

Faith Lutheran Church January 23rd 2022

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

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> **Speaker:** Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist: Lila Brown

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷ The law of the LORD *is* perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;⁸ The statutes of the LORD *are* right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; ⁹ The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. ¹⁰ More to be desired *are they* than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. ¹¹ Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward. ¹² Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. ¹³ Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression. ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#4 "God Himself Is Present"

by Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697-1769

I. God Himself is present: Let us now adore Him
And with awe appear before Him.
God is in His temple-- All within keep silence,
Prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone God we own, Him, our God and Savior;
Praise His name forever.

2. God Himself is present: Hear the harps resounding;
See the hosts the throne surrounding!
"Holy, holy, holy"--- Hear the hymn ascending,
Songs of saints and angels blending.
Bow Thine ear To us here: Hear, O Christ, the praises
That Thy Church now raises.

3. O Thou Fount of blessing, Purify my spirit,

Trusting only in Thy merit.

Like the holy angels, Who behold Thy glory,

May I ceaselessly adore Thee.

Let Thy will Ever still Rule Thy Church terrestrial As the hosts celestial.

INVOCATION

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



CONFESSION OF SINS

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.
- God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. р 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.





Let us pray ... Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

Nehemiah 8:1-10 Now all the people gathered together as one man in the open square that *was* in front of the Water Gate; and they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly of men and women and all who *could* hear with understanding on the first day of the seventh month. ³ Then he

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read from it in the open square that was in front of the Water Gate from morning until midday, before the men and women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law ... ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. Then all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground . . . ⁸ So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading. 9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our LORD. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

I Corinthians 12:12-31¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free-- and have all been made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴ For in fact the body is not one member but many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would be* the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling? ¹⁸ But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased. ¹⁹ And if they were all one member, where *would* the body *be*? ²⁰ But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. ²¹ And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. ²³ And those *members* of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, ²⁴ but our presentable *parts* have no need. But

God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it, ²⁵ that there should be no schism in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. ²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. ²⁸ And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. ²⁹ *Are* all apostles? *Are* all prophets? *Are* all teachers? *Are* all workers of miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the best gifts.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!





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.

#424 My God, my Father, make me strong

Author: Frederick Mann

1 My God, my Father, make me strong, When tasks of life seem hard and long, To greet them with this triumph song: Thy will be done.

2 Draw from my timid eyes the veil,To show, where earthly forces fail,Thy pow'r and love must still prevail--Thy will be done.

3 With confident and humble mind, Freedom in service I would find, Praying thro' every toil assigned: Thy will be done.

SERMON

Luke 4:16-30 ¹⁶ So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. ¹⁷ And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the LORD *is* upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to *the* blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; ¹⁹ To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. ²¹ And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." ²² So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. And they said, "Is this not Joseph's son?"²³ He said to them, "You will surely say this proverb to Me,'Physician, heal yourself! Whatever we have heard done in Capernaum, do also here in Your

country."²⁴ Then He said, "Assuredly, I say to you, no prophet is accepted in his own country.²⁵ "But I tell you truly, many widows were in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a great famine throughout all the land;²⁶ "but to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath, *in the region* of Sidon, to a woman *who was* a widow.²⁷ "And many lepers were in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian."²⁸ So all those in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath,²⁹ and rose up and thrust Him out of the city; and they led Him to the brow of the hill on which their city was built, that they might throw Him down over the cliff.³⁰ Then passing through the midst of them, He went His way.

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The Gospel is NOT: miracles, long life The Gospel is: healing the broken heart, liberty to the captives, the year of the Lord (worksheet on separate page)





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.



#451 "Stand Up!--Stand Up for Jesus"

by George Duffield, 1818-1888

I. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the Cross!
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army shall He lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished
And Christ is Lord indeed.

2. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet-call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day!
Ye that are men, now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

3. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus!
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

4. Stand up!--stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next, the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, January 23

9am Sunday Service 10am Sunday School 10am Bible Class

2 pm Tubing Outing

Wednesday, January 26

4:45pm Confirmation Class Sunday Service 6:00pm Bible Class and Game Night Bible Class - 10

Sunday, January 30

9am Sunday Service 10am Sunday School 10am Bible Class

USHERS FOR JANURARY

Greg Jones, Mike Dumke, Lynn Dumke, Dennis Jones

COUNTERS

THIS WEEK TEAM # 4

Ron Kearly, Tristan Jenkins

NEXT WEEK TEAM # 5

Jim Kok, Mark Brown-Kempenaar

FRUITS OF FAITH

General - \$ 2676.00 Missions- \$ 95.00 \$100 to Organ Fund in memory of Virginia Riese

ATTENDANCE

Sunday Service – 61 Bible Class - 10 Sunday School - 7

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 23 – 2 pm Tubing Outing

January 24 - No School

Sunday, February 8, Children Singing in Church

OFFERING RECEIPTS

Annual offering reports are in your boxes. If you have any questions call Sue Klawitter 920-295-3853

CHRISTMAS EVE DVDS

Christmas Eve DVDs are available on the shelf under the bulletin board.

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

Jer. 1:4–10 (17–19) Psalm 71:1–6 (7–11) 1 Cor. 12:31b—13:13 Luke 4:31–44

CALL NEWS

Teacher Michaela Winters of Messiah Lutheran School, Hale Corners, WI, has received the call to be the lower grade of teacher of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN.

Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, has accepted the call to be the principal and upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN.

ILC Professor John Ude has returned the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Churches, Mt. View, CA, Stockton, CA, and Hayward, CA, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL.

Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, is still considering the call to be the principal and upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.

NOTES FROM VOTERS' MEETING

There were 19 voters in attendance.

The general treasurer reported that we ended the year with a \$10,000 balance.

The audit committee reported that all the books were in order. However, they had two questions. The first is how the electronic donations were being reported in the bulletin. The second was why the tuition money was not going to help pay the salaries of the teachers. The following men were elected to Church Council

Michael Dumke

Jeff Jones

Ryan Krueger

The following men were elected to Board of Education

Clay Bobek

Todd Thiem

Troy Cotterill

Dan Thiem reported that there are a A motion was made and accepted to number of upcoming projects: increase student tuition for non-

- The wall in the new furnace room needs to be replaced
- 2. The windows in the classrooms need work
- The roof of the carport is leaking
- There cracks in the blacktop need to be sealed

The stone on the new sign needs to be finished.

The church council asked the voters to decide to move forward on either replacing the carpet in the church or replacing the windows in the church.

A motion was made and accepted to move forward on replacing the windows. The clear glass windows will be replaced first after which we will discuss adding stain glass to the inside.

A motion was also made and accepted to start a fund for replacing the carpet in the church. Dan Thiem reported that the cost would be between at least \$16,000.

A motion was made and accepted to increase student tuition for nonmember students to \$700 for the 1st child and \$375 for each additional child starting next school year.

The church council approved the church calendar which Pastor Ude presented for the next three months.

March 2 - Ash Wednesday Service 7pm (communion)

March 9 - April 6 - Lent Services 7pm

April 14 - Maundy Thursday 7pm (communion) April 15 - Good Friday 1:30pm (communion)

April 17 - Easter Service (7am and 9am)

- 8am Easter Brunch, Easter Egg Hunt

April 21 - QTR Voter's Meeting

The council recommended a wage increase of 7.5% of all workers. The voters approved this recommendation. The increase will begin retroactively January 1, 2022.

A motion was made and accepted to begin listing all tuition money separately.

A motion was made and accepted to schedule a call meeting the first Sunday after the next school board meeting, that is Sunday February 6th.

A motion was made and accepted to adjourn. The next quarterly voters' meeting is 7pm April 21.

Full reports on shelf under bulletin board.



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