

# CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*On page 38 in Christian Worship*

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**Opening Hymn CW346**

*“In You is Gladness”*

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

**C: And also with you.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS

*P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.*

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

*P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.*

**C: Amen.**

### PRAYER AND PRAISE

*P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.*

**Sing: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.  
Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter-nal; it stands firm in the heav-ens.**

**Your faith-ful-ness continues for-ev-er.**

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take ref-uge in him.**

### Prayer of the Day

*P: Let us pray. C: (sing) Amen.*

### THE WORD

#### Old Testament Lesson - Exodus 19:2-8a

#### **“God’s Love Motivates Obedience”**

<sup>2</sup>After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

<sup>3</sup>Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the house of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>You yourselves



have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, <sup>6</sup>you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

<sup>7</sup>So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. <sup>8</sup>The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said."

***Psalm of the Day - Psalm 100 on page 104 in Christian Worship***

*Men and boys will sing the first line, women and girls the second.*

*We will all join on the "Glory Be to the Father" and the refrains.*

***Epistle Lesson - Romans 5:6-11 "Jesus Knocks Down the Wall"*** <sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! <sup>10</sup>For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! <sup>11</sup>Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

***C:(sing) Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe  
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Hymn of the Day – CW382***

***"My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"***

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**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare to make no other claim, But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, his covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before his throne.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.**

## Sermon

## “BUILDING A SUCCESSFUL LIFE”

Matthew 7:21-27

<sup>21</sup>"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup>Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup>Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

<sup>24</sup>"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup>But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."



## Apostle's Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## THANKSGIVING

### Offering

### Prayer of the Church

*P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.*

*C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.*

*P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our own sinful nature.*

*C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.*

*P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.*

***C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.***

*P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.*

***C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.***

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

*P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.*

*Silent prayer.*

*P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.*

***C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.***

**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

### **Hymn 623 vv 1-3**

### **“God The Father, Son, And Spirit”**

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*P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

***C: (Sing) Amen.***

*P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace, live in harmony with one another, serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you his peace.*

***C: (Sing) Amen, amen, amen.***

### **Closing Verse CW623 v 4**

### **“God The Father, Son, And Spirit”**

**God of grace and love and blessing, Yours alone shall be the praise.  
Give us hearts to trust you truly, Hands to serve you all our days.  
Lord, bestow your future blessing Till we join the heav'nly host,  
There to praise and serve you ever, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**