

# **CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD**  
*On page 38 in Christian Worship*



**Opening Hymn CW546 vv 1-3**

*“Lord Jesus, You Have Come”*

*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 – Numbers 11:16, 24-29 “We’ve Got Spirit”** <sup>16</sup>The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp."

<sup>28</sup>Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" <sup>29</sup>But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"



**Psalm of the Day - Psalm 31 on page 77 in Christian Worship**

**Gospel - Mark 9:38-50 “Pass the Salt”** <sup>38</sup>"Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." <sup>39</sup>"Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, <sup>40</sup>for whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward.



<sup>42</sup>"And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where "their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched." <sup>49</sup>Everyone will be salted with fire.

<sup>50</sup>"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

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

**SERMON SERIES – COURAGEOUS HEROS OF FAITH**

**Sermon**

**“Apollos”**

**Acts 18:24-27**

<sup>24</sup>Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. <sup>25</sup>He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. <sup>26</sup>He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately. <sup>27</sup>When Apollos wanted to go to Achaia, the brothers encouraged him and wrote to the disciples there to welcome him. On arriving, he was a great help to those who by grace had believed.



**Apostles' 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 CW548 vv 1-3**

*"O Lord, In Prayer, You Spent the Night"*

### **Children's Lesson**

*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 CW548 v 4**

*"O Lord, In Prayer, You Spent the Night"*

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**So may we, when our work is done, Together meet before your throne  
And joyful hearts and voices raise In one united song of praise,  
With all the bright, celestial host, To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**