

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

And [Christ]
is before
all things, and
in him (all things),
hold together.

Colossians 1:17, ESV



NOVEMBER 23, 2025

WELCOME

Thank you for worshiping with us today.
Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

November 23rd, 2025

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Organist: Dan Barthels

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 46

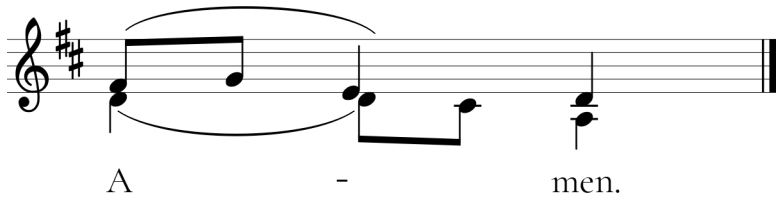
God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. ² Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; ³ *Though* its waters roar *and* be troubled, *Though* the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah ⁴ *There is* a river whose streams shall make glad the city of God, The holy *place* of the tabernacle of the Most High. ⁵ God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved; God shall help her, just at the break of dawn. ⁶ The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved; He uttered His voice, the earth melted. ⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah ⁸ Come, behold the works of the LORD, Who has made desolations in the earth. ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. ¹⁰ Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#7 As We Begin Another Week

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.

Lord, have, mer - cy on us.

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



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

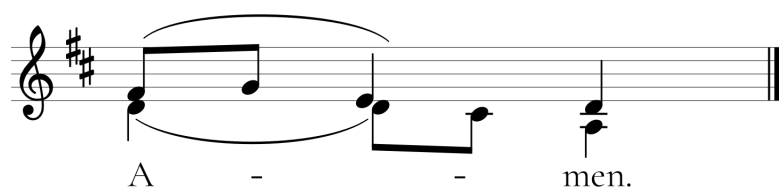


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-
God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won, Re - ceive our
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



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 . . . Lord Jesua Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God , now and forever.



THE WORD

Malachi 3:13-18 ¹³ "Your words have been harsh against Me," Says the LORD, "Yet you say, 'What have we spoken against You?' ¹⁴ You have said, 'It is useless to serve God; What profit *is it* that we have kept His ordinance, And that we have walked as mourners Before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵ So now we call the proud blessed, For those who do wickedness are raised up; They even tempt God and go free.'" ¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, And the LORD listened and heard *them*; So a book of remembrance was written before Him For those who fear the LORD And who meditate on His name. ¹⁷

"They shall be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "On the day that I make them My jewels. And I will spare them As a man spares his own son who serves him." ¹⁸ Then you shall again discern Between the righteous and the wicked, Between one who serves God And one who does not serve Him

Luke 23:27-43 ²⁷ And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. ²⁸ But Jesus, turning to them, said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ "For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, 'Blessed *are* the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed!" ³⁰ "Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!" and to the hills, "Cover us!" ³¹ "For if they do these things in the green wood, what will be done in the dry?" ³² There were also two others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death. ³³ And when they had come to the place called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on the right hand and the other on the left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what

they do." And they divided His garments and cast lots. ³⁵ And the people stood looking on. But even the rulers with them sneered, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ, the chosen of God." ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked Him, coming and offering Him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself." ³⁸ And an inscription also was written over Him in letters of Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ Then one of the criminals who were hanged blasphemed Him, saying, "If You are the Christ, save Yourself and us." ⁴⁰ But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Do you not even fear God, seeing you are under the same condemnation? ⁴¹ "And we indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." ⁴³ And Jesus said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

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 writ - ten 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.

#151:1-3,7 Christ the Life of All the Living

SERMON

Colossians 1:13-20 ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

FOCUSED ON JESUS

The Image of God

The Kingdom of God

The Reconciliation of God

(ws page 16)

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.

#598:1,2,7,8 Who Knows When Death

Offering Hymn #788 vs. 1

Lord, You love the cheerful giver who with open heart and hand, blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then , the grace of giving with a spirit large and true that our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

PRAYERS, 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.



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Sermon Worksheet - Colossians 1:13-20

What is the focus of scripture?

How long did it take to write the OT?

What was the focus of the Jews?

Define image.

How is Jesus different from the OT pictures?

What did Adam and Eve lose?

How did Jesus bring it back?

What is the connotation of "conveyed"?

How is this pictured in the OT?

What type of kingdom did Jesus bring?

How does Jesus accomplish all of this?

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9 am Worship Service
10 am Sunday School
10:15 Bible Class

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27

10am Thanksgiving Service - Communion

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9 am Communion Service
10 am Sunday School
10:15 am Christmas Eve Practice

FRUITS OF FAITH

General Fund- \$ 3217
Missions - \$ 110
Sunday Service – 80
Sunday School – 17
Bible Class – 13
Building Fund - \$ 70

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Bob Kirst, Greg Jones,
Bill Herbst, Dave Draeger

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

BJ Lillo, Mike Dumke,
Jeremy Golz, Parker Kohn

COUNTER

This Week Team # 2

Jeff Jones, Dennis Jones

Next Week Team # 3

David, Draeger, Wayne Draeger

UPCOMING

Nov 27 – 10am Thanksgiving
Dec 3 / 10 / 17 – 7pm Advent Services
Dec 6 – 10am Christmas Decorating
Dec 3 – 7:50pm Nomination Committee
Dec 17 – 7:50pm Voters' Meeting
Dec 24 – 6:30pm Christmas Eve
Dec 25 – 10am Christmas Day
Dec 31 – 7pm New Years Eve

GAME NIGHTS

January 16 – Bingo / Potluck
February 20 – Open Gym / Games / Potluck
March 27 – Bingo / Potluck

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Faith Lutheran will be hosting Advent by Candlelight for all women in the congregation, family, and friends, on Sunday, December 7th starting at 3pm at Faith Lutheran in Markesan. Please join us for this wonderful afternoon of Word, music, and fellowship. Please RSVP on

the website: markesanlutheran.com/events/candlelight/. Any questions, please reach out to Jessica Krueger at cottej88@gmail.com or 920-369-8113.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Signup sheet for Christmas poinsettias is on the bulletin board.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms 122

Rom. 13:8-10) 11-14

Matt. 21:1-11

Pastor Emeritus Michael Eichstadt has received the vacancy call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ.

Pastor Ben Libby of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has received the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI.

CALL NEWS

Pastor Tom Schuetze of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Lakewood, CO, has returned the call to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church, Spokane, WA.

Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL, has received the part-time call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.

Pastor Emeritus David Schierenbeck has received the call to serve as Assistant to the Pastor at Berea Ev. Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, MN, after he has completed his work as vacancy pastor of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church, Red Wing, MN.



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