

# All God's Promises Are "YES" in Christ!



**CELEBRATING THE ONLY GOD WHO SAVES!**

8:30 and 11:15 am Worship Services

January 30, 2022

**FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Charlotte, Michigan

## **ENCOURAGEMENT FROM GOD'S WORD**

2 Corinthians 1:20 (NIV)

No matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.

### **WELCOME TO ALL WHO WORSHIP TODAY**

May your worship be blest as you hear the Word of God and respond.  
May God's word and Spirit touch your heart, mind, and life this morning  
to give you renewal, peace, and joy.

As we come to worship today, we want to reflect the wonderful one and only true God  
Who makes us His through the means of grace, giving us the gift of eternal life.

Not only does He save us from eternal destruction, He is working in us  
continually through His word and Spirit to grow our faith and guide our lives.

Before we worship, let's pray that God would fill the spirits of all who worship,  
renewing us, enlightening us, and giving us zeal. Please pray also  
that anyone who does not yet trust God's promise of salvation  
through Jesus and trust Jesus as his/her Savior would do so today.

### **"CONNECTION FORM" AND PRAYER REQUESTS**

*(a blue insert in your bulletin)*

We are asking that every individual or family complete a "Connection Form"  
and put it into the offering basket or on the table at the back of the sanctuary.  
Please also share your prayer requests.

### **CHILDCARE**

If you need a place to take a child during the worship, you may certainly take  
your child to the room behind the windows at the back of the sanctuary.  
There is a speaker there so that you can see and hear the service.

## **THE ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **HALLOWED BE THY NAME**

#### **THE INVOCATION AND BLESSING**

Pastor: We are gathered together today to worship the Sovereign God –  
the true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Who has mercifully and  
graciously made us His people through the sacrificial death of Jesus  
and the work of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen**

Pastor: The Lord be with you as we worship.

**People: And also with you.**

#### A PSALM OF PRAISE FOR THE GOD OF SALVATION - Psalm 98

Pastor: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**All: The LORD has made his salvation known . . .  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.  
He has remembered his love and his faithfulness  
to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Pastor: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the LORD  
with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,  
with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn.

**All: Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.  
Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.**

Pastor: Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy.

**All: Let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness . . .  
and the peoples with equity.**

Pastor: All glory be to the one true God.

**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**

#### A HYMN OF PRAISE - LSB 506 - "Glory Be to God the Father"

**Glory be to God the Father; glory be to God the Son;  
glory be to God the Spirit: faithful Lord God – Three in One!  
Glory, glory while eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him Who loved us, washed us from each spot and stain.  
Glory be to Him Who bought us, made us kings with Him to reign!  
Glory, glory to the Lamb that once was slain!**

**Glory to the King of angels. Glory to the Church's King,  
Glory to the King of nations. Heaven and earth, Your praises bring!  
Glory, glory to the King of glory sing!**

**Glory, blessing, praise eternal. Thus the choir of angels sing:  
Honor, riches, power, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.  
Glory, glory, glory to the King of Kings!**

# GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD

## OUR DAILY PRAYER

**O Lord God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, give US undivided hearts . . .  
that are centered on You and are totally attached to You.  
Help every one of us trust You and Your word fully.  
Help us love You above all people and things.  
Help us all revere You as the true God –  
our creator, provider, and protector,  
our savior-rescuer and model, and our sanctifier and enabler.  
Help us make You our Number 1 Priority. Protect us from evil  
and the evil one because we are Yours, O Lord. Amen**

## THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD EXPANDED AS OUR GENERAL PRAYER

All worshipers are asked to pray the Lord's Prayer in petitions one at a time.  
Pastor will pray additional thoughts or prayers on each petition  
and then conclude each segment with "Yes, . . ." and then repeat the petition.  
Worshipers then speak the next petition as indicated on the screen.

(After the Lord's Prayer join in singing this praise.)

