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**JANUARY 7, 2024    FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# 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

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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**Speaker:**

Pastor Matthew Ude

**Organist:**

Lila Brown

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# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

## *Psalm 72:1-11*

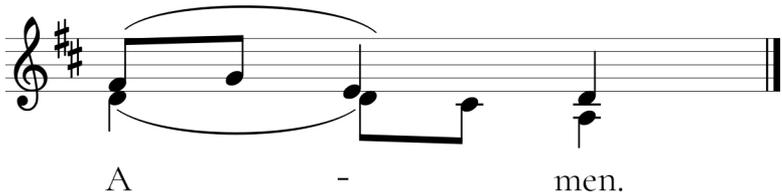
Give the king Your judgments, O God, And Your righteousness to the king's Son. <sup>2</sup> He will judge Your people with righteousness, And Your poor with justice. <sup>3</sup> The mountains will bring peace to the people, And the little hills, by righteousness. <sup>4</sup> He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor. <sup>5</sup> They shall fear You<sup>r</sup> As long as the sun and moon endure, Throughout all generations. <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing, Like showers *that* water the earth. <sup>7</sup> In His days the righteous shall flourish, And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more. <sup>8</sup> He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River to the ends of the earth. <sup>9</sup> Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him, And His enemies will lick the dust. <sup>10</sup> The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents; The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts. <sup>11</sup> Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; All nations shall serve Him.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #136 Angels from the Realms of Glory

### INVOCATION

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

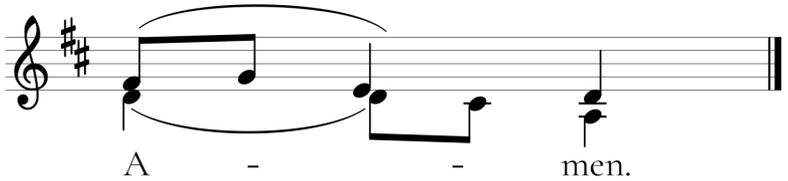


### CONFESSION OF SINS

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.





Glo - ry to God, we  
Lord Je - sus Christ, the  
A - lone, O Christ, You



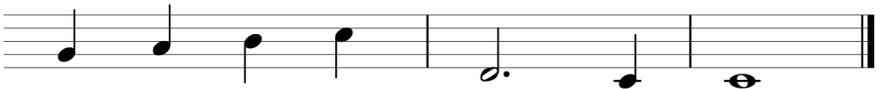
give You thanks and praise; Of heav'n - ly  
Fa - ther's on - ly Son, You bore for  
on - ly are the Lord, At God's right



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

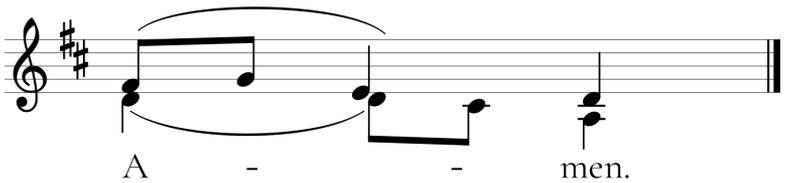


You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, al-  
God, Your glo-rious vic-t'ry won, Re - ceive our  
Spir - it worshiped and a - dored, With all the



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 . . . Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the one true Light of your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## THE WORD

**Ephesians 3:1-12** For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles-- <sup>2</sup> if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, <sup>3</sup> how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, <sup>4</sup> by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), <sup>5</sup> which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: <sup>6</sup> that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gos-

pel, <sup>7</sup> of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. <sup>8</sup> To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, <sup>9</sup> and to make all see what *is* the fellowship<sup>1</sup> of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ<sup>2</sup>; <sup>10</sup> to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly *places*, <sup>11</sup> according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup> in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.

**Matthew 2:1-12** Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." <sup>3</sup> When Herod the king heard *this*, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. <sup>4</sup> And when he had gathered all the chief

priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. <sup>5</sup> So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: <sup>6</sup> 'But you, Bethlehem, *in* the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel!'" <sup>7</sup> Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. <sup>8</sup> And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found *Him*, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." <sup>9</sup> When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. <sup>10</sup> When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. <sup>11</sup> And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. <sup>12</sup> Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

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 musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some phrases ending in a fermata. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## 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 seat-

ed 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.

## Children's Sermon

### #127 As with Gladness Men of Old (MFH 54)

## SERMON

**Isaiah 60:1-6** Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. <sup>2</sup> For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. <sup>3</sup> The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. <sup>4</sup> "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And

your daughters shall be nursed at *your* side. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. <sup>6</sup> The multitude of camels shall cover your *land*, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

## THE LIGHT IS WORTH THE TRIP

The Magi went on a long and dangerous journey to see Jesus and then return. The prophet Isaiah foretells the true worth of what they went to see and why they were willing to travel so far to see it.



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.

## #134 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

## 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 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.



**#130:1,2,5,6 O Jesus, King of Glory**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sunday, January 7**

9am Worship Service

10:15am Bible Class

10:00 am Sunday School

**Tuesday, January 9**

6:30 Elders Meeting

7:30 Council Meeting

**Wednesday, January 10**

4:15 Confirmation Class

**Friday, January 12**

3:30 BB Practice

**Sunday, January 14**

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15 Bible Class

## **FRUITS OF FAITH**

Sunday Service – 57

Communion - 40

New Year's Eve Service – 14

Communion - 8

## **USHERS FOR JANUARY**

Jeff Jones, Gary Brown,  
David Draeger, Wayne Draeger

## **COUNTERS**

**This Week Team # 3**

Preston Schmidt, Robert Schmidt

**Next Week Team # 4**

Lynn Dumke, Tyler Denson

## **VOTERS MEETING**

Annual voters meeting January 25.

## **2024 CLC MISSION HELPER TRIP**

Applications are still being accepted for the 2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Participants will have the privilege of helping to spread the Gospel to children in Kenya/Uganda, Tanzania, or Zambia in July. The application period will end on January 16th. Find more information and apply online at [www.mht.lutheranmissions.org](http://www.mht.lutheranmissions.org).

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL MATERIAL**

The bottom bookshelf in the office contains various pieces of past Sunday school materials. If anyone wants any of this, please take it home. After January we will be getting rid of anything that is left.

## WALK WITH THE APOSTLE PAUL

### (GREECE AND TURKEY TRIP)

The deadline for registering for the group trip to Greece/Turkey/Italy is this week, January 12th. The trip is currently planned for May 27-June 5, 2024 with a three day extension to Rome for those who are interested. We are currently a couple of travelers short of our minimum group size. If you have been thinking of going, please register this week. The trip will include stops in Athens, Corinth, Berea, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Ephesus and visits to the traditional sites of many of the locations visited by the Apostle Paul as recorded in the Book of Acts. The extension to Rome will include visits to the Sistine Chapel, Basilica of St. Peter, Catacombs, Colosseum, St. Paul's Church, and more. A video of a similar trip can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ul-o6E47MMw>. If you would like more information about this trip, please contact Nathanael Mayhew (nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). Brochures with additional trip details are available upon request.

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Gen. 1:1-5

Psalm 29

Rom. 6:1-11

Mark 1:4-11

## CALL NEWS

Pastor Thomas Schuetze of St. Paul Lutheran of Lakewood, CO is still considering the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI. Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD is still considering the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN.





“Where is the  
one who has  
been born

# KING OF THE JEWS?

We saw his star when  
it rose and have come  
to worship him.”

Matthew 2:2, NIV

