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With
You

Matthew 28:20b

MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY
Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Morrison, WI
Sunday, December 17, 2023

Words of Welcome

Invocation

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

Call to Worship

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage - Grundtvig/Reuter

God's Word is our great heritage and shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while worlds endure,
We keep its teachings pure throughout all generations. Amen.

Anthem

Lord of the Small - Text by Johanna Anderson, Music by Dan Forrest

Praise to the Lord of the small broken things,
who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing,
who loves the lame child and the wretch in the street
who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet.

Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid
who girds them with courage and lends them His aid,
He pours out his spirit on vessels so weak,
that the timid can serve and the silent can speak.

Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill
who heals their afflictions or carries them till,
they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly.
to never be sick and never to die.

Praise him, O praise Him all ye who live
who've been given so much and can so little give
our frail lisping praise God will never despise-
He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

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Opening Responses (Psalm 89)

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever.

With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

I will declare that your love stands firm forever.

That you established your faithfulness in heaven itself.

The heavens praise your wonders, O Lord.

Your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.

O Lord God Almighty, who is like you?

You are mighty, O Lord, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,

Who walk in the light of your presence, O Lord.

They rejoice in your name all day long;

They exult in your righteousness.

I will sing of the Lord's great love forever.

With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

Confession

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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First Reading

Isaiah 61: 1-3, 10-11

¹The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,
because the LORD has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,

²to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,

³and provide for those who grieve in Zion —
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,

the oil of joy

instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the LORD
for the display of his splendor.

¹⁰I delight greatly in the LORD;
my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation
and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness,
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹For as the soil makes the sprout come up
and a garden causes seeds to grow,
so the Sovereign LORD will make righteousness
and praise spring up before all nations.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

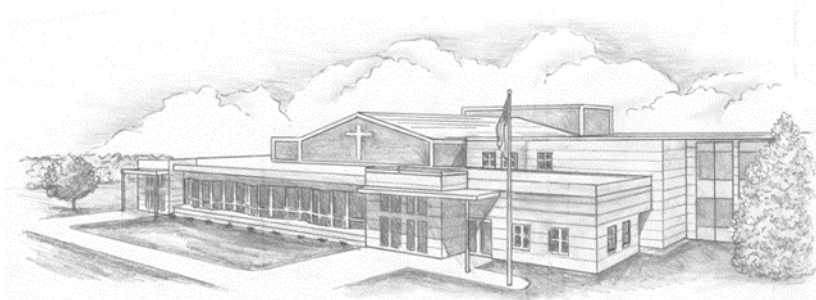
Anthem

Away in a Manger - Matthew Culloton

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky look down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes.
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.



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Psalm

71B Lord, in Your Mercy, Hear My Prayer

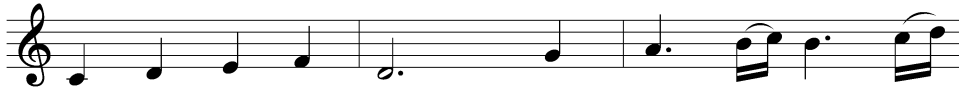
Refrain



LORD, in your mer-cy, hear my prayer. LORD, hear my prayer.



1 LORD, as I age, as foes con - spire, I
2 For since you took me from the womb, through
3 O throw me not a - side, my God, when
4 Your right - eous - ness tran - scends the skies, your



beg you, in dis - tress, O Ho - ly One of
man - y bit - ter days, my teach - er you have
I am old and gray. I must de - clare your
splen - dor I a - dore. I'll hope in you each

Refrain



Is - ra - el, re - spond in right - eous - ness.
al - ways been, my hope, my con - stant praise.
might - y acts to this and ev - 'ry age.
day you grant and praise you more and more.

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²²reject every kind of evil.

²³May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Go, Tell It on the Mountain - Arranged by Stacey V. Gibbs

Chorus: Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born

When I was a seeker,
I sought both night and day.
I asked the Lord to help me,
And He showed me the way. *Chorus*

They found a lowly manger,
Where humble Christ was born,
And God sent our salvation
That blessed Christmas morn. *Chorus*

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Gospel

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

¹⁹Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. ²⁰He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah."

²¹They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?"

He said, "I am not."

"Are you the Prophet?"

He answered, "No."

