



PSALM 100:1-2

SHOUT FOR JOY TO THE LORD

ALL THE EARTH.

WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS;

COME BEFORE HIM WITH

JOYFUL SONGS.

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PRESERVICE PRAYER Oh God, You declare in Your Word that You do not want to see the sinner die, but that he turn from his sinful way and live. To this end You sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer and die for our sins, and You have called us to repentance and faith in His name. As I come to Your Table to receive Jesus' body and blood, the sacrifice offered for my sins, I ask that Your Spirit would strengthen my faith, and that I might grow in grace and live to the glory of Your name. In Jesus' name. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN 11:1-3 Safely through Another Week

1. Safely through another week God has brought us on our way;
Let us now a blessing seek, Waiting in His courts today;
Day of all the week the best, Emblem of eternal rest.

2. Mercies multiplied each hour Thro' the week our praise demand;
Guarded by almighty pow'r, Fed and guided by His hand,
How ungrateful we have been In repaying love with sin!

3. While we pray for pardoning grace Thro' the dear Redeemer's name,
Show Thy reconciled face, Look not on our sin and shame.
From our worldly cares set free, May we rest this day in Thee!

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

C: Amen.

P: God is light and Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us.

Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Hosea 5:15-6:6

¹⁵ I will return again to My place
Till they acknowledge their offense.
Then they will seek My face;
In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.”
6 ¹ Come, and let us return to the Lord;
For He has torn, but He will heal us;
He has stricken, but He will bind us up.
² After two days He will revive us;
On the third day He will raise us up,
That we may live in His sight.
³ Let us know,
Let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord.
His going forth is established as the morning;
He will come to us like the rain,
Like the latter *and* former rain to the earth.
⁴ “O Ephraim, what shall I do to you?
O Judah, what shall I do to you?
For your faithfulness is like a morning cloud,
And like the early dew it goes away.
⁵ Therefore I have hewn *them* by the prophets,

I have slain them by the words of My mouth;
And your judgments *are like* light that goes forth.

⁶ For I desire mercy and not sacrifice,
And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 4:18-25

(Abraham), contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations, according to what was spoken, “So shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹ And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰ He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹ and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform. ²² And therefore “it was accounted to him for righteousness.” ²³ Now it was not written for his sake alone that it was imputed to him, ²⁴ but also for us. It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 324:1, 2, 5, 8 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

1. Jesus sinners doth receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder
Who in sin’s delusions live And from God and heaven wander!
Here is hope for all who grieve – Jesus sinners doth receive.

2. We deserve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich grace revealing,
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim. Here their ills have perfect healing
Who with humble hearts believe - Jesus sinners doth receive.

5. I, a sinner, come to Thee With a penitent confession;
Savior, mercy show to me Grant for all my sins remission.
Let these words my soul relieve Jesus sinners doth receive.

8. Jesus sinners doth receive. Also I have been forgiven;
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.
Dying, still to Him I cleave - Jesus sinners doth receive.

THE SERMON: Matthew 9:9-13

Theme: Jesus Befriending Sinners

I. Calling Sinners to Repentance

II. Accepting Sinners as His Associates

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him.

¹⁰ Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

¹² When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ But go and learn what *this* means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.” (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymn 310: 1-3, 6 Thy Table I Approach

1. Thy Table I approach, Dear Savior, hear my prayer;
Oh, let no unrepented sin Prove hurtful to me there!
2. Lo, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Thy hands.
3. Thy body and Thy blood, Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken here with mouth and soul, In blest reality.
6. Oh, may I never fail To thank Thee day and night
For Thy true body and true blood, O God, my Peace and Light!

THE WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of closed communion. We do this in loving concern for all who would desire to commune, that it might be for their spiritual blessing and not their spiritual harm. The Scriptures teach us that communicants need to be able to examine themselves concerning their sin and repentance, and also a proper understanding of the Lord’s presence in the sacrament. We ask that only those who are members of this congregation, or one affiliated with us in the CLC, partake of the

sacrament. Please speak with the pastor if you would wish to commune with us at a future time.

Prayer:

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 309: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1. O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heart-felt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2. Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart:
How blest am I! How good Thou art!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Please exit the building as efficiently and quickly as possible. Remember to take bulletins home, or dispose of them in the wastebasket at the entrance to the nave. You may visit outside but please remember to maintain social distancing of 6 feet. May the Lord keep us all safe!

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class is in summer recess.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30.

Text: Exodus 19:2-8.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: June 14 worship – 19

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1,790.00	Kinship Disaster Relief \$50.00
Needed for Year:	\$30,000.00	
Received for Year:	\$29,068.00	

May/June church lawn mowing: Kate and Valerie Barthels.

July lawn mowing – Leon Hellickson.

August lawn Mowing - Mike Nelson

(We need volunteers for the rest of the mowing season.)

CLC NEWS: Pastor Chad Seybt has returned the call extended to him by Bethel, Morris, MN. Pastor Paul Tiefel has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer, Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD. Professor John Ude has returned the call extended to him by St. Luke's, Lemmon, SD.

THE 34th CONVENTION OF THE CLC has been **postponed** until June 24-27, 2021.

KINSHIP DISASTER RELIEF! Because of the ravages of the COVID – 19 pandemic, a desperate need exists among our Christian brethren around the world. How should we respond? *“And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. ²⁹ Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. ³⁰ This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.”* (Acts 11:27-30) Why special aid for Jerusalem? Because they suffered severe, persistent persecution along with ravages of famine. The love of Christ opened hearts of Christians throughout Galatian and Asia Minor, and Macedonia, and Greece. And they sent aid to brothers and sisters in Christ, people they had never met, time and again!

Now the suffering of our Christian brethren has been brought to our attention. How shall we respond? Christ loved us and saved us, and has bestowed great gifts upon us both spiritual and material. Shall we close our hearts? God forbid! Our brothers and sisters in Christ in so many countries are suffering great hardship and persecution. We can help and help quickly by supporting **Kinship Disaster Relief**. May we be determined to send relief, and also DO IT at the hands of those we have called to administer relief. Again, please designate **Kinship Disaster Relief** on your gift.

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