

A wooden cross made of two weathered logs, set against a bright, cloudy sky. The cross is the central focus of the image.

“WHOEVER WANTS TO

BE MY DISCIPLE MUST

DENY THEMSELVES

AND TAKE UP THEIR

CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.”

MATTHEW 16:24, NIV

WELCOME

Thank you for worshipping with us today.
Please sign the guest register in the entry
as you leave the church today.

TODAY'S SERVICE

September 3 2023

Liturgy: Setting One, WS page 1

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Organist:

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 26

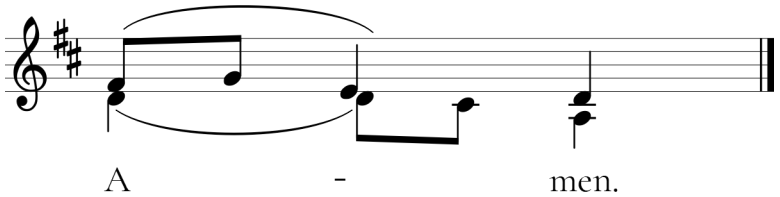
Vindicate me, O LORD, For I have walked in my integrity. I have also trusted in the LORD; I shall not slip. ² Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; Try my mind and my heart. ³ For Your lovingkindness is before my eyes, And I have walked in Your truth. ⁴ I have not sat with idolatrous mortals, Nor will I go in with hypocrites. ⁵ I have hated the assembly of evildoers, And will not sit with the wicked. ⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence; So I will go about Your altar, O LORD, ⁷ That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, And tell of all Your wondrous works. ⁸ LORD, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells. ⁹ Do not gather my soul with sinners, Nor my life with bloodthirsty men, ¹⁰ In whose hands is a sinister scheme, And whose right hand is full of bribes. ¹¹ But as for me, I will walk in my integrity; Redeem me and be merciful to me. ¹² My foot stands in an even place; In the congregations I will bless the LORD.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

2:1-3,6,7 To Thy Temple I Repair

INVOCATION

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



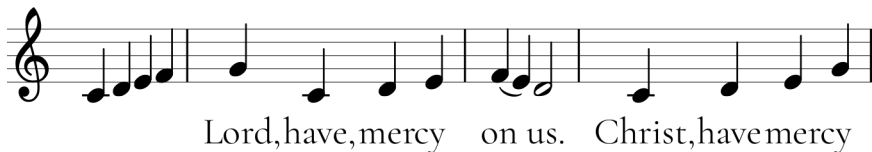
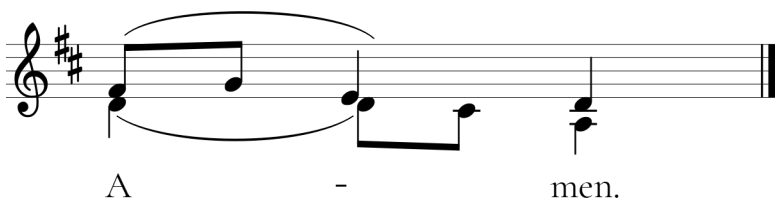
CONFESSION OF SINS

p Beloved of God: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

all **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against**

You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

p God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to all peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
heav-enly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther; We
wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glory. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. You are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-

ceiveour prayer For You alone are the Ho-ly One,
 You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High,
 Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

p Let us pray . . . Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A - men.

THE WORD

Jeremiah 15:15-21 ¹⁵ O LORD, You know; Remember me and visit me, And take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In Your enduring patience, do not take me away. Know that for Your sake I have suffered rebuke. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, And Your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart; For I am called by Your name, O LORD God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the assembly of the mockers, Nor did I rejoice; I sat alone because of Your hand, For You have filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain perpetual And my wound incurable, *Which* refuses to be healed? Will You surely be to me like an unreliable stream, *As waters that* fail? ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, Then I will bring you back; You shall stand before Me; If you take out the precious from the vile, You shall be as My mouth. Let them return to you, But you must not return to them. ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified bronze wall; And they will fight against you, But they shall not prevail against you; For I *am* with you to save you And deliver you," says the LORD. ²¹ "I will deliver you from the hand

of the wicked, And I will redeem you from the grip of the terrible."

