



THE *grace* OF THE
LORD JESUS CHRIST,
THE *love* OF **GOD**
AND THE
communion OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT...



2 Corinthians 13:14, ESV

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PRESERVICE PRAYER Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of life, we may live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

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

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!

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

P: God is light and in 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: Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. ² Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³ And one cried to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy *is* the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth *is* full of His glory!”

⁴ And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵ So I said:

“Woe is me, for I am undone!
Because I *am* a man of unclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King,
The Lord of hosts.”

⁶ Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal *which* he had taken with the tongs from the altar. ⁷ And he touched my mouth *with it*, and said:

“Behold, this has touched your lips;
Your iniquity is taken away,
And your sin purged.”

⁸ Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying:

“Whom shall I send,
And who will go for Us?”
Then I said, “Here *am* I! Send me.” (NKJV)

THE EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:14-17

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” ¹⁶ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 243 Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

1. Oh, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim with grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God hath done for me.

2. Dear Father, endless praise I render
For soul and body, strangely joined;
I praise Thee, Guardian kind and tender,
For all the noble joys I find
So richly spread on every side
And freely for my use supplied.

3. I praise Thee, Savior, whose compassion
Did bring Thee down to rescue me;
Thy pitying heart sought my salvation
Though keenest woes were heaped on Thee,
Bro't me from bondage full release,
Made me Thine own, and gave me peace.

4. Glory and praise, still onward reaching,
Be Thine, O Spirit of all grace,
Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching
Give me among Thy saints a place.
Whate'er of good by me is done
Is wrought by grace divine alone.

5. Shall I not, then, be filled with gladness?
Shall I not praise Thee evermore
And triumph over fear and sadness,
E'en when my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heaven and earth shall pass away,
Thy lovingkindness stands for aye.

THE SERMON: John 3:1-17

Theme: Knowing the Triune God, the God of Our Salvation!

- I. Known Only by the Working of the Holy Spirit
- II. Known Only by Revelation from God Himself
- III. Known Only through Faith in Jesus

SERMON TEXT: John 3:1-17

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.
²This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that
You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that
You do unless God is with him."

³Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless
one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

⁴Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can
he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

⁵Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of
water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is
born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind
blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where

it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

⁹ Nicodemus answered and said to Him, “How can these things be?”

¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? ¹¹ Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, *that is*, the Son of Man who is in heaven. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 Cornerstone.

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,
And, 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!

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 377:10 All Blessing, Honor, Thanks, and Praise

10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace--
All glory to His merit!
O Triune God in heaven above,
Who has revealed Thy saving love;
Thy blessed name be hallowed.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave. **Bible Class** is in summer recess.

WEDNESDAY: Catechism class via Zoom beginning at 4:00 p.m. This will be our last class before summer recess. Catechism will resume on Wednesday, September 8, at 3:30 p.m. at church.

THURSDAY: Pastor Study Meeting in Inver Grove Heights. 9- 2:30.

SATURDAY: Minnesota Delegate Conference at Immanuel in Mankato from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: Deuteronomy 5:12-15. The confirmation of Lawson Schmidt.

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER

June 24-27: CLC Convention in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. Convention is scheduled for a Thursday – Sunday. For a digital copy of the convention prospectus go to: tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21

If anyone would like a printed rather than a digital copy, the pastor can print one. (It is 109 pages)

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: May 23 worship – 18 Bible Class -- 14

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| Weekly Offerings Needed | \$ 1,285.00 | Memorial offerings |
| Offerings Received | \$1222.00 | |
| Needed for Year: | \$26,985.00 | |
| Received for Year: | \$25,412.00 | |

June Church Cleaning – Ubl

June Lawn Mowing – Valerie Barthels

CLC NEWS: Pastor Tom Naumann, Mt. Zion, Detroit, MI has been called by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Mark Tiefel, Redemption, Lynwood, WA has been called by Redeemer, Sister Lakes, MI. <> Pastor Luke Willitz has returned the call by Redeemer. Bowdle, SD/Zion, Ipswich, SD. <> Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY.

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