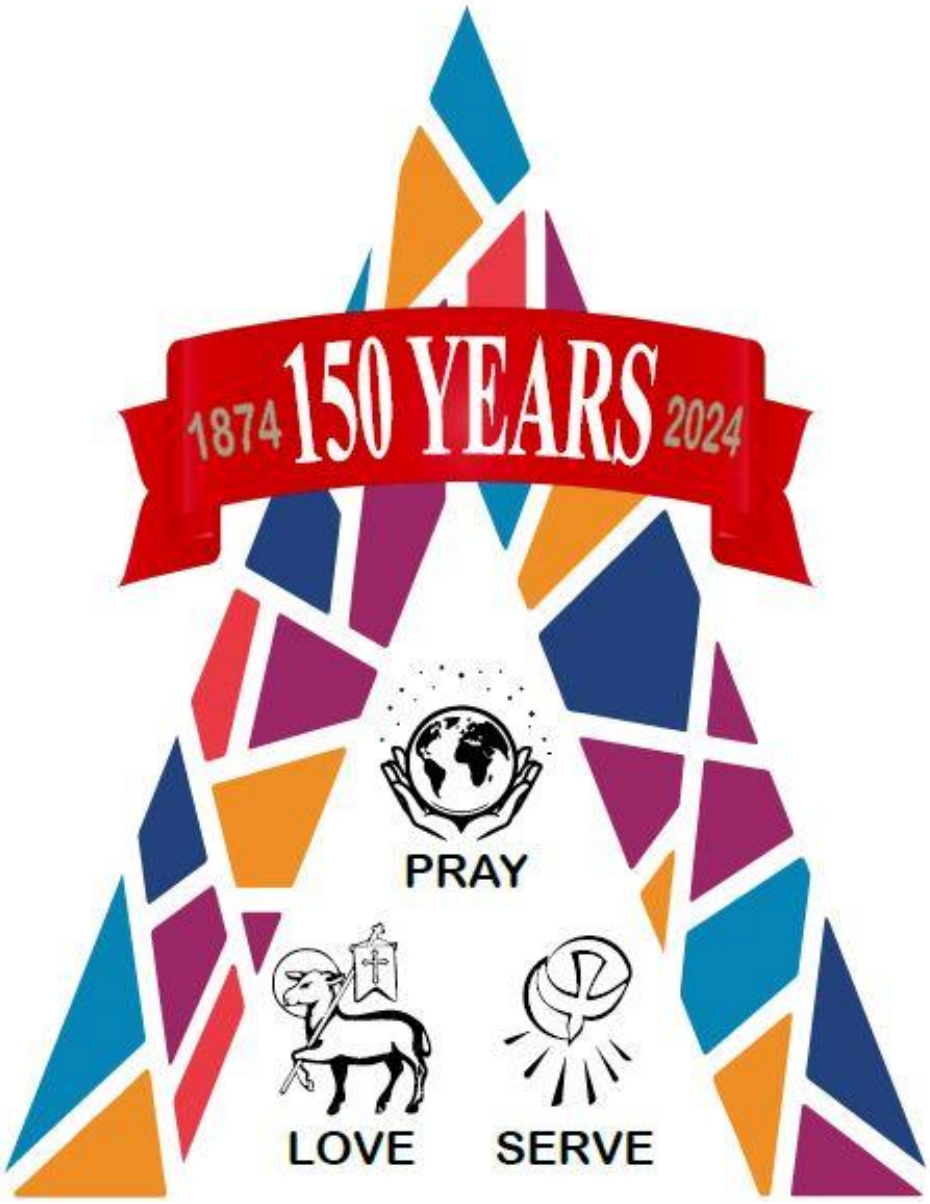
150th Anniversary of
St. Mary's Lutheran Church
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION



November 24, 2024
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150th Anniversary Worship Service
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PRELUDE *"Rejoice, the Lord is King" – Percy Whitlock*
"We pray now to the Holy Spirit", BuxWV 208 – Dietrich Buxtehude
"Now thank we all our God"– Vaclav Nelhybel

WELCOME

Please stand in body or spirit.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who creates, redeems and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as your beloveds, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains us, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Please turn and face the cross at the back of the church as we sing the gathering song.

