

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Opening Hymn CW230

“Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now”

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

Epistle Lesson - Romans 11:13-15, 28-32 - God's Promises Are Irrevocable

¹³I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry ¹⁴in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

²⁸As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³²For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Verse of the Day

***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!***

Gospel - Matthew 15:21-28 - An Example of Great Faith

²¹Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession." ²³Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." ²⁷"Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.



Oh Woman
Great is your faith

C: (sing) Praise be to you, O Christ!

Sermon

ACCENT THE POSITIVE
“No Fair Weather Friends”

Proverbs 17:17

¹⁷A friend loves at all times,
and a brother is born for
adversity

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder

What does this mean?

We should fear

**and love God that we do not hurt
or harm our neighbor in his
body, but help and befriend him
in every bodily need.**

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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.



Hymn

“O Master of the Loving Heart”

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**O Master of the loving heart, The friend of all in need,
We pray that we may be like you In thought and word and deed.**

**Your days were full of kindly acts; Your speech was true and plain;
Of those who ever sought you, Lord, None came to you in vain.**

**Your face was warm with sympathy; Your hand God's strength revealed;
Who saw your face or felt your touch Were comforted and healed.**

**Oh, grant us hearts like yours, dear Lord, So joyous, free and true,
That all your children, ev'rywhere, Be drawn by us to you.**

THANKSGIVING

Offering

Prayer of the Church – General Thanksgiving – Page 128 in Christian Worship

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

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.

Blessing

C: (Sing) Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Verses

“Love in Christ is Strong and Living”

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**Love in Christ is strong and living,
Binding faithful hearts in one;
Love in Christ is true and giving –
May his will in us be done!**

**Love is patient and forbearing,
Clothed in Christ's humility,
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,
Reaching out in charity.**

**Love in Christ abides forever,
Fainting not when ills attend;
Love, forgiving and forgiven,
Shall endure until life's end.**