

Faith Lutheran Church

Behold, the virgin
shall conceive and
bear a son, and they
shall call his name

Immanuel

Matthew 1:23 ESV

December 12th 2021

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 12th, 2021

Liturgy: Common Service

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Ann Sprengeler

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

Shine Jesus Shine



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing,
2. Lord, I come to Your awe-some pres - ence,
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly brightness



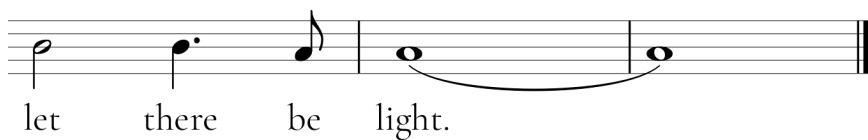
In the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;
From the shad - ows in - to Your ra - diance;
So our fac - es dis - play Your like - ness,



Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on us,
By the blood I may en - ter Your brightness;
Ev - er changing from glo - ry to glo - ry;

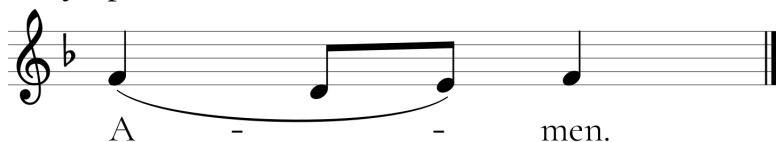


Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Search me, try me, con - sume all my darkness;
Mir - rored here, may our lives tell Your sto - ry;



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 Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. for this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



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.

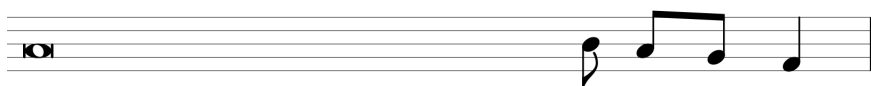


p In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





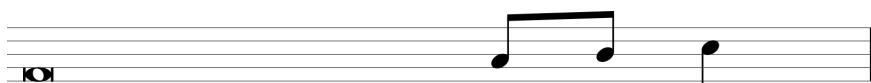
We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you,



we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory



O Lord God, heav'nly King God the Father al - mighty,



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



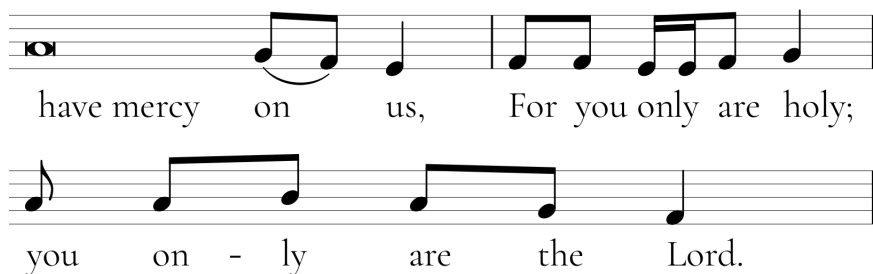
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You take away the sin of the world; re-cieve our prayer.



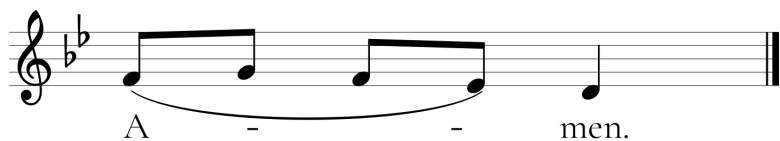
You sit at the right hand of God the Father;



p The Lord be with you.



p Let us pray . . . Stir up Your power, O Lord, and
come and help us by Your might, that the sins
which weigh us down may be quickly lifted by Your
grace and mercy; for You live and reign with the Fa-
ther and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forev-
er.



THE WORD

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.

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, 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 Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

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.

#387 "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

by Martin Luther, 1483-1546

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,

And, with united heart and voice
And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,
How His right arm the victory won;
Right dearly it hath cost Him.

2. Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay,
Death brooded darkly o'er me,
Sin was my torment night and day,
In sin my mother bore me;
Yea, deep and deeper still I fell,
Life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.

6. This Son obeyed His Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my Brother.
No garb of pomp or power He wore,
A servant's form, like mine, He bore,
To lead the devil captive.

SERMON

Judges 6:11-24 ¹¹ Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which *was* in Ophrah, which *belonged* to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide *it* from the Midianites. ¹² And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, "The LORD *is* with you, you mighty man of valor!" ¹³ Gideon said to Him, "O my lord, if the LORD *is* with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where *are* all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites." ¹⁴ Then the LORD turned to him and said, "Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?" ¹⁵ So he said to Him, "O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan *is* the weakest in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father's house." ¹⁶ And the LORD said to him, "Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man." ¹⁷ Then he said to Him, "If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. ¹⁸ "Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set *it* before You." And He said, "I will wait until you come back." ¹⁹ So Gideon went in and pre-

pared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought *them* out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented *them*. ²⁰ The Angel of God said to him, "Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay *them* on this rock, and pour out the broth." And he did so. ²¹ Then the Angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that *was* in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the LORD departed out of his sight. ²² Now Gideon perceived that He *was* the Angel of the LORD. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face." ²³ Then the LORD said to him, "Peace *be* with you; do not fear, you shall not die." ²⁴ So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The-LORD-*Is-Peace*. To this day it is still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

