

# Christ Our Redeemer Church

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Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." John 21:15

25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the Teaching Ministry

Mr. Dean Johnson



## *Opening Prayer*

*Dear Heavenly Father, as we gather in your house this special day, open our ears to hear your Word, open our hearts to love you and all people, and open our lips to praise and worship your Holy name. Give us eyes to see the multitude of blessings you give to your Church through teachers, and move us to respond with lives of thanksgiving. Bless our worship, for Jesus' sake. Amen.*

## *Opening Hymn – "Oh Give Us Homes"*

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**Oh, give us homes built firmly on the Savior Where Christ is head and counselor and guide,  
Where ev'ry child is taught his love and favor And gives his heart to Christ, the crucified.  
How sweet to know that, though our foot-steps wa-ver, A faith-ful Lord is walk-ing by our side!**

**Oh, give us homes where Christ is Lord and master,  
The Bible read, the precious hymns still sung,  
Where prayer comes first in peace or in disaster And praise is nat-ural speech to ev-'ry tongue,  
Where mountains move before a faith that's vaster And Christ suf-fi-cient is for old and young.  
O Lord, our God, our homes are yours for-ev-er! We trust to you their prob-lems, toil and care;  
Their bonds of love no en-e-my can sev-er If you are al-ways Lord and mas-ter there.  
Lord, be the cen-ter of our least en-deav-or; Lord, be our guest, our hearts and homes to share.**

## *Litany of Praise*

*P: For parents, a child's first teacher,*

***C: We give you thanks, O Lord.***

*P: For those who through the years have devoted their lives to communicating the Gospel to others by giving their time to teach children and youth,*

***C: We give you thanks, O Lord.***

*P: For those who have made provision for a place where children might be taught, and who have provided the materials from which they might learn.*

***C: We give you thanks, O Lord.***

*P: For all the members of the Christian Church, who, through their lives and the example they set, are teachers of all with whom they have contact. For Dean Johnson and his ministry of 25 years, we give you thanks. Continue to use him as a tool of your Holy Spirit to teach children and young people.*

***C: We give you thanks, O Lord, and praise your name.***

**Sing: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

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### ***Confessing Our Sins***

***ALL: Lord God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Forgive my open sins and my secret sins. Forgive the sins I know and the sins I do not know. Forgive the sins I did to please myself and the sins I did to please others. Forgive them all, gracious Lord, for Jesus' sake. Amen.***

***P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

### ***Prayer for the Day***

***P: Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. C:***

***(Sing) "Amen."***

### ***Bible Lessons and Hymn Responses – CW507***

***"Lord of Our Growing Years"***

**1) *Infancy – 2 Timothy 3:14-16*** <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

#### ***Response Hymn 507 vs 1***

**2) *Youth - Isaiah 40:28-31*** <sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. <sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. <sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; <sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

#### ***Response Hymn 507 vs 2***

**3) *Middle Years – Joshua 1:6-9*** <sup>6</sup> Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. <sup>7</sup> Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup> Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <sup>9</sup> Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

#### ***Response Hymn 507 vs 3***

**4) *Older Years – 1 Peter 1:22-25*** <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart. <sup>23</sup> For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. <sup>24</sup> For, "All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, <sup>25</sup> but the word of the Lord stands forever." And this is the word that was preached to you.

**Closing Years – Psalm 23** <sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, <sup>3</sup> he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. <sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. <sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Response Hymn 507 vs 5**

**10:30a Musical Selection – Sr. Choir**

**“Who Will Teach the Children”**

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**Confession of Faith (Explanation of the 3rd Article)**

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the last day he will raise me and all the dead; and he will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true!

**Sermon Hymn – CW512**

**“Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”**

**Sermon**

**“BRINGING UP MINOR LEAGUERS”**

**Deuteronomy 11:18-21**

<sup>18</sup>Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>19</sup>Teach 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. <sup>20</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, <sup>21</sup>so 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.



*Hymn of the Day – CW508*

*“Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd”*

*Offering*

*10:30a Musical Selection - Children’s Choir*

*“Feed My Lambs”*

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*Responsive Prayer*

*P: Eternal Father, we praise you and give you our thanks that you poured out your blessings for so many years on your servant Dean Johnson, and that, despite his own frailty and weakness, you called him to the public ministry of the Gospel.*

*C: To you we give thanks.*

*P: You gave him a heart of faith through his baptism and strengthened it with your Word and Holy Supper, you empowered him to rely on your grace and guidance, and instilled in him a love of teaching children.*

*C: To you we give thanks.*

*P: We ask you to continue to use your servant according to your will and ways. Keep him under the shadow of your wings, and give him joy as he continues to teach.*

*C: O Lord, hear our prayer.*

*P: Rise up, Lord, from the ranks of your Church, another generation of men and women eager to carry the torch of teaching, and fill them with love for you and children. May their ministries be blessed so that more and more may be added to your kingdom.*

*C: O Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.*

*Blessing C: (sing) Amen, amen, amen.*

*Closing*

*8a – Hymn – CW326*

*“May the Grace of Christ Our Savior”*

*10:30a Musical Selection – Sr. Choir*

*“God Will Bless You”*

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*A very warm welcome to our guests.*

*We pray your family benefited from what God has to say to all families,  
especially about teaching our children.*

*We hope you will join us again.*

*If you would like, please sign our guest register in the back.*