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Joint Mission Festival service with Faith Lutheran of New Ulm

Organist: Lane Fischer

Ushers for October: Joel Schauman, Howard Engholm, Ron Geiger, Andrew Geiger, Tom Jensen, Charles Lendt, Tony Schauman.

Mission Festival Guest Preacher: Pastor Dale Redlin

WELCOME! Greetings to everyone in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ! It is our prayer that your faith will be built up by the Word of God which you will hear in our Bible-based liturgy, singing and preaching. We are glad that you have joined us this morning and hope that you will return and join us again. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign the guest register at the back of the church.

† This Week at Grace †

- Today: 10/5 -**
- 10:00 A.M. Joint Mission Festival service
 - 10:00 A.M. Grace worship on TV channel 8
 - 11:30 A.M. Fellowship Lunch
- Wed. 10/8 -**
- 3:15 P.M. After School Bible Study
 - 4:30 P.M. Confirmation (Younger)
 - 5:30 P.M. Confirmation (Older)
 - 7:00 P.M. Grace worship on TV channel
 - 7:00 P.M. Sunday School Teachers' Meeting
- Friday 10/10 -**
- 10:00 A.M. Ross Park Bible Study (Mark 2)
- Sunday: 10/12 -**
- 8:00 A.M. Bible Class and Sunday School
 - 9:00 A.M. Family worship at Grace (Holy Communion)
 - 10:00 A.M. Grace worship on TV channel 8
 - 10:45 A.M. Worship at Faith, New Ulm

Serving Us This Coming Week:

October Ushers: Joel Schauman, Howard Engholm, Andrew Geiger, Ron Geiger, Tom Jensen, Charles Lendt, Tony Schauman. **Organist:** Emily Romberg. **Church Cleaning:** C.S.L. Romberg. **October Tellers:** Jon Riederer and Joel Schauman.

The Order of Worship

Bells - Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: 512 - *O Christ, Our True and Only Light*

Invocation:

P: We begin our service in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution: *(Taken from Psalm 32)*

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

C: ***For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.***

P: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

C: ***But steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.***

P: As a called servant of God I announce His grace unto you, and by the command of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore the Psalmist declares: "Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, you righteous; and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!"

All: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, And His truth endures to all generations. Amen. (Psalm 100)

The Gloria: *(tune of Hymn 39; written by: Dr. Karl G. Kretzmann in 1929)*

C: ♪ ***Praise to the FATHER Almighty, the Lord of creation, Praise Him, you people, who made you His own holy nation. Joyfully sing, Daughters and sons of the King, Voicing your glad adoration.***

Praise to the SAVIOR, the Church's eternal Foundation, Heaven and earth are united in His incarnation, And by His cross He hath retrieved all our loss, Saved us from death and damnation.

Praise to the SPIRIT, the Author of sanctification, Who by the Gospel assures us of justification, And makes us free, God's blessed children to be, Heirs of eternal salvation. ♪

Scripture Reading: *1 Peter 2:6-10 (NKJV)*

⁶ Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." ⁷ Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," ⁸ and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. ⁹ But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; ¹⁰ who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.



HERE I AM
SEND ME

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 96 - selected verses (NKJV)

P: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
C: Sing to the LORD, all the earth.
P: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;
C: Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day.
P: Declare His glory among the nations,
C: His wonders among all peoples.
P: For the LORD is great and greatly to be praised;
C: He is to be feared above all gods.
P: For all the gods of the peoples are idols,
C: But the LORD made the heavens.
P: Give to the LORD the glory due His name;
C: Bring an offering, and come into His courts.
P: Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness!
C: Tremble before Him, all the earth.
P: For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth.
C: He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

Scripture Reading: John 3:16-18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God."

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From

thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, The communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Hymn: Christ the eternal Lord

Christ the eternal Lord,
Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured
On all who name Your name;
With thankfulness and praise
We stand before Your throne,
Intent to serve You all our days
And make Your glory known.

Christ the unchanging Word
To every passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard
Set forth on Scripture's page;
Transform our thought and mind,
Enlighten all who read,
Within Your Word by faith to find
The bread of life indeed.

Christ the redeeming Son,
Who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won
For every child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray,
To tell Your love abroad,
That all may honor Christ today
And follow Him as Lord.

**All: Christ the unfading Light
Of everlasting day,
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
That light of truth You give
To servants as to friends,
Your way to walk, Your life to live,
Till earth's brief journey ends. Amen.**

Sermon: Matthew 5:13-16 (NKJV)

13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

Theme: Who are you?

P: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. *(Philippians 4:7)*

Response: (Hymn 50 v. 2)

**C: ♪ Thanks we give and adoration
For the Gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your Salvation
In our hearts and lives abound;
Ever faithful, ever faithful
To the Truth may we be found! ♪**

Hymn: 770 - I Hear the Savior Calling

Offerings of Thankful Hearts (Hymn 443:6,8)

Congregation rises and sings as the offering is brought forward.

**All: ♪ For souls redeemed, for sins forgiven,
For means of grace and hopes of heaven,
What can to You, O Lord, be given,
Who gives us all?**

**To You, from Whom we all derive
Our life, our gifts, our power to give.
Oh, may we ever with You live,
Who gives us all! ♪**

General Prayer: (by the Pastor)

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

C: ♪ Amen. Amen. Amen. ♪

Closing Hymn: 498 - Rise, Thou Light of Gentile Nations

Silent Prayer

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**Announcements**

**Thank you** - Thank you to Pastor-emeritus Dale Redlin for bringing us the Word and conducting our joint Mission Festival service today! May the Lord, through the Word that we have heard today, increase in us a zeal to eagerly share with others the hope which we also have freely received!

**Fellowship Lunch** - Everyone is invited to join us for a fellowship lunch following our service this morning.