



*Faith Lutheran Church
January 3rd 2021*

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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TODAY'S SERVICE

January 3rd, 2021

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 119:97-104

⁹⁷ MEM. Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. ⁹⁸ You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they *are* ever with me. ⁹⁹ I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation. ¹⁰⁰ I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts. ¹⁰¹ I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word. ¹⁰² I have not departed from Your judgments, For You Yourself have taught me. ¹⁰³ How sweet are Your words to my taste, *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth! ¹⁰⁴ Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#90:1-3 "Come, Your Heart and Voices Raising"

by Paul Gerhardt, 1607-1676

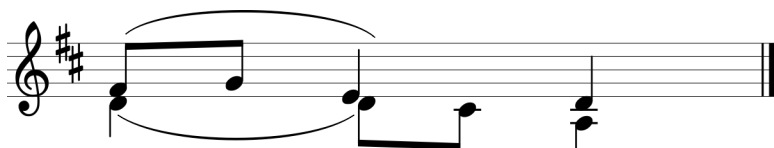
1. Come, your hearts and voices raising,
Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
Loudly sing His love amazing,
Worthy folk of Christendom.

2. Sin and death may well be groaning,
Satan now may well be moaning;
We, our full salvation owning,
Cast our every care away.

3. See how God, for us providing,
Gave His Son and life abiding;
He our weary steps is guiding
From earth's woe to heavenly joy.

INVOCATION

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



- c A - men.

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.

A - men.

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

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

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

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



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



worship 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 a-way the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the



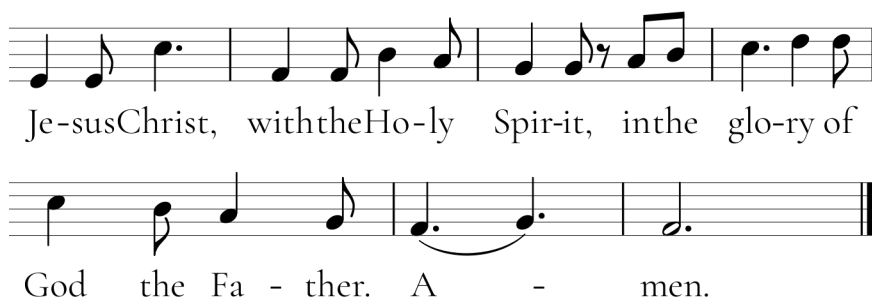
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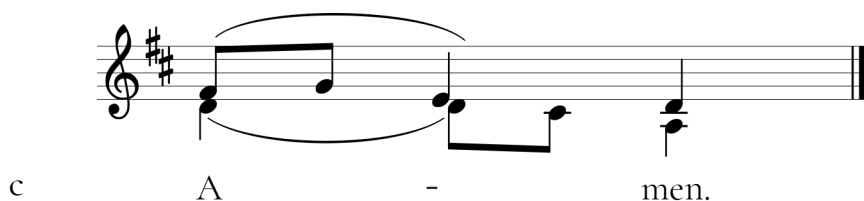
ceive our prayer For You alone are the Ho-ly One,



You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,



p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God , now and forever.



THE WORD

Ephesians 1:3-14 ³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual

blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, ⁴ just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved. ⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace ⁸ which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁹ having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, ¹⁰ that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth-- in Him. ¹¹ In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will, ¹² that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory. ¹³ In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemp-

tion of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Luke 2:40-52 ⁴⁰ And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. ⁴¹ His parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast. ⁴³ When they had finished the days, as they returned, the Boy Jesus lingered behind in Jerusalem. And Joseph and His mother did not know *it*; ⁴⁴ but supposing Him to have been in the company, they went a day's journey, and sought Him among *their* relatives and acquaintances. ⁴⁵ So when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking Him. ⁴⁶ Now so it was *that* after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers. ⁴⁸ So when they saw Him, they were amazed; and His mother said to Him, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously." ⁴⁹ And He said to them,

"Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand the statement which He spoke to them. ⁵¹ Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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.

