



*O come, let us
worship and bow down,
let us kneel before
the Lord, our maker!
-Psalm 95:6*

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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for the salvation which You have provided for a fallen world by sending your Son to die for us upon the cross. We rejoice in Your grace that in raising Jesus from the dead You have proclaimed that we have remission of sins and everlasting life. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that our faith in Christ as our Risen Lord may be strengthened unto eternal life. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 5 the Lutheran Hymnal)

HYMN 224: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

^{1.} Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord!

Be all Thy graces now outpoured
On each believer's mind and heart;
Thy fervent love to them impart.
Lord, by the brightness of Thy light
Thou in the faith dost men unite
Of ev'ry land and ev'ry tongue;
This to Thy praise, O Lord, our God, be sung. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

^{2.} Thou holy Light, Guide Divine,

Oh, cause the Word of Life to shine!
Teach us to know our God aright
And call Him Father with delight.
From ev'ry error keep us free;
Let none but Christ our Master be
That we in living faith abide,
In Him, our Lord, with all our might confide. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

^{3.} Thou holy Fire, Comfort true,

Grant us the will Thy work to do
And in Thy service to abide;
Let trials turn us not aside.
Lord, by Thy pow'r prepare each heart
And to our weakness strength impart
That bravely here we may contend,
Thro' life and death to Thee, our Lord, ascend. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost
C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.
C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins, and by thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen

The Responsive Introit: (Psalm 103:1-5 NKJV)

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul;

And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

² Bless the Lord, O my soul,

And forget not all His benefits:

³ Who forgives all your iniquities,

Who heals all your diseases,

⁴Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

⁵Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*,
So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul;
And all that is within me, *bless His holy name!*

Hymn for Liturgy: 38:1-3 The Lord, My God, be Praised

**The Lord, my God, be Praised, / My Light, my Life from heaven;
My Maker, who to me / Hath soul and body given;
My Father, who doth shield / And keep me day by day,
Doth make each moment yield / New blessings on my way.**

**The Lord, my God, be praised, / My Trust, my Life from heaven,
The Father's own dear Son, / Whose life for me was given;
Who for my sin atoned / With His most precious blood,
Who giveth me by faith / The highest heav'nly good.**

**The Lord, My God, be praised, / My Hope, my Life from heaven,
The Spirit, whom the Son / In love to me hath given.
'Tis He revives my heart, / 'Tis He that gives me pow'r,
Help, comfort, and support / In sorrow's gloomy hour."**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE EPSITILE LESSON: 1 Peter 3:15-22

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; ¹⁶having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷For *it* is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit, ¹⁹by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who formerly were disobedient, when once the Divine longsuffering waited in the days of Noah, while *the* ark was being prepared, in which a

few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water. ²¹ There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers having been made subject to Him. (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: John 14:15-21

¹⁵ “If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶ And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

¹⁹ “A little while longer and the world will see Me no more, but you will see Me. Because I live, you will live also. ²⁰ At that day you will know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹ He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him.” (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

Hymn 246: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

¹ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

² Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

³ Holy, holy, holy! Tho’ the darkness hide Thee,
Tho’ the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow’r, in love, and purity.

⁴ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity!

THE SERMON: Acts 17:22-31

Theme: Knowing the Unknown God

- I. Seeking the Unknown God
- II. God Calls ALL to Repent

SERMON TEXT: Acts 17:22-31

Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; ²³ for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: ²⁴ God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. ²⁵ Nor is He worshiped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. ²⁶ And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, ²⁷ so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; ²⁸ for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, ‘For we are also His offspring.’ ²⁹ Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man’s devising. ³⁰ Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, ³¹ because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.” (NKJV)

OFFERTORY, PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymn 17: Oh Worship the King

¹ Oh, worship the King All glorious above;
Oh, gratefully sing His pow’r and His love,
Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor And girded with praise!

² Oh, tell of His might, Oh, sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space!
His chariots of wrath The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is His path On the wings of the storm.

³ The earth, with its store Of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r Hath founded of old,
Hath stablished it fast By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, Like a mantle, the sea.

⁴ Thy bountiful care What tongues can recite?
It breathes in the air, It shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills In the dew and the rain.

⁵ Frail children of dust And feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust Nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, How firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

⁶ O measureless Might, Ineffable Love,
While angels delight To hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration Shall sing to Thy praise.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn 644: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

CALENDAR

TODAY: No Sunday school or Bible class.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class via ZOOM at 1:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship **on-line! No in-person worship**. Text: Ephesians 1:16-23.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 10 worship – 5 (for service recording) No Sunday school no Bible class

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1,400.00	Memorials:
Needed for Year:	\$23,750.00	Lincoln Cole
Received for Year:	\$22,723.00	Prop. Imprv. Fund. \$50.00

May/June church lawn mowing: Kate and Valerie Barthels. (We need volunteers for the rest of the mowing season.)

THE 34th CONVENTION OF THE CLC has been **postponed** until July 30-August 2, Thursday through Sunday in Eau Claire, WI.

THE BRANCHES Subscription Renewal: (*The Branches* is a Christian Women's magazine which is published quarterly by women of the CLC.) The cost is \$15.00 for four issues. Checks are payable to, *The Branches*, and should be sent to: Laura Wales, Subscription Manager, 8727 Forestview Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55369. Online payments are also available via PayPal—you may contact Laura Wales at lewales@gmail.com.