

Matthew 16:24, ESV



...let him
deny himself
and **take up his cross**
and **follow me.**

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PRESERVICE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise your Holy name. We acknowledge our sin and unworthiness, and yet You have loved us with an everlasting love. You sent Your only begotten Son into the world to bear our sin and redeem us from death. Grant that we may always believe this, and believing have life in Jesus' name. By the power of Your Holy Spirit grant us grace that we also may love one another as You have loved us, and thereby show forth the glory of Your salvation to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

HYMN 363: To Our Redeemer's Glorious Name

1 To our Redeemer's glorious name Awake the sacred song.
Oh, may His love, immortal flame, Tune ev'ry heart and tongue!

2 His love, what mortal thought can reach, What mortal tongue portray?
Imagination's utmost stretch In wonder dies away.

3 He left His radiant throne on high, Left realms of heav'nly bliss,
And came to earth to bleed and die-- Was ever love like this?

4 Dear Lord, while we adoring pay Our humble thanks to Thee,
May every heart with rapture say, "The Savior died for me!"

5 Oh, may the sweet, the blissful theme Fill every heart and tongue
Till strangers love Thy charming name, And join the sacred song!

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: Isaiah 50: 4-10

“The Lord GOD has given Me
The tongue of the learned,
That I should know how to speak
A word in season to *him who is weary*.
He awakens Me morning by morning,
He awakens My ear
To hear as the learned.

⁵The Lord GOD has opened My ear;
And I was not rebellious,
Nor did I turn away.

⁶I gave My back to those who struck Me,
And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard;
I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

⁷“For the Lord GOD will help Me;
Therefore I will not be disgraced;
Therefore I have set My face like a flint,

And I know that I will not be ashamed.

⁸ *He is near who justifies Me;*

Who will contend with Me?

Let us stand together.

Who *is* My adversary?

Let him come near Me.

⁹ Surely the Lord GOD will help Me;

Who *is* he *who* will condemn Me?

Indeed they will all grow old like a garment;

The moth will eat them up.

¹⁰ “Who among you fears the LORD?

Who obeys the voice of His Servant?

Who walks in darkness

And has no light?

Let him trust in the name of the LORD

And rely upon his God.”

(NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 8:27-35

²⁷ Now Jesus and His disciples went out to the towns of Caesarea Philippi; and on the road He asked His disciples, saying to them, “Who do men say that I am?”

²⁸ So they answered, “John the Baptist; but some say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered and said to Him, “You are the Christ.”

³⁰ Then He strictly warned them that they should tell no one about Him.

³¹ And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He spoke this word openly. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But when He had turned around and looked at His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, “Get behind Me, Satan! For you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”

³⁴ When He had called the people to *Himself*, with His disciples also, He said to them, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

HYMN 421: Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

1 Come, follow Me, the Savior spake, All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.

2 I am the Light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day, I keep your feet from straying.
I am the Way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.

3 My heart abounds in lowliness, My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.

4 I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from every guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the Refuge of the soul And lead you to your heavenly goal.

5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suffering be undaunted.
For who bears not the battle's strain The crown of life shall not obtain.

THE SERMON: James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

Theme: Reflecting Jesus' Love for Sinners in our Christin Lives

- I. Consider our Glorious Lord Jesus Christ
- II. Be Sensitive to the Sin of Partiality
- III. Let our Faith Emulate Christ to Glorify Christ before the World

SERMON TEXT: James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the Lord* of glory, with partiality. ² For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, ³ and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," ⁴ have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵ Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? ...

⁸ If you really fulfill *the* royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well; ⁹ but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all. ...

¹⁴ What *does it* profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what *does it* profit? ¹⁷ Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN 439: O God of Mercy, God of Might

1 O God of mercy, God of might,
In love and pity infinite,
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight,
To live our life to Thee.

2 And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die
That fallen man might live thereby,
Oh, hear us; for to Thee we cry,
In hope, O Lord, to Thee.

3 Teach us the lesson Thou hast taught,
To feel for those Thy blood hath bo't,
That ev'ry word and deed and tho't
May work a work for Thee.

4 All are redeemed, both far and wide,
Since Thou, O Lord, for all hast died,
Oh, teach us, whatsoe'er betide,
To love them all in Thee!

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
Whate'er it be, 'tis ours to share;
May we, when help is needed, there
Give help as unto Thee!

6 And may Thy Holy Spirit move
All those who live to live in love,
Till Thou shalt greet in heaven above
All those who live to Thee.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

We observe the Scriptural practice of close communion. Since participation in communion is a confession of unity of teaching and faith, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with ours. Please speak with the pastor to set up an appointment - we want to share this blessing with you!

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

C: Amen.

HYMN 309: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee
My heartfelt 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 art Thou!

CALENDAR

TODAY: Sunday school and Church council follow after the service this morning. **Catechism class follows at 11:30 until 12:30.**

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sunday school and Bible Class are scheduled to follow the service. Catechism follows at 11:30-12:30. Sermon text: Mark 9:30-37.

TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY OCT. 5-6: We are hosting the Minnesota Pastoral Conference, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday morning through Wednesday midafternoon. Ladies Aid is looking for volunteers help with meals and to bring bars and cookies for coffee breaks. Please check the signup sheet in the narthex. We are planning on housing the pastors in a motel. Offerings to support this can be labelled “Pastoral Conference.”

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: September 12 worship – 20 Sunday school -4 Bible Class 12

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,285.00	Other Offerings:
Offerings Received	\$ 1490.00	
Needed for Year:	\$47,545.00	
Received for Year:	\$42,224.00	

September Church Cleaning - Nelson

September Lawn Mowing – Katie Barthels

CLC NEWS: Pastor Ben Libby of Ascension Lutheran Church, Tacoma, WA, **has accepted** the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY. <> Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD, **has received** the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO. <> Seminary graduate Nick Naumann **is still considering** the call to Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN. <> Pastor Doug Priestap has retired from his call to Resurrection Lutheran Church, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and has moved to Stratford, Ontario Canada to be closer to family. He is continuing to serve his call to Grace Lutheran Church in Live Oak, Florida, as well as he is able remotely, since being a Canadian citizen he is not able to enter the country due to U.S. border COVID restrictions.