WHAT TO DO WHEN THE LORD ABANDONS YOU

1. Turn around 2. Go ahead and cry 3. Twiddle your thumbs

(worksheet page 23)

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, and
 take not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to
 me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-
 hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

OFFERING #441:1-2

1 We give Thee but Thine own, What-
 2 May we thy boun-ties thus As



e'er the gift may be; All that we have is
steward true re - cieve And glad-ly, as thou



Thine a-lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
bless-est us, To Thee our first fruits give!

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.



Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry,
 All Thy work with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re -
 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing,

Lord of love! Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee,
 flect Thy rays, Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee,
 ev - er blest, Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing,



Prais - ing Thee, their sun a - bove. Melt the clouds of
Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise. Field and for - est,
O - cean-depth of hap - py rest! Fa - ther, Son, and



sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
vale and moun - tain, Flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain head of love di - vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chanting bird, and flow - ing foun - tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, December 12

9:00am Worship Service

10:00am Christmas Eve Practice

10:15am Bible Class

Tuesday, December 14

7pm Elders' Meeting

7:30pm Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 15

4:45pm Confirmation Class

7 pm Advent Service

7:45 pm Voters' Meeting

Sunday, December 19

9:00am Worship Service

10:00am Christmas Eve Practice

10:15am Bible Class

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Sunday 9am

John Bobek, Russ Brown,
Randy StreLOW, Todd Thiem

Advent

Russ Brown, Kent Quade

Christmas Eve

Bob KIRST, Kent Quade

Christmas Day

John Bobek, Russ Brown

COUNTERS

THIS WEEK TEAM # 5

Jim Kok, Mark Brown-Kempenaar

NEXT WEEK TEAM # 6

Keith Dickerson, Clay Bobek

FRUITS OF FAITH

General - \$ 2890.00

Missions- \$ 130.00

* Correction from last week: In
memory of Bernard and Arvilla *Fie-*
gel \$ 500.00 to General Fund

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service - 86

Bible Class- 15

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 15 – 7 pm voters' meeting

December 24 – 6:30 pm Christmas
Eve Program

December 25 – 10 am Christmas
Day Service
December 31 – 7 pm New Years Eve
Service
January 23 – 2 pm Tubing Outing

SNACKS AFTER CHURCH

There is a sheet on the bulletin board to sign up to bring snacks after church.

SNOW TUBING OUTING

A snow tubing outing is planned for Sunday, January 23, 2022 2-4pm at Sunburst ski resort. We will need 15 people to get group rate of \$18 each. You can sign up at <https://shop.skisunburst.com/groups>. Use the group code FLC2022. You can register, sign waiver and pay when you signup.

LOW GENERAL CHECKING

Our account balance has been low the last couple months. We have a \$8,000 loan from the bank. Our offerings in November were \$3,000 short of our expenses. Please remember this in your prayers.

CLEANING HELP

If you are able and willing to help clean once in a while, please contact Marsha Brown at 920-398-3279 or 920-570-1076 or email her at : martab@centurytel.net

Thank you

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Micah 5:2-5a

Psalm 80:1-7

Heb. 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

CALL NEWS

Teacher Ross Kok of Holy Cross Lutheran School, Phoenix, AZ, has received the call to be the upper grade of Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.

Pastor Paul Krause of Trinity Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran Church, Hidewood Township, SD, has been called to Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA.

Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, Florida, is still considering the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.

Dave Menton With The Lord

Our Lord, in His perfect love and wisdom, took our brother in Christ and dear friend Dave Menton to be with Him forever this morning.

Dave's wife Debbie said that she was just numb at hearing this news and was unable to discuss any details or plans at this point. As soon as I hear from her again, I will let you know about funeral plans, etc.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord, Is the death of His saints." Psalm 116:15

Please keep Debbie, along with Dave's daughters Lisa and Michelle and their families, and all of his many friends in your prayers.

Trip to Israel

The group trip to Israel, which was postponed until January 2022 due to COVID, has been postponed once more. The new dates are now set for January 10-19, 2023 with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. If you would like more information about this trip, please contact to Pastor Mayhew (404-729-4602; nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). The trip will include visits to Caesarea,

Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. Brochures with trip details are available upon request.

Mission Helper Trip

A mission helper trip is being planned this coming summer, June - July 2022, for East Africa. Anyone interested can find details at mht.lutheranmissions.org. The deadline for applications is January 2022. The following summer, 2023, the plan is to go to Nepal.

Sermon Worksheet

What was the problem Gideon had?

Who had caused the problem?

What was the complaint of Gideon?

Even when we sin where is God?

When we can't see God where is He?

What do many of the heroes of faith have in common?

What is it that Jesus bears for us?

Gideon kept trying to do more, God kept telling him ----

After we pray to God what is the next step?

What does Immanuel mean?



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