**We praise You, God, our Lord, above,  
for You have blessed us with Your love.  
We laud Your name. We love You most,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

**With heart-felt thanks, we sing our praise,  
renewed in joy our voices raise.**

**With all the saints in heaven above,  
we praise You, God, for Your great love.**

HWC 626 - "Praise God" (The Doxology)

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 42:1-9

[God spoke through Isaiah about the coming Messiah.] "Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. <sup>2</sup> He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. <sup>3</sup> A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; <sup>4</sup> he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope." <sup>5</sup> This is what God the LORD says – the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: <sup>6</sup> "I, the LORD, have called you in

righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, <sup>7</sup> to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness. <sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not yield my glory to another or my praise to idols. <sup>9</sup> See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.”

Pastor: These are God’s prophecies through Isaiah.

**All: O God, help us recognize that You have always kept Your promises and that You will always keep Your promises.**

#### THE GOSPEL READING – Luke 16:19-31

(Jesus told this parable.) “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup> The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

Pastor: This is a very important parable that Jesus told.

**All: The blessings of being in God’s presence with Abraham and other saints is evident. The torture of being separated from God . . . and being in hell with Satan is also graphic.  
O Lord, help us walk with You in faith. Amen**

#### THE EPISTLE READING – Romans 3:19-26

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now a righteousness

from God apart from the law has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. <sup>25</sup> God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished – <sup>26</sup> he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Pastor: This is a wonderful explanation of how and why  
God rescued us from our sinfulness.

**All: God carried out His justice on all our sin by presenting Jesus as the sacrifice of atonement. He thereby showed us that He is just . . . and He is the one who justifies us – declaring that our sin has been punished. Thank You, God, and thank You, Jesus, for being our salvation. Amen**

## THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

A HYMN OF FAITH - LW 362 - "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness" – stanzas 1-3, 5

## THE MESSAGE

### **All God's Promises Are "Yes" in Christ**

2 Corinthians 1:20

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ.

## **THY WILL BE DONE FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM**

### OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH – The Nicene Creed (adapted)

Pastor: Since you have now heard the word of God, I ask you to affirm your faith.  
Do you believe in the Triune God -- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**All: I do believe in the Triune God.**

Pastor: Do you believe that God is the almighty creator?

**All: I believe that He is the maker of all things, visible and invisible.**

Pastor: Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God?

**All: I believe that Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made;**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
. . . and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary . . .  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us  
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures . . .  
and ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of the Father;  
and He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Spirit of God and His work in you?

**All: Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of Life,  
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
Who with the Father and Son together is worshiped and glorified.  
He spoke by the prophets.**

Pastor: Do you believe that the Holy Spirit has brought you  
into the holy Christian church?

**All: I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **DELIVER US FROM EVIL**

OUR CONFESSION OF SIN (Q and A form of confession)

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE CONSECRATION OF THE ELEMENTS FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

During the distribution, please join in singing these hymns:

LSB 623 – "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB 761 – "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

LSB 744 – "Amazing Grace"

A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THIS SACRAMENT

# THINE IS THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER AND EVER

## OUR GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

As people who have been forgiven and given God's Spirit,  
we are privileged to respond to His grace and Lordship  
by returning to Him a portion of what He has given to us.

*Please put your blue "Connection Form" into the offering plate  
or put it on the table at the back of the sanctuary..*

## OUR CLOSING PRAYER IN SONG - LSB 923 - "Almighty Father, Bless the Word" stanzas 1-2

## THE BENEDICTION

*Private Prayer  
Announcements*

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### OUR FOUNDATION STATEMENT

*First Lutheran Church, Charlotte, Michigan*

. . . a statement of who we are and how we function together . . .

**We are people of God, graciously saved by God through  
the sacrificial death of Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit.**

**In relationship with God as His family,  
recognizing His love for us,  
in faith we seek Him whole-heartedly,  
worship and commune faithfully,  
absorb God's word, pray to Him, and obey Him.**

**In relationship to others both inside and outside our family of God,  
as people enlightened by the Holy Spirit to the atoning work of God's Son,  
Jesus Christ, we encourage, serve, and care for others.**

**Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we evangelize, witness, and share  
with a desire to make all people disciples of Jesus.**

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