PROCESSIONAL/GATHERING

GATHERING SONG……"*Crown Him with Many Crowns"* ELW #855

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirt be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together,

Father, you promise to be our companion on this journey, and we trust you are always here and always now, no matter what we are facing within ourselves and with one another. You are our source and ground of hope, and we find our life in your love. For six generations you have blessed us in this place. Today again, we devote ourselves to following the way we know in Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: **Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

9 As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne;
his clothing was white as snow
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
10 A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.
13 As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
14 To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 93 (read responsively)

1 The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed; he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
2 **your throne is established from of old;**
you are from everlasting.
3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
the floods have lifted up their voice;
the floods lift up their roaring. (cont'd)

4 More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,
more majestic than the waves of the sea,
majestic on high is the LORD!
5 Your decrees are very sure;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, forevermore.

SECOND READING: Revelations 1:4b-8

4b Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood 6 and made us a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him,
and all the tribes of the earth will wail on account of him.
So it is to be. Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

The holy gospel according to John the 18th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

33 Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

KID'S CONNECTION Joan Oehlberg

SERMON Bishop Paul Erickson

Please stand in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY……..……..……*"Jesus Shall Reign"* ELW #434

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day de rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we gather our hearts in prayer with the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Almighty God, your ever-flowing grace has brought us to this day of being your people in community at St. Mary's Lutheran for 150 years. From our humble beginnings to now, we stand in hope, looking to your love and mercy to empower our life of faith. Continue to hold us close and guide us always.

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Loving God, we come again as your children, gathered by the Holy Spirit around your family table. Help us live as your holy people, where systems of injustice are dismantled, hungry people are fed, and all know your love.

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Creator God, all creation sings of your goodness! As the season changes, leaves fall and the darkness comes early, remind us that we are to be the light in the world, reflecting the unconditional love given to us in Christ Jesus. Comfort those affected by wildfires, hurricanes and earthquakes.

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Righteous God, grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work.

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Healing God, we give thanks for all scientific and medical advancements that bring relief and wholeness for those who suffer from physical, emotional, social and mental health illnesses. Hear us as we name those who are in need of your healing touch.

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

(You are invited to join hands with those around you).

God of endless hope, today we remember and celebrate the gift that is love - love that always was and always will be. We celebrate this love come down in Jesus with songs and candles, with water and bread and wine, with hearts committed to our faith and to our Lord, expecting your keeping grace in our life together for years to come.

All: Receive our prayer, O God, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You are invited to move around the sanctuary as you feel comfortable.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING ANTHEM……*"I Put My Hope in You", CINDY BERRY*

Hope for tomorrow, strength for today, these are the blessings I receive from You.
Mercy after mercy, grace after grace, until the day I finally see Your face.
My hope is in You. Whatever lies ahead, You will carry me through.
Holy righteous King, You're the song I sing. Every day, Your mercies are new.
Now I stand, forgiven and free. I am yours for eternity.
So Lord Jesus, I put my hope in You.
My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean upon Your name.

OFFERING

Please stand in body or spirit.

OFFERING HYMN……..*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"* ELW #885

OFFERING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal, you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