Romans 12:9-21 ⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; ¹¹ not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. ¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of

fire on his head!" ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

p Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it!



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



These words are written that we may believe that



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



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

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

769 Lift High the Cross

SERMON

Matthew 16:21-28 ²¹ From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. ²² Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" ²³ But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ "For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. ²⁶ "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷ "For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works. ²⁸ "Assuredly, I say to you, there are some standing here who shall not taste death till they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

A VISION OF DEATH FOR LIFE

Peter and Jesus have two different visions of Christ's kingdom. Peter's is one of glory. Jesus' is one of death. Yet the death of the cross leads to life, while the glory of life leads to death. Whenever we mistake our own visions for God's we become like Peter a trap that leads to death.



Create in me a clean heart, O



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



not a - way from Your presence; take not Your Ho-ly



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



va - - tion. Up -



hold me with Your free Spir - it.

533 Nearer My God To Thee

OFFERING HYMN #572:4

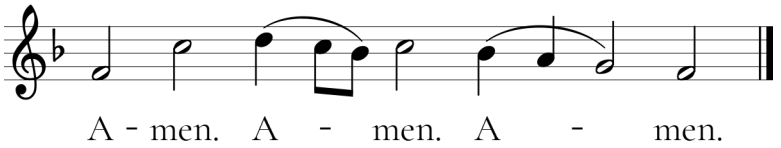
As Thy prospering hand hath blest,
May we give Thee all our best
And by deeds of kindly love
For Thy mercies grateful prove,
Singing thus through all our days
Praise to God, immortal praise.

PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

all 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.

THE 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.



Christ Be My Leader



1. Christ be my lead-er by night as by
2. Christ be my teach-er in age as in
3. Christ be my Sav-ior in calm as in



day, Safe through the dark-ness, for he is the
youth, Drift - ing or doubt-ing, for he is the
strife; Death can - not hold me, for he is the



way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
truth. Grant me to trust him, though
life. Nor dark-ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture his care; Dark-ness is
shift-ing as sand. Doubt can - not
sin and its stain Can touch my sal -



day - light when Je - sus is there.
daunt me in Je - sus I stand!
va - tion with Je - sus I reign!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, September 3

9am Worship Service

Tuesday, September 5

7pm School Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 6

3:45pm Confirmation Class

Sunday, September 10

9am Worship Service

10am Sunday School

10:15am Bible Class

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 17 Mission Festival

October 26 Voter's Meeting

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Jeff Jones, Gary Brown,
Clay Bobek, Jeremy Bobek

COUNTERS

This Week Team # 3

Preston Schmidt, Robert Schmidt

Next Week Team # 4

Lynn Dumke, Tyler Denson

FRUITS OF FAITH

Sunday Service – 79

Monday Service –18

Building Fund - \$ 110

Organ Fund - \$ 50

In memory of David Fox \$ 20 to

School Fund

PRAYERS

Arleen Thiem

Arleen fell yesterday. She is in the hospital with a fractured pelvis.

Lois Hahnisch

Vicki Bernhagen's mother Lois Hahnisch passed away Monday, August 28, 2023

Kensleigh Williams

Update on Kensleigh Williams, 7-month-old great grand-daughter of Gary and Marsha Brown. She has a grade 1 Glioma on her brain. She has to wear a patch over her right eye several hours a day and has special glasses. She will start Chemo next week and will have Chemo for 1 1/2 years. Please keep her in your prayers.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Ezek. 33:7-9
Psalm 32:1-7
Rom. 13:1-10
Matt. 18:1-20

MAN UP! WEEKEND

The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

CALL NEWS

Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC has received the call to be the third pastor at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI.

Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran, Rapid City, SD has returned the call from Calvary Lutheran Church in Marquette, MI.

Pastor Paul Nolting of Grace Lutheran, Valentine, NE, Peace Lutheran, Mission, SD, and St. Paul's Lutheran, White River, SD has accepted the call from the CLC Board of Missions to serve as a part-time visiting foreign missionary to serve our East African brethren in Tanzania.



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