

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Morning Praise - page 45 in Christian Worship Hymnal

Lent 3

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Luther's Morning Prayer – I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Morning Hymn – “Christ Is The World's Light”

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**Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;
Born in our darkness, he became our brother.**

If we have seen him, we have seen the Father: Glory to God on high!

**Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;
No one can serve him and despise another.**

Who else unites us, one with God the Father? Glory to God on high!

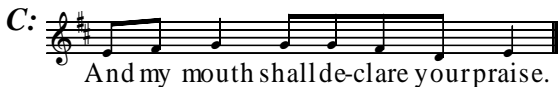
**Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;
Sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.**

He who redeemed us reigns with God the Father: Glory to God on high!

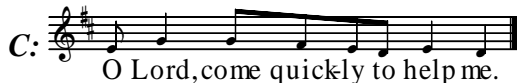
**Give God the glory, God and none other;
Give God the glory, Spirit, Son, and Father;**

Give God the glory, God with us, my brother: Glory to God on high!

P: O Lord, open my lips.



P: Hasten to save me, O God



P: Behold the Lamb of God: let us worship him.

Sing:

**Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal-va-tion.
Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv-ing,
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.**

**For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods.
The deep places of the earth are in his hand;
the heights of the hills are al-so his.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land.**

**Oh, come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our mak-er.
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.**

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Confession of Sins – From 1 John 1:5-2:2

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth.

C: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

P: My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense--Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C: He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Psalm 143 on page 118 in the front of Christian Worship

Lesson – John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 “The Blind See - The Seeing Are Blind”

¹As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. ⁴As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. ⁷"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing.

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. ¹⁴Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. ¹⁵Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner do such miraculous signs?" So they were divided. ¹⁷Finally they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet."

³⁵Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶"Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." ³⁸Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

P: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

C: **By his wounds we are healed.**

Sermon Hymn

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**For God so loved the human race He gave His only Son,
That all might know His boundless grace And to His love be won.**

**What can we say of love so large That God has freely shown?
If God is for us, who lays charge Against His very own?**

**Who can condemn? For Christ, who died, Was raised in victory:
The guilty now are justified, The bound are now set free!**

**Christ Jesus sits at God's right hand; For us He intercedes:
For all who break the Law's demand With precious blood He pleads.**

Sermon
CHANGED LIVES
"The Blind Man"
John 1-7, 13-17, 35-39



Song of Praise CW 277 vv 1 & 4

"God, We Praise You! God, We Bless You"

Offering

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

P: *In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.*

C: 
Lord, have mer-cy, Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Prayer for Grace

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord.



Blessing

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



Closing Hymn

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**Can any hardship or distress Divide us from our Lord?
Can famine, strife or nakedness Or danger of the sword?**

**Not life, nor death, nor angel pow’rs, Nor depth, nor height above,
Not present time, nor future hours Can cleave us from such love –**

**For from the love of God in Christ We never shall be banned;
Not torn from mercy so unpriced, Nor plucked from Jesus’ hand.**

**O Savior, lead from strength to strength, By You our lives are blest;
From grace to grace, bring us at length To our eternal rest.**

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