

*He himself
is before all
things, and in
him all things
hold together.*

COLOSSIANS 1:17, NRSV

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As We Gather

“For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross” (Colossians 1:19–20). On the cross, Jesus died for the sins of the world. On the cross, Jesus comforted one of the criminals crucified with Him. On the cross, Jesus interceded even for those who crucified Him. On the cross, Jesus makes peace by His blood.

[Today’s hymns are printed on pages 9-12 of the bulletin.]

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

WS 743 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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

C **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 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.

C Amen.



✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer-cy on us.

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and ends with a double bar line.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

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 glo-ry. Lord Je-sus
Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the

The musical notation for this section is spread across eight staves. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is more complex than the first section, featuring eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The key signature changes to three flats (B-flat, E-flat, and A-flat) in the final two staves.

Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:13-18

¹³ “Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵ And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’ ” ¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷ “They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

- P** God is our refuge and strength,
C **a very present help in trouble.**
- P** Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
C **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**
- P** though its waters roar and foam,
C **though the mountains tremble at its swelling.**
- P** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
C **the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- P** God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
C **God will help her when morning dawns.**
- P** The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
C **he utters his voice, the earth melts.**
- P** The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
- P** Come, behold the works of the LORD,
C **how he has brought desolations on the earth.**
- P** He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
C **he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.**
- P** “Be still, and know that I am God.
C **I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”**
- P** The LORD of hosts is with us;
C **the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:27-43

²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his

Chosen One!”³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!”⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?”⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.”⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Alleluia

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
writ - ten 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!

Confession of Faith

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.

Hymn

TLH 652 – I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Sermon Text

Colossians 1:13-20

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.



See What Christ Your King Has Done

Offertory



 Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O

 God. 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. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-

 va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn

TLH 352 – O Savior, Precious Savior

Offering Hymn

TLH 441 (1-2) – We Give Thee But Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2. May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

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.

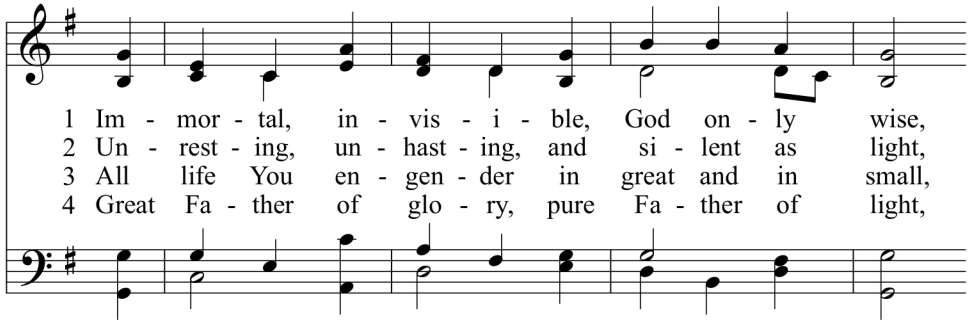
C Amen.

Closing Hymn

TLH 339 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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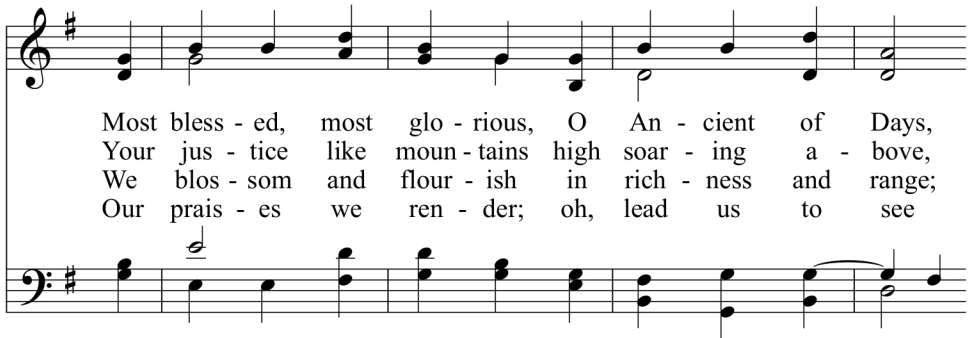
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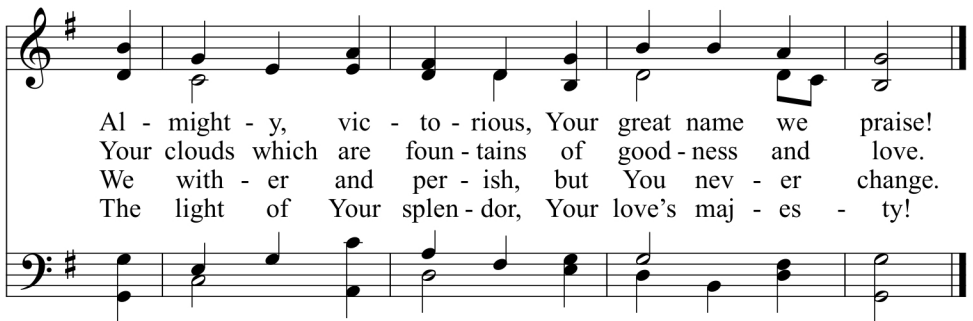
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 All life You en - gen - der in great and in small,
4 Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,



