

May 14th 2023

Faith Lutheran Church



FOR CHRIST
ALSO SUFFERED
FOR SINS
ONCE FOR ALL.

1 PETER 3:18, NRSV

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

May 14th 2023

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

Speaker:

Pastor Matthew Ude

Organist:

Ann Sprengeler

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 66:8-20

⁸ Oh, bless our God, you peoples! And make the voice of His praise to be heard, ⁹ Who keeps our soul among the living, And does not allow our feet to be moved. ¹⁰ For You, O God, have tested us; You have refined us as silver is refined. ¹¹ You brought us into the net; You laid affliction on our backs. ¹² You have caused men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water; But You brought us out to rich *fulfillment*. ¹³ I will go into Your house with burnt offerings; I will pay You my vows, ¹⁴ Which my lips have uttered And my mouth has spoken when I was in trouble. ¹⁵ I will offer You burnt sacrifices of fat animals, With the sweet aroma of rams; I will offer bulls with goats. Selah ¹⁶ Come *and* hear, all you who fear God, And I will declare what He has done for my soul. ¹⁷ I cried to Him with my mouth, And He was extolled with my tongue. ¹⁸ If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear. ¹⁹ *But* certainly God has heard *me*; He has attended to the voice of my prayer. ²⁰ Blessed *be* God, Who has not turned away my prayer, Nor His mercy from me!

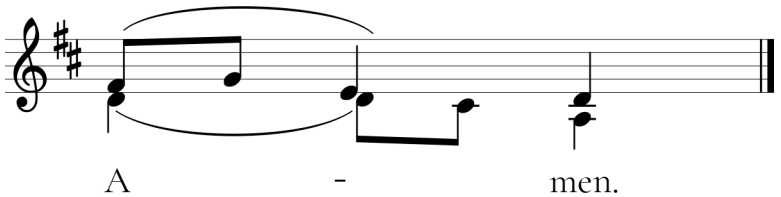
SERVICE OF THE WORD

#5 Lord Open Thou My Heart To Hear

by Johannes Olearius, 1611-1684

INVOCATION

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

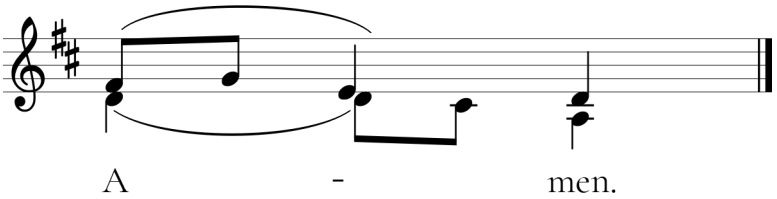


CONFESSION OF SINS

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.





Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1. — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
5. For the Lamb _____ who was



slain, whose blood set us free
strength, and hon - or, bless -
God, and join in the hymn of
might be to God and the Lamb for -
slain has be - gun His reign.



to be peo - ple of God. *refrain*
 ing, and glo - ry are His. *refrain*
 all cre - a - tion: *stanza 4*
 ev - er. A - men. *refrain*
 Al - le - lu - ia. *final refrain*

Final Refrain

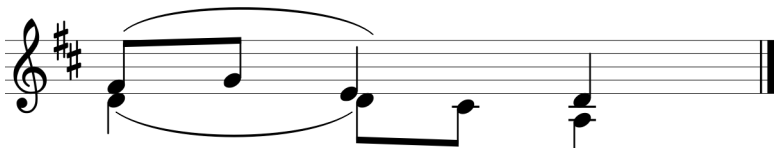


This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

p Let us pray . . . O God, the giver of all that is good,
 by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think
 those things that are right and by Your merciful
 guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Chris, Your
 Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
 the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

THE WORD

Acts 17:16-31 ¹⁶ Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to idols. ¹⁷ Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the *Gentile* worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸ Then certain Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, "What does this babbler want to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign gods," because he preached to them Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹ And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new doctrine *is* of which you speak?" ²⁰ "For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean." ²¹ For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing. ²² Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ "for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar

with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ "Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ "so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ "for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' ²⁹ "Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. ³⁰ "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

John 14:15-21 ¹⁵ "If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ "And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever-- ¹⁷ "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ "I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ "A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ "At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

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.

#387:1-4 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

by Martin Luther, 1483-1546

SERMON

1 **Peter 3:13-22** ¹³ And who *is* he who will harm you if you become followers of what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, *you are* blessed. "And do not be afraid of their threats, nor be troubled." ¹⁵ But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; ¹⁶ having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷ For *it is* better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹ by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in

which a few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.
²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us-- baptism
(not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of
a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the
right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers hav-
ing been made subject to Him.

SHARING WHAT IS PRECIOUS

Ponder the wonders of God in you heart
to learn how precious Christ is.

Share with meekness what Jesus has done for you.

(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.

#467:1-3 Built on the Rock

by Nicolai F.S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872

Offering Hymn #441:1-2

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.



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

#467:4-7 Built on the Rock

by Nicolai F.S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, May 14

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

Tuesday, May 16

6:30pm SS & VBS Meeting

Wednesday, May 17

3:40pm Confirmation Class

Thursday, May 18

7pm Ascension Service

Questioning of Confirmands

Sunday May 21

9am Worship Service

Confirmation Sunday

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16th 6:30pm SS & VBS Meeting

May 18th 7pm Ascension Service
and confirmation questioning

May 21st Confirmation Sunday

June 4th Graduation and Church
Picnic

June 5-6 Delegates Conference

July 17-21 VBS

USHERS FOR MAY

John Bobek, Dan Thiem,

Mitch Newton, Carter Newton

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 5

Steve Meilahn, Jim Kok

Next Week Team # 6

Bill Jenkins, Adam Frederick

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 65

Bible Class – 11

Sunday School- 5

General - \$ 3740

Missions - \$ 65

Building Fund- \$ 100

Organ Fund- \$ 25

CHURCH PICNIC

Church picnic is June 4th. Lunch will be served at noon. School board will be providing meat, buns and ice cream. Members can bring a side dish to share.

SUMMER MOWING

The signup sheet for mowing this summer is on the bulletin board. Darwin has offered to let people use his mower. If you need Darwin's mower, please indicate such on the signup sheet.

2023 VBS

The school board moved the dates of VBS back one week to July 17-21.

MONTHLY MEETING NOTES

Monthly meeting notes available on the shelf.

SPOKESMAN RENEWAL

Spokesman renewal form is on the shelf.

CLC YOUTH CAMP 2023!

Camp will be held at the Pillager location this year from June 11-17th! Registration opens March 18th at 3pm CST for campers entering 6th-12th grade. More information can be found at [https://](https://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp)

youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp

Email youthcamp.clc@gmail.com with any questions!

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 1:12-26

Psalms 68:1-10

1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

John 17:1-11

CALL NEWS

Pastor Nathanael Mayhew of Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN and Faith Lutheran in New Ulm, MN has returned the call to serve as the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI.

Messiah, Eau Claire has now extended that call to Pastor Matthew Hanel of St. Matthew Lutheran in Dallas, TX.

Sermon Worksheet - 1 Peter 3:13-22

Where did Paul preach?

What made Paul's sermon so powerful?

What other man shared a similar confession?

To what did Jesus compare God's kingdom?

Why do we keep celebrating the same events and reading the same account?

What does it mean to sanctify the Lord?

What is the content of our speaking?

What is the attitude of our speaking?

What did Paul mean by “the truth?”

What problem do some of us have with speaking?

What is the magic ratio?

What does this teach us about ourselves?

What did Jesus do for us?



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