



“I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God to salvation to everyone who believes.” Rom1:16

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Prepare for worship: Psalm 18 Hymnal page 125

Opening Prayer

P: Lord of Might, Lord of Love, You truly are a “very present help in trouble.” Lord, hide us under the shadow of your wing and protect us from our enemies: the devil, the world and our own sinful flesh. Come to us in your Word today and sanctify us by your truth so that we may stand secure in your grace and not succumb to deceit or temptation, but that we may glorify your name in all that we say and do. In our Savior’s name! Amen.

Opening Hymn: 37 Lord, 'Tis Not that I did Choose Thee

1. Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could never be;
For this heart would still refuse Thee Had Thy grace not chosen me.
Thou hast from the sin that stained me Washed and cleansed and set me free
And unto this end ordained me, That I ever live to Thee.
2. 'Twas Thy grace in Christ that called me, Taught my darkened heart and mind;
Else the world had yet enthralled me, To Thy heavenly glories blind.
Now my heart owns none above Thee; For Thy grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.
3. Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our Expiation, Priest and King enthroned above.
Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live.
Undivided adoration To the great Jehovah give.

Invocation:

P: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

Our Confession of Sins:

P: Thus says the Lord: “The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.” (Jer. 17:9-10)

C: **“Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who has not lifted up His soul to falsehood, and has not sworn deceitfully.”** (Ps. 24:3,4)

P: O Father, we enter Your holy place to worship You. However, we are sinners. How then will You accept our worship and bless us on our way? It is only by Your grace in Christ Jesus. Therefore we pray, Cleanse us from our sins for Jesus’ sake, so that with pure hearts and clean lips we can sing Your praises.

ALL: O Lord, You have searched me and known me. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all. You have seen the evil that I have done and the good that I left undone. Clinging to the cross of Jesus Christ, I appeal to You for mercy. Cleanse me in Jesus’ blood. Purify my mind from every evil thought, my lips from every evil word, my hands from every evil deed. Renew my heart by the working of Your Holy Spirit so that I may present my body as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to You, which is my spiritual service of worship.

P: Be of good cheer, children of God, for our Father is forever merciful! The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all our sins, for Christ loves us and gave Himself up for us, that He might sanctify and cleanse us. We are now holy and blameless before God and our worship is pleasing to Him.

Response of Praise:

Hymn 244

**Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!**

**Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory, To the Lamb that once was slain!**

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

15 The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. 16 For this is what you asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, “Let us not hear the voice of the Lord our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die.”

17 The Lord said to me: “What they say is good. 18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him. 19 I myself will call to account anyone who does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name. 20 But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, is to be put to death.”

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

8 Now about food sacrificed to idols: We know that “We all possess knowledge.” But knowledge puffs up while love builds up. 2 Those who think they know something do not yet know as they ought to know. 3 But whoever loves God is known by God.

4 So then, about eating food sacrificed to idols: We know that “An idol is nothing at all in the world” and that “There is no God but one.” 5 For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”), 6 yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.

7 But not everyone possesses this knowledge. Some people are still so accustomed to idols that when they eat sacrificial food they think of it as having been sacrificed to a god, and since their conscience is weak, it is defiled. 8 But food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do.

9 Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. 10 For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol’s temple, won’t that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? 11 So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. 12 When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ.

13 Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

Response of Praise:

P: We have thought of Your loving-kindness, O God:

C: In the midst of Your Temple.

P: According to Your name, O God, so is Your praise unto the ends of the earth:

C: Your right hand is full of righteousness.

P: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:

C: In the city of our God, in the mountain of His holiness.

P: Be my strong Rock:

C: For an house of defense to save me.

P: In You, O Lord, do I put my trust:

C: Let me never be ashamed. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: Give ear, O My people, to my Law:

C: Incline your ears to the words of My mouth. Hallelujah!

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

21 They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. 22 The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. 23 Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an impure spirit cried out, 24 “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” 25 “Be quiet!” said Jesus sternly. “Come out of him!” 26 The impure spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. 27 The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, “What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him.” 28 News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

P: Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: 245 God Loved the World So that He Gave

1. God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save
That all who would in Him believe Should everlasting life receive.
2. Christ Jesus is the Ground of faith, Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All that confide in Him alone Are built on this chief Corner-stone.
3. God would not have the sinner die, His Son with saving grace is nigh,
His Spirit in the Word doth teach How man the blessed goal may reach.
4. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son Forgives all sins which thou hast done;
Thou'rt justified by Jesus' blood, Thy Baptism grants the highest good.
5. If thou be sick, if death draw near, This truth thy troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves my soul from death, That is the firmest ground of faith.
6. Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise now and eternally!

Sermon text: Romans 12:17-21

17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. 20 On

the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."
21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Theme:

Let the Love of Christ Shine through You!

-Part 2-

Conquer your Enemy with Love

1. Always be a Friend,
2. Don't Get Even,
3. Repay Evil with Good.

P: The Peace of God which surpasses all understanding, shall keep your heart and mind through Christ Jesus.

OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me



not a - way from Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly



Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of



Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

Offerings for Christ's Church:

Sing - while offering is brought forward Hymn 441 st. 1-2

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

Prayers of the Church:

The Sacrament of the Altar

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: It is right and beneficial that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God. We especially praise You that You sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh and have revealed Him to the world as our only Savior from sin. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the saints on earth, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Sa - ba - oth, a - dored; Heav'n and



earth with full ac - claim shout the glo - ry of Your name. Sing ho -



san - na in the high - est, sing ho - san - na to the Lord; Tru - ly



blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

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.

