



LAUREL Q125

A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving



Please bring a lawn chair.

Inclement weather location:

LCC School Gym

An opportunity to review...
*where we've been,
where we are,
and where the Lord leads forward
into His future.*

Worship Service Coordinated By:
The Laurel-Concord Ministerial Association

WORSHIP IN THE PARK

Laurel City Park - Sunday, June 17, 2018 - 10:00 AM

Preservice Music

(Various selections)

Welcome: to a Q125 Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving

*--Rev. Jeffery Warner of Immanuel Lutheran Church
Chairman, Laurel-Concord Ministerial Association*

Opening Hymn: "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

- 1.) Holy God, we praise Your name;
Lord of all, we bow before You.
Saints on earth your rule acclaim;
all in heav'n above adore You.
Infinite Your vast domain;
everlasting is Your reign.

- 2.) Lo, the apostolic train
joins Your sacred name to hallow;
prophets swell the glad refrain,
and the white-robed martyrs follow;
and from morn to set of sun,
through the church the song goes on.

- 3.) Holy Father, Holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name You,
though in essence only one;
undivided God, we claim You,
and, adoring, bend the knee
while we own the mystery.

The Invocation

(As able, ALL STAND)

Pastor: *Our Lord Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in My Name,"*

All: "There I AM in the midst of them."

(Matthew 18:20)

Pastor: *In the Name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.*

All: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19)

A Responsive Psalm

Psalm 78:1-7 (ESV)

Pastor: *Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!*

**All: I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,**

Pastor: *things that we have heard and known,
that our fathers have told us.*

**All: We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation**

Pastor: *the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might,
and the wonders that he has done.*

**All: He established a testimony in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,**

Pastor: *which he commanded our fathers
to teach to their children,*

**All: that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,**

Pastor: *and arise and tell them to their children,
so that they should set their hope in God*

**All: and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.**

A Prayer for Family, Children, School and Community

Pastor: *Let us pray: "...one God, now and forever."*
All: Amen.

A Hymn of Family: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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| 1.) Children of the heav'nly Father,
safely in His bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven
such a refuge e'er was given. | 3.) Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord His children sever;
unto them His grace He showeth,
and their sorrows all He knoweth. |
| 2.) God His own doth tend and nourish;
in His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
in His mighty arms He bears them. | 4.) Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh,
His the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy. |

A Scripture Reading:

Joshua 1:1-9 (ESV)

1 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' assistant, 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the people of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, just as I promised to Moses. 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun shall be your territory. 5 No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not leave you or forsake you. 6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to do according to all the law that Moses my servant commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may have good success wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

A Prayer for Our Faith and Life in Christian Community

Pastor: *Let us pray: "...one God, now and forever."*

All: Amen.

Q125 Remembrance and Thanksgiving:

Part One

(Reflection from members of St. Mary's Catholic Church & United Methodist Church)

A Hymn of Faith: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

(based on Matt. 7:24-27)

1.) My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

3.) His oath, His covenant, His blood
support me in the 'whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2.) When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

4.) When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found,
dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Q125 Remembrance and Thanksgiving:

Part Two

(Reflection from members of United Lutheran Church & United Presbyterian Church)

A Scripture Reading:

Ephesians 2:8-22 (ESV)

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. 22 In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

A Prayer for Citizens, Leaders and Community Service

Pastor: *Let us pray: “...one God, now and forever.”*

All: Amen.

Q125 Remembrance and Thanksgiving:

Part Three

(Reflection from members of Immanuel Lutheran Church)

A Hymn of Unity: "The Church's One Foundation"

(based on Eph. 4:1-16)

(All sing verses 1-2)

**1.) The church's one Foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is His new creation,
by water and the Word;
from heav'n He came and sought her
to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her,
and for her life He died.**

**2.) Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.**

(Choir sings verses 3-5)

*3.) Tho' with a scornful wonder,
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.*

*4.) The church shall never perish!
Her dear Lord, to defend,
to guide, sustain, and cherish,
is with her to the end;
tho' there be those that hate her
and false sons in her pale,
against the foe or traitor
she ever shall prevail.*

(As able, ALL STAND, CHOIR sings)

*5.) 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.*

(Still STANDING, ALL SING verse 6)

***6.) Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.***

A Scripture Reading:

John 17:6-21 (ESV)

6 "I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I

am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. 12 While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 13 But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. 14 I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 15 I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. 16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. 18 As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. 19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

A Brief Meditation on Our Lord's High Priestly Prayer for Us

(John 17:20-21)

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Chairman, Laurel-Concord Ministerial Association*

A Prayer for the Ministry of the Gospel and the Unity of the Church

Pastor: *Let us pray: "... one God, now and forever."*

All: Amen.

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. Amen.**

The Benediction

Pastor: *Let us bless the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: *The Lord bless you and keep you.*

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

All: Amen.

A Hymn of Remembrance and Thanksgiving: "Now Thank We All Our God"

- 1.) Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
- 2.) O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
to keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
of this world in the next.
- 3.) All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Post-Service Music

(Various Selections)

God has richly blessed our community! Thank you to all who collaborated, attended and contributed to the success of this Q125 Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving!

About the Participants:

Officiant: *Rev. Jeffery Warner, Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church (LCMS)*

Pianists: *Karla Pippitt, Karen Knudsen, Sherie Lundahl*

Choir: *Members from our Laurel congregations and community*

Guitar/Choir & Song Leader: *Sherie Lundahl*

Congregational Presenters: *Mrs. Marietta Freeman (St. Mary's Catholic);*

Mr. Brian Schantz (United Methodist); Mr. Steve Luedtke (United Lutheran); Mrs. Sharon Boeckenhauer (United Presbyterian); Mr. George Schroeder (Immanuel Lutheran)

Other local ministries: New Beginnings Fellowship, EPIC Youth Group w. David Badley

About the Laurel-Concord Ministerial Association: *The various ministers from local congregations meet regularly throughout the year. We support and encourage one another. We pray for our towns, churches, schools, and community. We serve those in need through collaborative efforts such as the Food Pantry, School Backpack Program, and community Benevolence Fund, through which we administer short-term emergency assistance. All funding is provided by gifts from individual contributors local congregations.*