

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church - Pentecost 2

Morning Praise - page 45 in Christian Worship Hymnal

May 25, 2008 - Pastor Mark Voss

8:00 am 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.

10:30am Holy Baptism – page 12 in *Christian Worship*

Morning Hymn

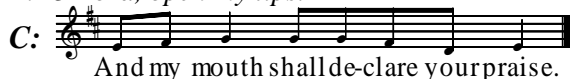
**Father, we praise you, now the night is over,
Active and watchful, standing now before you.
Singing, we offer prayer and meditation; Thus we adore you.**

**Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending.
Bring us to heaven, where your saints united. Joy without ending.**

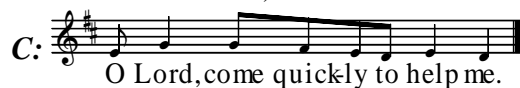
**All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit, Trinity blessed, send us your salvation.
Yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding Through all creation.**

Texts revised from The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941. Music from The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941 revised by Kermit G. Moldenhauer.

P: O Lord, open my lips.



P: Hasten to save me, O God



P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world: 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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Old Testament Lesson – Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28 - “Familiarity Does Not Breed Contempt” ¹⁸Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ¹⁹Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

²⁶See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse-- ²⁷the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today; ²⁸the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

Psalm Hymn 416 vv 1-3

“How Firm A Foundation”

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**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**In ev'ry condition, in sickness, in health, In poverty's vale, or abounding in wealth,
At home and abroad, on the land, on the sea –
The Lord, the Almighty, your strength e'er shall be.**

**"Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

Epistle Lesson – Romans 3:21-25a - “Justified Freely – By Grace” ²¹But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ^{25a}God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

Sermon Hymn

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

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**Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.**

Without your grace and favor I go astray; So take my hand, O Savior, And lead the way.

**Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear; For you, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe, For when your hand is guiding, In peace I go.**

**Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that you will strengthen My steps toward home,
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.**



Sermon

“PUT WORRY INTO REVERSE”

Matthew 6:26-34

²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Hymn of the Day –425

“Oh, Sing, My Soul, Your Maker’s Praise”

Offering

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

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



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.



Hymn for Our Nation

“God Bless Our Native Land”
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**God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night! When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave, Do thou our country save By thy great might.**

**For her our prayers shall rise To God above the skies; On him we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, Guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry, God save the state!**

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