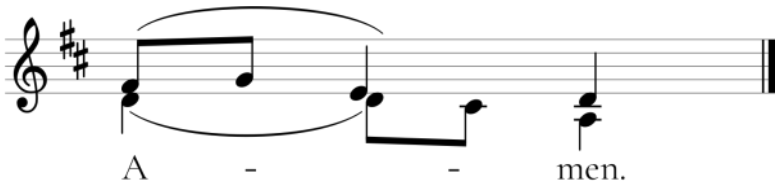


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



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 . . . Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



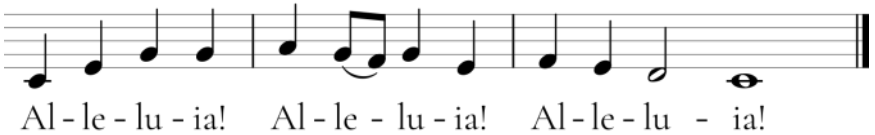
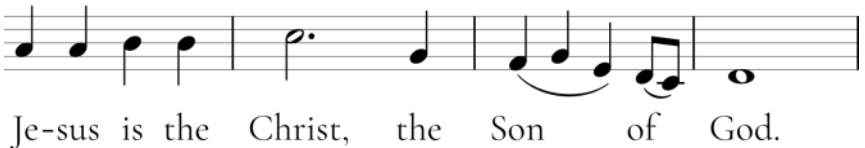
THE WORD

Isaiah 42:14-21 ¹⁴ "I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. *Now* I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once. ¹⁵ I will lay waste the mountains and hills, And dry up all their vegetation; I will make the rivers coastlands, And I will dry up the pools. ¹⁶ I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I

will make darkness light before them, And crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, And not forsake them. ¹⁷ They shall be turned back, They shall be greatly ashamed, Who trust in carved images, Who say to the molded images, 'You *are* our gods.' ¹⁸ "Hear, you deaf; And look, you blind, that you may see. ¹⁹ Who is blind but My servant, Or deaf as My messenger *whom* I send? Who is blind as *he who is* perfect, And blind as the LORD'S servant? ²⁰ Seeing many things, but you do not observe; Opening the ears, but he does not hear." ²¹ The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will exalt the law and make *it* honorable.

Ephesians 5:8-14 ⁸ For you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹ (for the fruit of the Spirit *is* in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), ¹⁰ finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. ¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*. ¹² For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. ¹³ But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. ¹⁴ Therefore He says: "Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light."

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.

#106:1-3,7 "The People That in Darkness Sat"

by John Morison, 1749-1798

1. The people that in darkness sat
A glorious light have seen;
The light has shined on them who long
In shades of death have been.

2. To hail Thee, Sun of Righteousness,
The gathering nations come;
They joy as when the reapers bear
Their harvest treasures home.

3. For Thou their burden dost remove
And break the tyrant's rod
As in the day when Midian fell
Before the sword of God.

7. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
And make us Thine alone,
Who with the Father ever art
And Holy Spirit, one.

SERMON

John 9:1-7 Now as *Jesus* passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. ² And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him. ⁴ "I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; *the* night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. ⁷ And He said to

him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam " (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

John 9:13-17 ¹³ They brought him who formerly was blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also asked him again how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶ Therefore some of the Pharisees said, "This Man is not from God, because He does not keep the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ They said to the blind man again, "What do you say about Him because He opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

John 9:24-34 ²⁴ So they again called the man who was blind, and said to him, "Give God the glory! We know that this Man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered and said, "Whether He is a sinner *or not* I do not know. One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ Then they said to him again, "What did He do to you? How did He open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I told you already, and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear *it* again?"

Do you also want to become His disciples?" ²⁸ Then they reviled him and said, "You are His disciple, but we are Moses' disciples. ²⁹ "We know that God spoke to Moses; *as for this fellow*, we do not know where He is from." ³⁰ The man answered and said to them, "Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! ³¹ "Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. ³² "Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. ³³ "If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered and said to him, "You were completely born in sins, and are you teaching us?" And they cast him out.

GRACE BRINGS SIGHT

Jesus opens the eyes of a man physically blind, but far more important is the spiritual sight He gives to us all. When we look at things from a legalistic view we think we can see but we are blind. When we view the world through the grace of God in Christ Jesus we truly see.

