



WELCOME TO FAITH

Our Mission

Our mission is to proclaim the Gospel to all people so they may know and trust in Jesus as their savior for eternal life, grow in knowledge and faith, and show this faith in their daily lives.

Upon entering the sanctuary, please use this time to prepare for worship; suggested prayers can be found on the inside cover of this folder (as found in the front page of Lutheran Service Book) and on the back pages of this folder (as found on page 308 of the LSB). (“Be still and know that I am God.” – Psalm 46:10a)

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don’t feel you have to suppress it in God’s house. All are welcome!

Lenten Mid-Week
March 1, 2023 — 6:30 PM

*...Every good tree bears good fruit,
but a bad tree bears bad fruit. - Matthew 7:17*

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

OPENING HYMN

850 God of Grace and God of Glory

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
 On Your people pour Your pow'r;
Crown Your ancient Church's story;
 Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the facing of this hour,
 For the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.

- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness;
 Bend our pride to Your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
 Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,
 Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

- 4 Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.

THE INVITATION:

Pastor: Now is the time of God's favor;

People: Now is the day of salvation.

Pastor: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

People: That the light of your face may shine on us.

Pastor: May your justice shine like the sun;

People: And may the poor be lifted up.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to you, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

HYMN OF REFLECTION

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

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THE PSALMODY - *Psalm 142*

Pastor: I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.

People: I pour out my complaint before him; before him I tell my trouble.

Pastor: When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who know my way. In the path where I walk men have hidden a snare for me.

People: Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

Pastor: I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

People: Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.

Pastor: Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to you, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

HYMN OF REFLECTION

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28

Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the Lord swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse - the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE:*Colossians 1:3-14*

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints - the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL*Matthew 7:15-29*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will

say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to You, O Christ.

OFFICE HYMN

433 Glory Be to Jesus

- 1 Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!
- 2 Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!
- 3 Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem!
- 4 Abel’s blood for vengeance
Pleaded to the skies;

But the blood of Jesus
For our pardon cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting
Wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing
Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

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SERMON: *The Nature of Good Fruit*

OFFERING (*When we worship God with our offerings, we recall the words of Jesus: “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Matthew 6:21*)

CANTICLE:

Pastor: The Lord delivers us from the power of darkness,

People: **And leads us into the kingdom of his Son.**

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

1 On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
That life’s riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope’s foundation,
And my glory and salvation!

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PRAYERS

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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.

Pastor: O Lord, hear, my prayer.

People: And let my cry come to You.

Pastor: Let us pray to the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.

Pastor: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast to the unchangeable truth of your Word; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: O almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us without all doubt to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life that, following his steps, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We thank You, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept us this day; and we pray that You would forgive us all our sins where we have done wrong, and graciously keep us this night. For into Your hands we commend ourselves, body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angels be with us, that the evil foe may have no power over us.

People: **Amen. Praise to you, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

HYMN OF REFLECTION:

702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

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THE BLESSING:

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **Amen.**

THE CLOSING HYMN

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

- 2 When the woes of life o’ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**✠THE WORSHIP IS ENDED.
LET THE SERVICE BEGIN.✠**

**✠ We Go in Peace to Serve the Lord ✠
✠ Trust ✠ Grow ✠ Show ✠**

THOSE ASSISTING IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

Preacher

Rev. Marc A. Kappel, M.Div.

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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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