

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Morning Praise - page 45 in Christian Worship Hymnal

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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.

Morning Hymn

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

**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.**

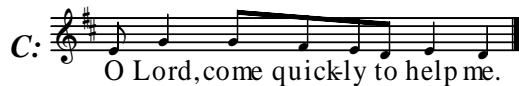
**Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;
Banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending.
Bring us to heaven, where your saints united. Joy without ending.**

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

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:

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**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.**

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**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.**

Epistle Lesson - Romans 13:1-10 – Godly Submission to Government ¹Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. ⁴For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. ⁶This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. ⁸Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Psalm of the Day - Psalm 121 on page 112 in the front of Christian Worship

Gospel Lesson - Matthew 18:15-20 – Discipline With Love ¹⁵"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. ¹⁶But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses

to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

Seasonal Response Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Sermon Hymn – CW477

“What Is the World To Me”

Sermon

“A Lesson From An Ant”

Proverbs 6:6-8

Sermon Series on the Ten Commandments

⁶Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise!

⁷It has no commander, no overseer or ruler,

⁸yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest.



The Seventh Commandment

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

Hymn of the Day – CW485

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

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**We give thee but thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as thou blessest us, To thee our firstfruits give.**

**Oh, hearts are bruised and dead, And homes are bare and cold,
And lambs for whom the shepherd bled Are straying from the fold.**

**To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless, Is angels' work below.**

**The captives to release, To God the lost to bring,
To teach the way of life and peace It is a Christ-like thing.**

**And we believe thy Word Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto thee.**

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