(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.

#777 Amazing Grace

Author: John Newton (1779)

1 Amazing grace - how sweet the sound -
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see.

2 The Lord has promised good to me;
His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

4 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

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, THE LORD'S PRAYER

(prayers listed on page 20)

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.



#155 "Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing"

by Walter Shirley, 1725-1786

1. Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
Which before the cross we spend,
Life and health and peace possessing
From the sinner's dying Friend.

2. Here we rest in wonder, viewing
All our sins on Jesus laid;
Here we see redemption flowing
From the sacrifice He made.

3. Here we find the dawn of heaven
While upon the cross we gaze,
See our trespasses forgiven,
And our songs of triumph raise.

4. Oh, that, near the cross abiding,
We may to the Savior cleave,
Naught with Him our hearts dividing,
All for Him content to leave!

5. Lord, in loving contemplation
Fix our hearts and eyes on Thee
Till we taste Thy full salvation
And we unveiled glory see.

PRAYER LIST

Family of Irene Bruun - Evelyn Klatt's sister passed away on Friday.

Family of Mark Sprengeler - passed away on March 6.

Blaine Kempenaar - diagnosed with cancer.

Linda Kozup - back pain and infection.

Marsha Brown - recovering from surgery and in pain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 19

9am Worship Service

10am Choir Practice

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

Tuesday, March 21

6:30pm Elders' Meeting

7:30pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 22

3:40pm Confirmation Class

7:00 pm Lent Service

Sunday, March 26

9am Communion Service

10am Choir Practice

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21st Elders and Council Meeting

April 6th 7pm Maundy Thursday Service

April 7th 1:30pm Good Friday Service

April 9th 7am Sunrise Service

April 9th 8am Easter Brunch

April 9th 8am Egg Hunt

April 9th 9am Easter Service

April 16th 3pm Installation of Andrew Schaller

May 12th Preschool Roun-Up

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service 30

General \$1325

Missions \$10

USHERS FOR MARCH

Jeff Jones, Mike Dumke,

Jim Hanneman, Jim Brown

COUNTERS

This Week Team #3

Preston Schmidt, Robert Schmidt

Next Week Team #4

Lynn Dumke, Tyler Denson

INSTALLATION IN FOND DU LAC

Luther Memorial would like to extend an invitation to your congregations to attend the installation of Pastor Andrew Schaller. Sunday April 16, 3:00 pm. A fellowship meal will be provided afterwards.

PRESCHOOL ROUND-UP

8-11am on Friday May 12th. Any child who will be 3-4 years old by September 9th, 2023.

FLOAT FOR JUNE DAIRY DAYS

If anyone is interested in helping to build the float for June Dairy Days please talk to Pastor Ude.

OFFERING FOR SCHOOL TUITION

A few students here at Faith need some help paying their tuition. There is a basket in the back of church for this purpose. We would like to raise about \$2,000.

CLC YOUTH CAMP 2023!

Camp will be held at the Pillager location this year from June 11-17th! Registration opens March 18th at 3pm CST for campers entering 6th-12th grade. More information can be found at <https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp> Email youthcamp.clc@gmail.com with any questions!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezek. 37:1-14

Psalm 130

Rom. 8:1-11

John 11:1-45

CALL NEWS

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church of Middleton, WI has decided to re-open its Christian day school for Fall 2023. They have called Mrs. Leah Ude of Eau Claire, WI as teacher.

Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Mountain View, CA is considering the call to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Sermon Worksheet - John 9

“What has four letters, occasionally has twelve letters, always has six letters but never has five letters.”

What did Jesus mean “if you were blind, you would have no sin?”

What truth causes us to see?

Verses 1-7

From a human standpoint what are the two possibilities?

What does a grace oriented view reveal?

What is the result of fairness?

What is the result of grace?

Verse 13-17

How does a legalistic view see God's works?

How does a grace view see God's works?

What are some things you "know to be true" that might lead you to doubt God's promises?

Verses 24-34

What does a legalistic view do with God's law?

What causes grey areas with regard to God's law?

What does a grace view do with God's law?



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