A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING TO OUR GOD AND SAVIOR

THE CALL TO WORSHIP - PSALM 100

- M: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;
- C: Serve the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.
- M: Know that the Lord is God.
- C: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
- M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise;
- C: Give thanks to him and praise his name.
- M: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
- C: His faithfulness continues through all generations.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION (Spoken in Unison)

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

Then King David went and sat before the LORD and said:

Who am I, LORD God? And what is my house that you have brought me to this point? Yet this was a small thing in your eyes, LORD God. You have also spoken about the house of your servant for a long time into the future. Is this the law for the man, LORD God?

What more can David say to you? You know your servant, LORD God. Because of your word and according to the plan of your heart, you have carried out this great thing in order to make your servant aware of it. Therefore, you are great, LORD God, because there is none like you. There is no God except you, in keeping with everything we have heard with our ears.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY......Psalm 100B (see insert)

Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.

A certain one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him. Jesus entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. Just then a sinful woman from that town learned that he was reclining in the Pharisee's house. She brought an alabaster jar of perfume, stood behind him near his feet weeping, and began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she began to wipe them with her hair while also kissing his feet and anointing them with the perfume. When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would realize who is touching him and what kind of woman she is, because she is a sinner."

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

He said, "Teacher, say it."

"A certain moneylender had two debtors. The one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he forgave them both. So, which of them will love him more?"

Simon answered, "I suppose the one who had the larger debt forgiven."

Then he told him, "You have judged correctly." Turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house, but you did not give me water for my feet. Yet she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but she, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfume. Therefore I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; that is why she loved so much. But the one who is forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

Those reclining at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you. Go in peace."

THE SERMON Philippians 4:4-9 "Don't Just Say It; Show It"

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

(The congregation sings hymn 506, v.3 as the offering is presented)

A PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His love endures forever.

M: Give thanks to God for the blessing of the FAMILY:

C: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother" – which is the first commandment with a promise - "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy a long life on the earth." Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. The father of a righteous man has great joy; he who has a wise son delights in him. May your father and mother be glad; may she who gave you birth rejoice!

M: Give thanks for the blessing of faithful HUSBANDS and FATHERS:

C: Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

M: Give thanks for the blessing of faithful WIVES and MOTHERS:

C: A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth more than rubies. She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her; many women do noble things, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

M: Give thanks to God for the blessing of CHILDREN:

C: Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from him. Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

M: Give thanks for the blessing of GRANDPARENTS and the ELDERLY:

C: Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children. The glory of young men is their strength, gray hair the splendor of the old. Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding? Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly, and revere your God.

M: Give thanks for God's blessing of COMFORT when our loved ones die:

C: Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath, but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Spoken by the Congregation)

THE BENEDICTION



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEAD USHERS: Ron Knueppel/Randy Sellnow

<u>ORGANISTS!!</u> The <u>December</u> schedule is hanging on the <u>SCHOOL</u> bulletin board. Please look at your calendars in the near future and sign up for the date(s) you are willing to play for us. Thank you!

<u>CHRISTMAS CARDS:</u> Boxes of Christmas cards are available for purchase from the "Greeting Card Corner" display in the church basement. Just pick out the boxes that you wish to purchase, complete a payment envelope, and give it to **Diane Koch.**

CHURCH DECORATING: Please join us on Saturday, December 3, beginning at 11:00 AM to help decorate the church for the Christmas season. Those in attendance and helping with the decorating will be welcome to take part in a pizza party that day as well. If you plan on attending, we ask that you sign up on the sheet located on the church bulletin board. Please include your name and the number of people in your family who will be participating. This will help us in deciding how many pizzas need to be ordered. Thank you!

<u>A FREE-WILL OFFERING</u> will be taken on <u>Thursday, December 1,</u> -and- <u>Sunday, December 4,</u> to defray the costs of this year's Christmas gifts for the children. The children will be receiving Christmas ornaments.

JOINT ADVENT SERVICE AND CHOIR ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BETHANY, HUSTISFORD: All are invited to join Bethany and our other eastern Dodge County churches for a special Advent service on November 30 at 7:00 PM, with a chili supper beginning at 5:30 PM. If you'd like to bring something, they would appreciate anyone bringing a dessert to share. Bethany's Choir is preparing two new hymns that they would like to introduce in this service, and they would like to invite anyone to join their choir that night to sing these hymns. If you'd like to practice ahead of time, you can find the hymns in the new blue Christian Worship hymnal—352 "Joy has Dawned," and a new setting of 322 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus." There will be a joint choir practice at 6:00 PM on November 30 at Bethany, Hustisford.

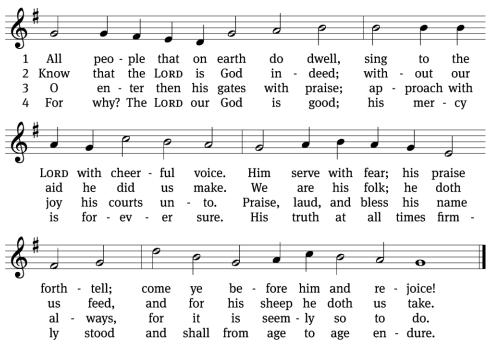
SEMINARY CHORUS CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Join the Seminary Chorus for their annual Christmas concert on December 11, 2022, at 3:00 PM and 7:00 PM in Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary's auditorium. Featured will be traditional and contemporary anthems for the choir and hymns and carols for the audience. There are no advanced ticket sales; a free-will offering is appreciated. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. The 3:00 PM concert will be live streamed at Livestream.com/WLSLive and a recording will be available for viewing afterward using the same link. The seminary is located at: 11831 N. Seminary Drive in Mequon. You can find additional information on Facebook and at wisluthsem.org.

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS:</u> The flowers on the altar this week are given to the glory of God by Ron & Ursula Keller in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

WE THANK the adult choir for their beautiful song today!

100B All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Psalm 100B



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