In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Not want - ing nor wast - ing, You rule in Your might,
Of all life Be - friend - er, the true Life of all.
Your an - gels a - dore You, all veil - ing their sight.



Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, O An - cient of Days,
Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
We blos - som and flour - ish in rich - ness and range;
Our prais - es we ren - der; oh, lead us to see



Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Your great name we praise!
Your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
We with - er and per - ish, but You nev - er change.
The light of Your splen - dor, Your love's maj - es - ty!

TLH 652 - I Lay My Sins on Jesus

7. 6. 7. 6. D.

John 1: 29
Horatius Bonar, 1848

Aurelia
Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, The spot-less Lamb of God;
2 I lay my wants on Je - sus, All ful-ness dwells in Him;
3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, This wea-ry soul of mine;
4 I long to be like Je - sus, Meek, lov-ing, low-ly, mild;

He bears them all and frees us From the ac-curs-ed load.
He heal-eth my dis-eas-es, He doth my soul re-deem.
His right hand me em-brac-es, I on His breast re-cline.
I long to be like Je - sus, The Fa-ther's ho-ly Child.

I bring my guilt to Je - sus To wash my crim-son stains
I lay my griefs on Je - sus, My bur-dens and my cares;
I love the name of Je - sus, Im-man-uel, Christ, the Lord;
I long to be with Je - sus A-mid the heav'n-ly throng

White in His blood most pre-cious Till not a spot re-mains.
He from them all re-leas-es, He all my sor-rows shares.
Like fra-grance on the breez-es His name a-broad is poured.
To sing with saints His prais-es, To learn the an-gels' song. A-men.

TLH 352 – O Savior, Precious Savior

1 Pet. 1: 8
Frances R. Havergal, 1870

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Angel's Story
Arthur H. Mann, 1881



1 O Sav - ior, pre-cious Sav - ior, Whom, yet un - seen, we love;
2 O Bring - er of sal - va - tion, Who won - drous - ly hast wrought
3 In Thee all ful - ness dwell - eth, All grace and pow'r di - vine;
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion Of this our song a - bove



O Name of might and fa - vor, All oth - er names a - bove,
Thy - self the rev - e - la - tion Of love be - yond our thought,
The glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is Thine.
In end - less ad - o - ra - tion And ev - er - last - ing love!



We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We wor - ship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where per - fect prais - es ring



We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our ho - ly Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our gra - cious Lord and King.
We praise Thee and con - fess Thee, Our glo - rious Lord and King.
And ev - er - more con - fess Thee Our Sav - ior and our King. A - men.



TLH 339 – All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Rev. 19: 16

Edward Perronet, 1779, *ab., alt.*

C. M.

Coronation

Oliver Holden, 1793



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 2 Crown Him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, Who from His al - tar call;
 3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the Fall,



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
 Ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod And crown Him Lord of all.
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all. A - men.



4 Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,
 Whom David Lord did call,
 The God incarnate, Man divine,
 And crown Him Lord of all.

6 Let every kindred, every tribe,
 On this terrestrial ball
 To Him all majesty ascribe
 And crown Him Lord of all.

5 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
 The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at His feet
 And crown Him Lord of all.

7 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
 We at His feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song
 And crown Him Lord of all.