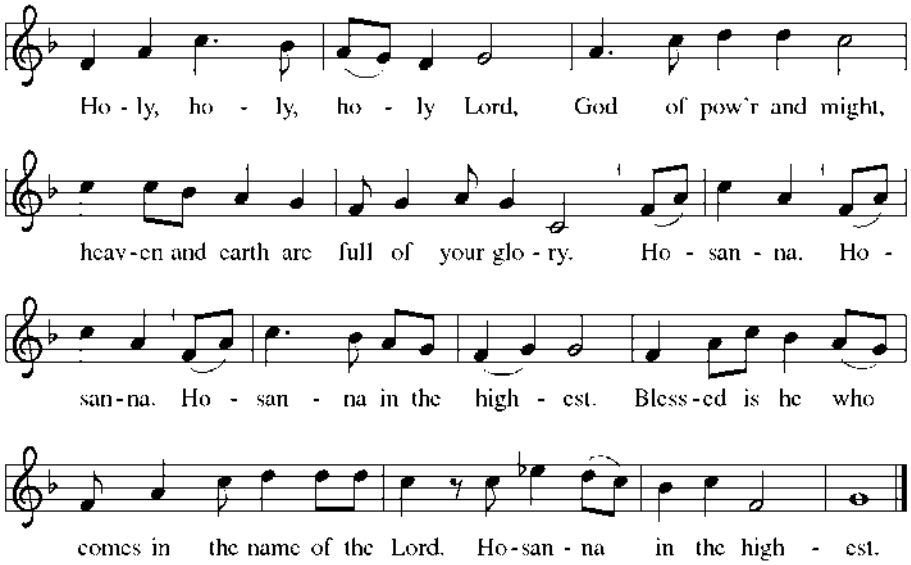
DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.	**And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts.	**We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right…..join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and

gave it to his disciples, saying: take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, And unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. Come, all are welcome at Christ's table!

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered by Jesus' invitation, and all are invited forward. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, but would like a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest as you come forward. Please let an usher know if you would like to receive Holy Communion at your seat. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

COMMUNION SONG

DISTRIBUTION HYMN……..……"*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"* ELW #596

"Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness, BWV 654" J.S. Bach

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Please stand in body or spirit.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

PRAYER AT THE SENDING OF COMMUNION

Compassionate God, as Jesus called disciples to follow him, bless those who go from this place to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound or imprisoned. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of Life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

BLESSING

The Ancient One, exalted, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ☩ bless you now and forever.

Music: Danish Amen

SENDING HYMN……*"Singing Promise on the Way"*

Commissioned for the 150th Anniversary of St. Mary's Lutheran Church, Kenosha, Wisconsin

Singing Promise on the Way

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Music: Brian G. Schoettler © 2024 Schoettler Music (ASCAP)

SINGING PROMISE
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DISMISSAL

We are God's People.
Followers of Jesus Christ.
Gifted by the Spirit.
Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *"Now thank we all our God, BWV 79, No. 3"– BACH/ARR. BURKHARDT*

PARTICIPANTS

Presiding Minister at the Table……..Reverend Debbie Hartfield
Preacher……Bishop Paul Erickson
Transition Pastor ……..Reverend Cliff Schmidt
Assisting Minister……..…….…..Julie Schmit
Acolyte……...……....Alexandria Raszkiewicz
Crucifer ……...Emily Fonk
Lector……..……Dr. Richard Sjoerdsma
Communion Ministers…….…….....Cheryl Hayes
Kay Manderfeld
Sandy Bear
Joan Oehlberg……...……..Coordinator of Children's Ministry
Guest Organist…….....…...Dr. Brian Schoettler
Adult Choir Director……...Dr. Richard Sjoerdsma
Accompanist……...…….…....Deb Black
Brass Quartet……...Nancy Quist
John Schoettler
Ken Winkle
Jim Zuhlke
AV Sound Technician…….....Art Kotenko
Ushers…….....Dan Neururer
Gary Rice
Carole Scotese
Margaret VanBoven
Greeters…….…...Hayley & Kris Jensen
Sacristans..……...…...Pat Gallo, Kay Manderfeld
Photographer…….....Reverend Chris Manke

Altar Flowers this Sunday

*The centerpiece arrangement is given in loving memory of our brother, SSG James VanBendegom by Bob & Sue VanBendegom. The two side altar arrangements are given in honor of each person who **IS** St. Mary's by Inez Lemnus.*