

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

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TODAY'S SERVICE

Speakers: Pastor Matthew Ude

Organists: Barry Hay & Ann Sprengeler

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 25:1-10

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul. 2 O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph over me. 3 Indeed, let no one who waits on You be ashamed; Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously without cause. 4 Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. 5 Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day. 6 Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses, For they are from of old. 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions; According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O LORD. 8 Good and upright is the LORD; Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. 9 The humble He guides in justice, And the humble He teaches His way. 10 All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, To such as keep His covenant and His testimonies.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Hymn 95:1-4 [MFH 40] — Savior of the Nations Come

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.

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- 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.



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Let us pray . . . Stir up your power, O Lord, and come , that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forevermore. through Jesus Christ your son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Jeremiah 33:14-16 'Behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that I will perform that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah: 15 'In those days and at that time I will cause to grow up to David A Branch of righteousness; He shall execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 16 In those days Judah will be saved, And Jerusalem will dwell safely. And this is the name by which she will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.'

Luke 19:28-40 When He had said this, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. 29 And it came to pass, when He came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mountain called Olivet, that He sent two of His disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village opposite you, where as you enter you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Loose it and bring it here. 31 "And if anyone asks you,'Why are you loosing it?' thus you shall say to him,'Because the Lord has need of it.'" 32 So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. 33 But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, "Why

are you loosing the colt?" 34 And they said, "The Lord has need of him." 35 Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. 36 And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road. 37 Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, 38 saying: "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the LORD!' Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples." 40 But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

P Blessed are they who hear theWord of God and keep it!



THE APOSTLES' CREED

All 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.

Hymn 72 — Rejoice, rejoice believers

SERMON

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 For what thanks can we render to God for you, for all the joy with which we rejoice for your sake before our God, 10 night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face and perfect what is lacking in your faith? 11 Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus Christ, direct our way to you. 12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, 13 so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

Christ Brings Joy in Service

Christ blesses us with opportunities to rejoice with one another and in His forgiveness. Too often we miss these opportunities because we are too busy worrying about ourselves.



Hymn 77:1-3 — All My Heart This Night Rejoices

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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.



Hymn 68 [MFH 38] — The Advent of Our King

Announcements

THIS WEEK

Sunday 12/2 9am Worship Service 10am Christmas Eve Practice 10:15am Bible Class

Tuesday 12/4 7pm School Board

Wednesday 12/5 7pm Advent Services

Thursday 12/6 10:30am Bible Class

Sunday 12/9 9am Worship Service 10am Christmas Eve Practice 10:15am Bible Class

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team #4: Mitch Newton, Andy Kohn Next Week: Team #5: Mark Kempenaar, Jim Kok

UPCOMING

Dec 5, 12, 19 – 7pm Advent Services

Dec 16th – Christmas Caroling

Dec 22nd – Christmas Parent Day

Dec 24th – 6pm Children's Christmas Eve Service

Dec 25th – 10am Christmas Day Service with Communion

Dec 31st – 7pm New Years Eve Service with Communion

FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance: 97 Sunday School; 12 Bible Class: 6 General Fund: \$3414 Missions: \$395 Memoriam: \$20 John Laper – School Fund \$15 John Laper – School Fund

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DECEMBER SUNDAYS AND CHRISTMAS DAY USHERS

Dan Thiem, Russ Brown, Darwin Kelm, Kent Quade

ADVENT WEDNESDAYS, CHRIST-MAS EVE, AND NEW YEARS EVE

Randy Strelow, Paul Eserhut, Martin Hansen, Todd Cotterill

CHRISTMAS CHILD CARE DAY

December 22nd from 10am to 3pm

Leave your kids at the church and get some shopping done

All kids ages 3 to 8th grade are welcome

Sign up at markesanlutheran.com/ christmas-child-care

If you would like to help out talk to Marion Strelow. We are also looking for donations for pizza and soda.

MIDWEST CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Midwest Christian Women's Retreat, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, will be held March 22-24, 2019, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. Registration is \$75 and opens on January 1, 2019. Register at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran. net. Choose the "Midwest Spring Retreat." Deadline to register is February 22, 2019 (with a late fee of \$25). Hotel reservations (separate from retreat registration) can be made by calling (507) 452-0606, beginning on 2/2219. Be sure to say it is for the Christian Women's retreat to get the group rate!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Christmas Caroling after church on Dec 16th. Meet at the church at 2pm. If anyone would like the carolers to stop by your house, or you know someone who would like them to stop by please let Pastor or Martin Hansen know.

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN

Those in charge of the Lutheran Spokesman have misplaced our renewal form. If you signed up for the Lutheran Spokesman but aren't getting it please let Pastor know.

2019 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP TO INDIA

Applications for the upcoming CLC Mission Helper Trip to India will be accepted until January 7th. You can apply online at: www.mht. lutheranmissions.org There is still lots of room for more volunteers. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Missionary Todd Ohlmann at thohlmann@gmail. com or (314) 517-0177.

CALL NEWS

Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA, has called the Rev. Aaron Ude, pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Rapid City SD. Pastor Ude has since returned the call.

Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN, has called the Rev, Edward .Starkey, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX.



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