²²Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?"

²³John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.' "

²⁴Now the Pharisees who had been sent ²⁵questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?"

²⁶"I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. ²⁷He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."

²⁸This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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To God Alone The Glory!

The Hymn of the Day *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (CW 624)*

Congregation sings verses 1, 2, & 5; Choir sings verse 4



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your
reign - ing and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
fend you; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear now to his
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen how all that's
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
might - y can do as with his love he be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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The Sermon “Christmas Joy”

Text: Isaiah 61:1-3, 10-11 (Today's Old Testament Reading)

Pastor Rik Krahn – MLHS Campus Pastor

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The 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.

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Prayer of the Church

Our Gifts to God through the Church

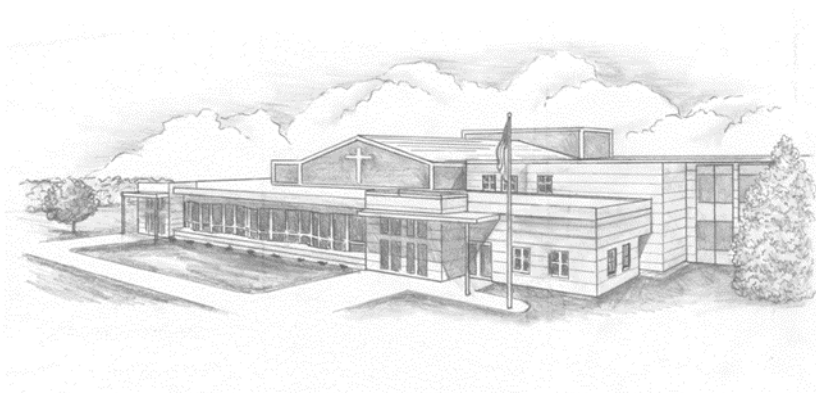
In thanks to our gracious Lord and His gift of forgiveness in Jesus, we bring to Him a generous portion of all we have received from Him. Offerings for the Lord's work may be placed in one of the offering plates. Today, we also have a special door offering designated to support the Lancer Singers. This door offering helps to provide for their music, equipment, and transportation costs.

Musical Offering *All My Heart This Night Rejoices - Z. Randall Stroope*

All my heart, all this night rejoices,
As I hear far and near sweetest angel voices,
"Gloria in excelsis Deo!"
All the air, and everywhere, "Gloria!"

Come let us all both great and small sing "Gloria!"
Hail the star where hope is burning, "Gloria!"
Love is yearning, every yearning, "Gloria!"

Come and dwell in glory forever and ever.
Far on high in joy that can alter never.
Dwell in the house of Love forever and ever, Gloria!



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Hymn

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (CW 324)



1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel - come you a - right?
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me.
3 Re - joice, then, you sad - heart - ed, who sit in deep - est gloom,
4 Sin's debt, that fear - ful bur - den, let not your souls dis - tress;
5 He comes to judge the na - tions, a ter - ror to his foes,



Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
who mourn o'er joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.
your guilt the Lord will par - don and cov - er by his grace.
a light of con - so - la - tion and bless - ed hope to those



O Je - sus, let your Word be a lamp to light my way,
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing that led you to em - brace
De - spair not; he is near you, he's stand - ing at the door
He comes, for you pro - cur - ing the peace of sin for - giv'n,
who love the Lord's ap - pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come,



to show me how to please you, to guide me ev - 'ry day.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race!
who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.
his chil - dren thus se - cur - ing e - ter - nal life in heav'n.
send forth your beams most cheer - ing, and guide us safe - ly home.

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Prayer

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Anthem

The Lord Bless You and Keep You - Philip WJ Stopford

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you,

The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you

And give you peace. Amen.

Recessional

Siyahamba - South African Praise Song

Siyahamba ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'. We are marching in the light of God.

Announcements & Closing Remarks

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Allan Reis (10) Immanuel - Manitowoc
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Isaac Wagner (10) Bethany - Manitowoc

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Miss Charis Scharf
+Denotes Choreographe

Please join MLHS at their upcoming Concerts and Fine Arts Events

December

17	MLHS Sunday at Zion - Morrison		8:00 & 10:30am
21	Christmas Concert	Capitol Civic Centre	4:30 & 7:30pm

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