Words of Institution:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Hymn: 755 What Is This Bread

1. What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:

This bread we break, This life we take,

Was crushed to pay for our release.

O taste and see the Lord is peace.

2. What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;

The cup of grace Brings His embrace

Of life and love and so I sing!

O taste and see the Lord is King.

3. So who am I, That I should live and He should die

Under the rod? My God, my God,

Why have You not forsaken me?

O taste and see the Lord is free.

4. Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,

In mouth and soul He makes us whole

Christ, truly present in this meal.

O taste and see the Lord is real.

5. Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!

I do believe That I receive

His very body and His blood.

O taste and see the Lord is good.

Distribution:

P: Take and eat. This is the true body of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take and drink. This is the true blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, shed for you for the forgiveness of your sins.

O LORD, NOW LET YOUR SERVANT *Nunc Dimittis*

C: 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace: A
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One; For
light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness.

THANKSGIVING

C: My heart has now be - come Your dwell - ing, O bless - ed,
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Your prais - es
tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly. Lord, may Your
bod - y and Your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Closing Hymn: 361 O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

1. O Jesus, King most wonderful, Thou Conqueror renowned,
Thou Sweetness most ineffable, In whom all joys are found!
2. When once Thou visitest the heart, The truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanities depart, Then kindles love divine.
3. O Jesus, Light of all below, Thou Fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire--

4. May every heart confess Thy name And ever Thee adore
And, seeking Thee, itself inflame To seek Thee more and more!
5. Thee may our tongues forever bless, Thee may we love alone,
And ever in our lives express The image of Thine own!



**Scripture Treasure to Remember:
Romans 7:22**

“For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today - Annual Voter’s Meeting after the service.

Monday - Board of Doctrine Meeting 1:00

Tuesday - Your Pastor and Julie leave for Mankato, MN to visit with her parents.
They plan to return the following Tuesday night.

Next Sunday - Video Worship Service at 10:00

We will use a video from Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley, MN. We don’t know how many more services Pastor Hein will be able to conduct. We pray the Lord for his healing and strength.

February Spokesman

Pick up your Spokesman for February today.

Health Update on Pastor John Hein

Pastor Hein had his fifth chemo infusion this past week. A CT scan showed some shrinkage in the main tumor, though nothing major. The lung nodules are also shrinking. However there was no noticeable change in the tumors in the pelvic bone and left hip socket.

You can keep posted on his progress on caring bridge at:

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>

Lenten Services

Our Lenten services will be held on Tuesday evenings this year due to scheduling conflicts. Lent begins on February 21, two weeks from this Tuesday. Our Theme for this year will be **The Mountain Range of the LORD's Glory**. The LORD often revealed His glory on Mountain tops. Just as Mountain tops provide a beautiful view of the surrounding country, so these Mountains provide a wonderful view of the LORD's Glory. There are so many mountains where God shows His glory that this series will continue on Sundays as well as in the midweek services. It is our prayer that seeing the LORD's glory in these events will both strengthen our faith and fill us with joy in the LORD.

CLC Call News

Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane, WA, has returned the call to Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran Church in Appleton, WI, has accepted the call to serve the vacancy at Luther Memorial Church in Fond du Lac, WI

Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ has returned the call to Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, and Redemption Lutheran Church and School in Lynwood, WA.

February Birthday's and Baptisms

Raena Huisman	3rd
Waldemar Goll	14th
Mattea Johnston	21st

Mission Prayer Opportunities

Tanzania Missionary – Pastor Bruce Naumann has accept the divine call to serve as a resident Missionary to Tanzania. His primary responsibility will be assisting the TZ-CLC as they continue to develop the Wittenberg Lutheran Theological Seminary. He will be teaching several classes and helping to develop seminary curriculum that will be used for years to come to train faithful pastors and leaders. Missionary Naumann will be commissioned in mid-March and is planning to take up residence in Tanzania by the last week of late March. This will give him a couple of weeks to get settled before second-semester classes begin shortly after the Easter break. Following a one-month furlough in the U.S. this summer he will be joined by his wife Paula when he returns to Tanzania in August in time for the beginning of the third semester. Thank the Lord for providing a faithful servant to take up this important work of training more workers for the harvest fields of East

Africa and his faithful and willing wife! Ask for the Lord's blessings and wisdom as Missionary Naumann and Paula make final preparations to take up this new calling.

Nepal – Pastor Raju recently reported that classes at the Himalayan Bible Institute have resumed with ten students in attendance. Thank the Lord for these students who are dedicated to learning and teaching God's word so that others may be led to repent of their sins and rejoice in faith that their sins are forgiven and that they have a home in heaven.

The Philippines – Pastor Jordan Palangyos has completed the first introductory Online Theological Study course based on the CLC Statement of Faith and Purpose. Missionary Ohlmann and Pastor Rob Sauers (Bd of Missions member) are planning an initial face-to-face visit in late April. Pray that the Lord would continue to bless this correspondence and that it will lead to a God-pleasing unity of faith and teaching. Ask the Lord to provide opportunities and all that is necessary for Pastor Jordan to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!