#76:1,2,4 "A Great and Mighty Wonder"

by St. Germanus, 634-734

1. A great and mighty wonder. A full and holy cure:
The Virgin bears the Infant With virgin honor pure!
Repeat the hymn again: "To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!"

2. The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,
And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky.
Repeat the hymn again: "To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!"

4. Since all He comes to ransom. By all be He adored,
The Infant born in Bethl'em, The Savior and the Lord.
Repeat the hymn again: "To God on high be glory
And peace on earth to men!"

SERMON

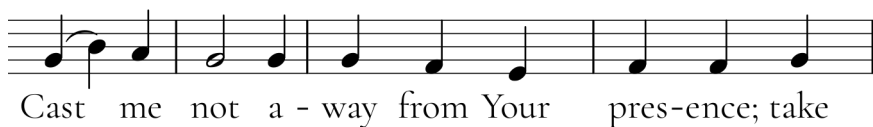
1 Kings 3:4-15 ⁴ Now the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that *was* the great high place: Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" ⁶ And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day. ⁷ "Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I *am* a little child; I do not know *how* to go out or come in. ⁸ "And Your servant *is* in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. ⁹ "Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" ¹⁰ The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. ¹¹ Then God said to him:

"Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, ¹² "behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. ¹³ "And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. ¹⁴ "So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." ¹⁵ Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

A Successful Year In Christ

(worksheet on page 22)

Solomon began his reign by trusting in God's mercy and accepting God's will. We would do well to start our new year the same way.



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.



c A - men. A - men. A - men.

#83:1-4 "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices"

By John Cawood, 1775-1852

1. Hark! what mean those holy voices
Sweetly sounding through the skies?
Lo, the angelic host rejoices,
Heavenly hallelujahs rise.

2. Listen to the wondrous story
Which they chant in hymns of joy,
Glory in the highest, glory!
Glory be to God most high!

3. Peace on earth, good will from heaven,
Reaching far as man is found;
Souls redeemed and sins forgiven!
Loud our golden harps shall sound.

4. Christ is born, the great Anointed;
Heaven and earth, His praises sing!
Oh, receive whom God appointed
For your Prophet, Priest, and King.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 3

8:30 am Worship Service

10:30 am Worship Service

Monday, January 4

8am School Begins

Tuesday, January 5

7pm School Board

Wednesday, January 6

4:30pm Confirmation Class

Sunday, January 10

8:30 am Worship Service

9:30 am Sunday School

9:30 am Bible Class

10:30 am Worship Service

USHERS FOR JANUARY

Bob Kirst, Jim Brown,
Steve Meilahn, Andy Kohn

FRUITS OF FAITH

General- \$ 5150.00

Missions- \$ 655.00

General Fund: In memory of Sonja
Olmanson \$30.00

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service - 38

Second Service - 17

COUNTERS

This Week: Team # 3

Lynn Dumke, Roy Draheim

Next Week: Team #4

Greg Jones, Jim Kok

CALL NEWS

Joshua Ohlmann, Grace, Sleepy Eye,
MN has been called by Holy Trin-
ity, West Columbia, SC to be upper
grade teacher and principal.

Sermon Worksheet— 1 Kings 3:4-15

1. Do you have a new years resolution? If so what is it?
2. How did Solomon know what God wanted him to do with his life?
3. What responsibilities has God given you today?
4. What did Solomon need from God to accomplish the task God had given him?

5. What do you need from God to accomplish the task he has given you?

6. If we feel inadequate for the challenges we face what promises has God given to us?

7. What is the basis for Solomon's prayer?

Redo/do your new years resolution using the following form: (use your answers from questions 3 and 5)

Lord, you have asked me to _____

but I have often failed. Forgive my sins of the previous year and grant me _____ so that I may accomplish your will in the coming year. In Jesus name. Amen.



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