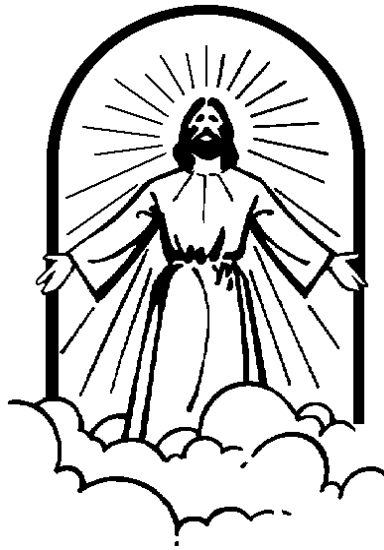


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*“Whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” (Romans 10:13)*

**PRESERVICE MEDITATION:** Psalm 91 (page 143 in The Lutheran Hymnal)

**HYMN 130** (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“O Jesus, King Of Glory”*

A Service Of The Word, page 22 (Worship Supplement)

**FIRST LESSON:** Psalm 78:1-7

<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O my people, to my law; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. <sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, <sup>3</sup> which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. <sup>4</sup> We will not hide *them* from their children, telling to the generation to come

the praises of the LORD, and His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. <sup>5</sup> For He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; <sup>6</sup> that the generation to come might know *them*, the children *who* would be born, *that* they may arise and declare *them* to their children, <sup>7</sup> that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments.

**PSALM OF THE DAY** (*responsively*) – Psalm 146

**L:** Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**C:** WHILE I LIVE I WILL PRAISE THE LORD; I WILL SING PRAISES TO MY GOD  
WHILE I HAVE MY BEING.

**L:** Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.

**C:** HIS SPIRIT DEPARTS, HE RETURNS TO HIS EARTH; IN THAT VERY DAY HIS  
PLANS PERISH.

**L:** Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**C:** WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH, THE SEA, AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM;  
WHO KEEPS TRUTH FOREVER,

**L:** Who executes justice for the oppressed, Who gives food to the hungry. The LORD gives  
freedom to the prisoners.

**C:** THE LORD OPENS THE EYES OF THE BLIND; THE LORD RAISES THOSE WHO  
ARE BOWED DOWN; THE LORD LOVES THE RIGHTEOUS.

**L:** The LORD watches over the strangers; He relieves the fatherless and widow; but the way  
of the wicked He turns upside down.

**C:** THE LORD SHALL REIGN FOREVER – YOUR GOD, O ZION, TO ALL  
GENERATIONS. PRAISE THE LORD!

**SECOND LESSON** – the Gospel: John 6:28-40 *rise*

<sup>28</sup> Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.” <sup>30</sup> So they said to Him, “What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform? <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.’” <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world.” <sup>34</sup> Then they said to Him, “Lord, always give us this bread.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. <sup>36</sup> But I said to you that you have seen Me, and yet do not believe. <sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. <sup>39</sup> This is the will of Him who sent Me, that of all that He has given Me I lose nothing, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.”

**THE NICENE CREED** (page 5, Worship Supplement)

HYMN 775 (Worship Supplement) *“Thy Strong Word”*

SERMON: Romans 10:11-18

**JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD**

**1. Everyone who believes in Jesus is saved.**

**2. We believe in Jesus through His Word**

**<sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. <sup>13</sup> For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” <sup>14</sup> How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup> And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!” <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the Gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our report?” <sup>17</sup> So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. <sup>18</sup> But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed: “Their sound has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.”**

OFFERTORY (page 16, Worship Supplement)

Psalm 51:10-12

The Offering from grateful hearts

HYMN 360 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“Oh, For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH, & THE LORD’S PRAYER

VISITORS: It is a blessing to have you join us for worship today. We want you to be aware that because God’s Word urges us to be instructed and agreed in faith before taking the Supper together, we kindly ask those who are not in fellowship with the CLC to first meet with the pastor before coming to Communion. We want to share in this blessing with you and do so on the basis of a united understanding of Christ and His teachings. If you would like more information, the pastor would be happy to meet with you. You can read more about our practice of “Close Communion” in the blue trifold pamphlet in the entryway. Thank you for your understanding. *1 Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:18-29*

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT (page 17, Worship Supplement)

RESPONSIVE WORDS OF INSTITUTION (on insert)

LAMB OF GOD – *Agnus Dei* (page 19, Worship Supplement)

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT – *Nunc Dimittis sung* (page 20, WS) Luke 2:29-32

THANKSGIVING (page 21, Worship Supplement) *sung* Luke 7:50; Psalm 100:2

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

HYMN 15 (The Lutheran Hymnal) *“From All That Dwell Below The Skies”*

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WELCOME, VISITORS! We’re very happy that you are here today! You are always welcome.

Please leave a record of your visit in our guest book in the narthex.

TODAY our usher is Glenn Libby. Our CHURCH COUNCIL MEETS after our BIBLE STUDY.

TUESDAY: CHICAGO BIBLE STUDY at 6:00 PM at the home of Nate and Beth Ude, 3343 N. Leavitt St., #3.

FRIDAY: No North Aurora Bible study this week. It will resume the following Friday.

SUNDAY: WORSHIP SERVICE: 10:00 AM; SUNDAY SCHOOL & BIBLE STUDY: 11:15 AM.

NEXT SUNDAY our usher is Rick Louderman. There will be a NORTH AURORA CARE CENTER SERVICE at 3:00 PM, and a BATAVIA REHAB CENTER SERVICE at 4:00 PM.

OUR ANNUAL VOTERS MEETING is THREE WEEKS FROM TODAY, on SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, immediately following our church service.

ASCENSION FRUITS OF FAITH: Our offering last Sunday was \$2,554.00 (needed each week: \$1,200.00), and on January 1 was \$330.00; our attendance last Sunday was 19, and on January 1 was 12.

FOREVER WITH THE LORD: On January 1 the Lord called LEROY HULKE home to his eternal rest. Leroy spent many years serving in the teaching ministry. Leroy’s memorial service was yesterday. Also on January 1, the Lord called NATHANIEL KRAUSE home to his eternal rest. Nathaniel was the son of Pastor Paul Krause and his wife, Collette. Nathaniel’s memorial service was yesterday. “O Death, where is your sting? O Grave, where is your victory? ... Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:55, 57-58)

CLC NEWS: Immanuel Lutheran Church of Mankato, MN, has called Pastor Neal Radichel of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, WI, as co-pastor.

MUSIC FESTIVAL: Faith Lutheran Church of Markesan, WI, is hosting a music festival on Sunday, January 21, at 2 pm. Information is available at

MarkesanLutheran.com/MusicFestival. For more information or to sign up to play contact Marie Muelenhaupt at dalemarie@centurytel.net.