✝ Announcements ✝

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule – Online Calendar @ FDLlutheran.com/calendar

November 20	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
November 21	6:30 pm	Ladies' Gathering at the Parsonage
November 22	1:00 pm	Young at Heart Party
November 23	6:30 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service
November 26	9:00 am	Christmas Decorating
November 27	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service
November 29	6:30 pm	Elders
November 30	6:30 pm	Midweek Advent Worship Service
December 1	10:00 am	Bible Class
December 4	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:15 am	Fellowship Hour

Advent by Candlelight: Ladies, join us for this beautiful afternoon of fellowship on Sunday, December 11th at 3:30 pm in the fellowship hall. Come, relax, and set aside all the worries of the Christmas season as we focus our hearts on Christ. Please RSVP at www.FdLLutheran.com/advent or sign-up on the bulletin board. Questions? Contact Kate Sauers at 314-540-8781. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board to help with bringing food, decorating a table, or reading during the program. Let us know how you can help. Thank you!

Christmas Poinsettias: Haentze Floral is offering a special discount on poinsettias to churches. The plants will be used to decorate our church for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and you will be able to take them home after the Christmas Day service. The cost for a 5-6 bloom plant is \$15.99 and for an 8-10 bloom plant is \$27.99. Please sign up on the bulletin board of contact Barb Haensgen at rbaensgen@gmail.com. Orders must be placed by Sunday, November 27th.

Ladies Gathering: Our next ladies' gathering will be a Christmas card-making night – tomorrow, November 21st at 6:30 pm at the Parsonage. Card examples and supplies will be provided, and then you are free to design and create as much as you'd like! If you have any Christmas-themed stickers or fabric ribbon (1” wide or less), feel free to bring them.

Young at Heart Party: This year's fall/winter Young at Heart (75ers) party is Tuesday, November 22, beginning at 1:00 pm.

Snow Removal: There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help out with snow removal this year. Please consider signing up if you are able to help. We bought a new snow blower last year that certainly helps to make the work a lot easier.

Midweek Advent Worship: Our Midweek Advent Worship series this year is entitled *This is My Son*. Just as God's people of old waited with faith in the coming Messiah, so is our Advent anticipation of Christmas. Our hopes and fears are real. They can distract us from God's promises. God's promise was from the beginning spoken to Adam and Eve. Salvation would come through the woman's offspring (Genesis 3:15). But it would not be Cain, the son of Adam, nor Ishmael, the son of Abraham, nor Absalom, the son of David. The true Son of Adam and Abraham and David is the Son of God. Our attention and faith thus direct our hopes and fears to God's Son, in whom we receive adoption as sons and daughters in the family of God.

Services will be at 6:30 pm. We will be participating in a pulpit exchange this year. Here is the schedule of services:

- **November 30** – Jesus, The True Son – Pastor Matt Ude
- **December 7** – Absalom, The Son of David – Pastor David Ude
- **December 14** – Ishmael, The Son of Abraham – Pastor Mark Tiefel
- **December 21** – Cain, The Son of Adam – Pastor Sauers

2023 CLC Mission Helper Trip: Applications are being accepted for the 2023 Mission Helper Trip to Nepal. Space is limited for this trip so please apply early. Find more information at: <https://mht.lutheranmissions.org/>

CLC Call News: Pastor Bruce Naumann of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, is still considering the call to to serve as the CLC's Third Foreign Missionary. + Pastor Rob Sauers of Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL. + Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN, is still considering the dual call to serve Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood, WA and Ascension Lutheran, Tacoma, WA.

Fruits of Faith – Week of November 6		Attendance: Sun – 73 Wed – 4	
<u>Luther Memorial Church</u>		<u>Church of the Lutheran Confession</u>	
<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>		<i>Budgetary (Regular Expenses)</i>	
\$3,116.00	LM General Budget	\$170.00	CLC General Budget
\$2,923.08	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need
\$192.92	-Under / +Over	-\$214.62	-Under / +Over
\$117,324.61	Year to Date Offerings	\$5,995.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings
\$131,538.60	Year to Date Need	\$7,307.78	Fiscal Year to Date Need
-\$14,213.99	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$1,312.78	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)
<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>		<i>Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses)</i>	
	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund
\$15.00	LM M & I	\$25.00	Mission Development (MDF)
\$50.00	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$20.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage
	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival
\$20.00	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous

