

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

Speaker: Pastor Matthew Ude

Music:

Mark Brown-Kempenaar & Greta Albrecht

PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 138

I will praise You with my whole heart; Before the gods I will sing praises to You. ² I will worship toward Your holy temple, And praise Your name For Your lovingkindness and Your truth; For You have magnified Your word above all Your name. ³ In the day when I cried out, You answered me, And made me bold with strength in my soul. ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise You, O LORD, When they hear the words of Your mouth. ⁵ Yes, they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, For great is the glory of the LORD.⁶ Though the LORD is on high, Yet He regards the lowly; But the proud He knows from afar. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand Against the wrath of my enemies, And Your right hand will save me. 8 The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

457 What A Friend We Have In Jesus (MFH 88)

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

- p Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God the 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. Amen.
- Let us pray ... O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ Your son, our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forevermore. Amen.

THE WORD

Genesis 18:20-33²⁰ And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, ²¹ "I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know."²² Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD.²³ And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ "Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare *it* for the fifty righteous that were in it?²⁵ "Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" ²⁶ So the LORD said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes." ²⁷ Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: ²⁸ "Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of

the city for lack of five?" So He said, "If I find there fortyfive, I will not destroy it." ²⁹ And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?" So He said, "I will not do it for the sake of forty." ³⁰ Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." ³¹ And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy *it* for the sake of twenty." ³² Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten." ³³ So the LORD went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

Luke II:I-13 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, *that* one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." ² So He said to them, "When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as *it is* in heaven. ³ Give us day by day our daily bread. ⁴ And forgive us our sins,

For we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one." ⁵ And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; ⁶ 'for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷ "and he will answer from within and say, Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you '? ⁸ "I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs. ⁹ "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ "If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? ¹² "Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? ¹³ "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.





SERMON

Colossians 1:15-20¹⁵ 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.

CHRIST FIRST IN ALL

Christ is preeminent in creation by virtue of His diety. Christ is preeminent in the church by virtue of His death.

39 Praise To The Lord The Almighty (MFH 102)

OFFERING, PRAYERS & 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.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- p The Lord be with you.
- c And also with you.
- p Lift up your hearts.
- c We lift them up to the Lord

- p It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God who promised that wherever two or three come together in His name, there He is with them to shepherd His flock till He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify Your glorious Name, evermore praising You and saying:
- c Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
 The whole earth is full of His glory! (Isaiah 6:3)
 Save now, I pray, O LORD;
 O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

(Psalm 118:25-26)

p Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread. And when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat. This is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

In the same way He took the cup, after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

c Unto You I lift up my eyes,
O You who dwell in the heavens.
Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us!
For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

(Psalm 123:1,3)

THE DISTRIBUTION

[305 Soul Adorn Thyself with Gladness]

We ask that only members of Faith Lutheran Church or the CLC come forward to receive the Lord's Supper. Visitors are welcome to speak to the pastor after the service.

Allergy free wafers are available to the first table.

THANKSGIVING

(Psalm 118:1-4,14,24)

Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good! р For His mercy endures forever. с Let Israel now say, р "His mercy endures forever." С Let the house of Aaron now say, р "His mercy endures forever." с Let those who fear the LORD now say, р "His mercy endures forever." с The LORD is my strength and song, And He has р become my salvation. This is the day the LORD has made; We will с rejoice and be glad in it. 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. Amen.

47 Savoir Again To Thy Dear Name We Raise

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

Sunday 7/28 9am Communion Service

Monday 7/29 7pm Communion Service

Sunday 8/4 9am Worship Service

FRUITS OF FAITH

Attendance: 77 / 26 General: \$3,067 Missions: \$504 School: \$35 Gym: \$25

UPCOMING:

August 25 - Church in the Woods August 26 - Last Monday Service August 28 - First Day of School September 12 - Man Up Weekend

ENVELOPE COMMITTEE

This Week: Team #4: Russ Denson, Gary Quade Next Week: Team #5: Bill Jenkins, Wayne Draeger

JULY SUNDAY USHERS

Paul Eserhut, Jim Brown, Drew Muehlenhaupt, Kade Muehlenhaupt

JULY MONDAY USHERS

Bob McElory, Martin Hansen, Lynn Dumke, Mike Dumke

AUGUST SUNDAY USHERS

John Bobek, Dan Thiem, Ryan Krueger, Bill Herbst

AUGUST MONDAY USHERS

Randy Strelow, Gary Brown, Greg Jones, Owen Jones

VOTERS' MEETING NOTES

\$52,419 - Quarter income \$58,002 - Quarter Expenses \$11,974 - Checking Balance

Average Attendance 91 VBS 25

Prisoners are not able to come this year. Dan Thiem will be posting a list of tasks that need to be done around the church.

It was suggested that we move VBS up another week next summer which would make it the first full week of July.

The voters called Marie and Ann to serve as co-principals.

The voters called Miriam Bernthal as preschool teacher and to help Marie and Ann.

Next voters' meeting is October 24, 2019.

CALL NEWS

Pastor James Albrecht returned the call extended to him by Prince of Peace, Loveland, CO.

Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia has issued three part time calls to fill the responsibilities of its school: Deana Pfeiffer and Vanessa Wales to serve as part time teachers for one year, and Patricia Shealy to serve as principal for one year. All three have accepted.

Pastor Tim Daub will be serving the pastoral vacancy at Bethel Lutheran of Morris, MN, from July 22 through the end of September.

Pastor Del Maas has accepted the call to be vacancy pastor of St. Paul, Ponsford, MN. Pastor Andrew Schaller, Calvary, Marquette, MI has been called by Bethel, Morris, MN.

Pastor David Reim has returned the calls to Redeemer of Bowdle and Zion of Ipswich.

PICTURE DIRECTORY

We are planning to update our church picture directory this summer. The photographer is coming August 7th, from 2 – 9pm. The photographer can reuse your photos from two years ago if you don't want to get a new one. However we do need a minimum of 15 families to sign up or they won't come out. The signup sheet is on a table in the hallway. Families of 7 or more should sign up for two consecutive time slots.



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