

Faith Lutheran Church
November 19th 2023

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
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as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

November 19 2023

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

Speaker:

Matthew Ude

Pianist:

Lila Brown

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 90:1-12

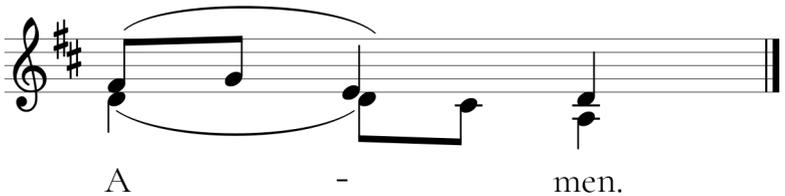
Lord, You have been our dwelling place¹ in all generations.
² Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever You had formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, You *are* God. ³ You turn man to destruction, And say, "Return, O children of men." ⁴ For a thousand years in Your sight *Are* like yesterday when it is past, And *like* a watch in the night. ⁵ You carry them away *like* a flood; *They are* like a sleep. In the morning they are like grass *which* grows up: ⁶ In the morning it flourishes and grows up; In the evening it is cut down and withers. ⁷ For we have been consumed by Your anger, And by Your wrath we are terrified. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before You, Our secret *sins* in the light of Your countenance. ⁹ For all our days have passed away in Your wrath; We finish our years like a sigh. ¹⁰ The days of our lives *are* seventy years; And if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years, Yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away. ¹¹ Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath. ¹² So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

#239 Come Thou Almighty King

INVOCATION

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



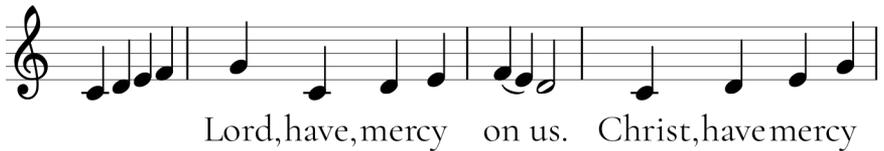
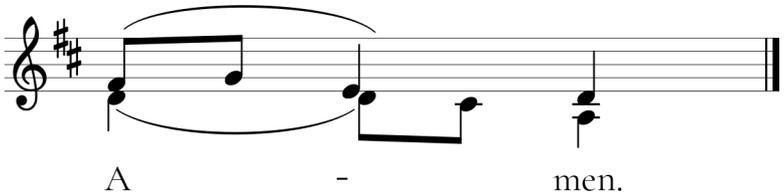
CONFESSION OF SINS

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 **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.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to all peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
 heav-enly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther; We
 wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
 praise You for Your glory. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly
 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take away the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
 us. You are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-

ceiveour prayer For You alone are the Ho-ly One,
 You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

p Let us pray . . . Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

THE WORD

Zephaniah 1:7-16 ⁷ Be silent in the presence of the Lord GOD; For the day of the LORD is at hand, For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has invited^t His guests. ⁸ "And it shall be, In the day of the LORD'S sacrifice, That I will punish the princes and the king's children, And all such as are clothed with foreign apparel. ⁹ In the same day I will punish All those who leap over the threshold^t, Who fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit. ¹⁰ "And there shall be on that day," says the LORD, "The sound of a mournful cry from the Fish Gate, A wailing from the Second Quarter, And a loud crashing from the hills. ¹¹ Wail, you inhabitants of Maktesh!^t For all the merchant people are cut down; All those who handle money are cut off. ¹² "And it shall come to pass at that time *That* I will search Jerusalem with lamps, And punish the men Who are settled in complacency^t, Who say in their heart, 'The LORD will not do good, Nor will He do evil.' ¹³ Therefore their goods shall become booty, And their houses a desolation; They shall build houses, but not inhabit *them*; They shall plant vineyards, but not drink their wine." ¹⁴ The

great day of the LORD is near; *It is near and hastens quickly.* The noise of the day of the LORD is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out. ¹⁵ That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶ A day of trumpet and alarm Against the fortified cities And against the high towers.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. ² For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. ³ For when they say, "Peace and safety!" then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. ⁴ But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. ⁶ Therefore let us not sleep, as others *do*, but let us watch and be sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. ⁸ But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope

of salvation. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him. ¹¹ Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

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 written 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.

#400 Take My Life And Let It Be

SERMON

Matthew 25:14-30 ¹⁴ "For *the kingdom of heaven* is like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ "And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. ¹⁶ "Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ "And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. ¹⁸ "But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. ¹⁹ "After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ "So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' ²¹ "His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²² "He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' ²³ "His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have

been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²⁴ "Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ 'And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is yours*.' ²⁶ "But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷ 'So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. ²⁸ 'Therefore take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents. ²⁹ 'For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ 'And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

TREASURE THE GIFTS OF GOD

(worksheet on page 18)



Create in me a clean heart, O



God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your presence; take not Your Ho-ly



Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-



va - - tion. Up -



hold me with Your free Spir - it.

#447 Fight The Good Fight

Offering Hymn #572:4

As Thy prospering hand hath blest,
May we give Thee all our best
And by deeds of kindly love
For Thy mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days
Praise to God, immortal praise.

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.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

#451 Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 19

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

Thursday, November 23

10am Thanksgiving Communion Service

Sunday, November 26

9am Communion Service

10am Christmas Eve Practice

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 23 Thanksgiving Service

10:00 am

November 26 Christmas Eve Practice

December 2, 9am Christmas Decorating

December 6, 7pm Advent Service

December 10 Christmas Caroling

December 13, 8pm Voters' Meeting

December 24, 6:30pm Christmas Eve

December 25, 10am Christmas Day

December 31, 7pm New Year's Eve

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Ryan Krueger, Andy Kohn,

Parker Kohn, Tyler Denson

USHERS FOR DECEMBER

Benjamin Lillo, Blaine Kempenaar,

Mark Kempenaar, Mike Dumke

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 1

David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

Next Week Team # 2

Jim Hanneman, Lloyd Schmidt

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 81

Bible Class – 12

Sunday School - 14

General Fund – \$2727

Missions - \$570

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

The church is invited to join us in caroling on Sunday December 10th.

Lisa and Marion have volunteered to provide Chili after the caroling.

Those who come are welcome to bring a side dish or desert. Exact time of caroling TBD.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Christmas decorating at the church is scheduled at 9am on Saturday December 2nd. available on the shelf.

NOVEMBER REPORTS

2024 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP

Applications are being accepted for the 2024 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Find more information and apply online:
mht.lutheranmissions.org

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a

1 Cor. 15:20-28

Matt. 25:31-46

CALL NEWS

Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen's Lutheran of Mt. View, CA has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN.

Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran of Vernon, British Columbia, has returned the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

Sermon Worksheet - Matthew 25:14-30

Pre service

What does Jesus mean when he talks about talents?

What talents have Jesus given you?

How can you make daily use of these talents?

Sermon

What event does Jesus anticipate with this parable?

What two things do such parables teach us?

In the daily life of Jesus' time, what was a talent?

What do we usually think of when we talk about talents?

What "talents" did Jesus deliver to his church before his ascension?

What about this parable seems absurd from an earthly view?

What is it that the man was actually burying?

What is it that Jesus has "delivered to us?"

What does Jesus want us to do with this treasure?



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