

The Order of Worship

(We will follow the Service of Word and Sacrament as it is printed on page 26 in the front section of the Hymnal)

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" *Christian Worship 82. st 1-3 & 5*

- Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord to you we raise, Manifested by the star to the Magi from afar, Branch of royal David's stem, in your birth at Bethlehem. Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 2. Manifest at Jordan' stream, Prophet, Priest and King supreme And at Cana, Wedding Guest, in your Godhead manifest; Manifest in pow'r divine, changing water into wine. Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 3. Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul; Manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; Manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill. Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.
- 5. Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy Word. May our lives and all we do imitate and honor you That we all like you may be at your great Epiphany And may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

The Invocation

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

C: And also with you.

The Confession of Sins

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him

with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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 the 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.

C: Amen!

Lord have Mercy

P: Jesus the Light of the world has come into the world. He has lived for us. He has died for us. Through his intercession, he has assured us he will hear and answer all our prayers for our good. With this confidence, we pray:

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer — cy.

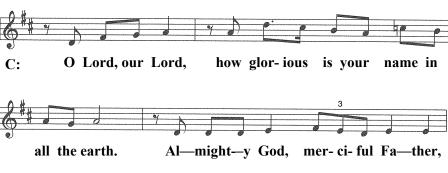
P: For the well-being of your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise; hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



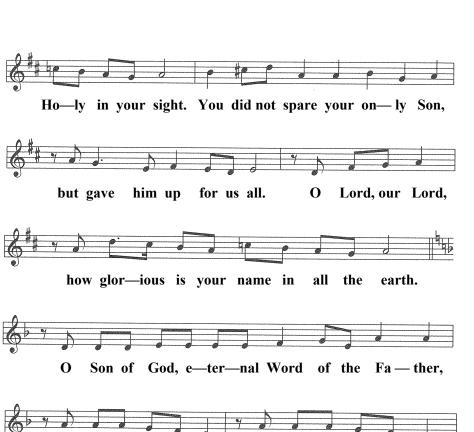
P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise;





you crown our life with your love. You take a- way our sin;







you came to live with us; you made your Fa—ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo-ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: O compassionate Lord, you have caused your holy Word to be proclaimed for our blessing, and it offers a banquet for our souls. Give us willing hearts to rejoice in your invitation to read, learn, and apply its truth to our life. Strengthen us through its divine truth to identify and overcome every temptation. Bless us through its error-free instruction that we may add to our understanding concerning you, your will, and the way that leads to heaven. Through your guidance bring us safely through this life into your kingdom. There we will praise you—Father, Son, and Spirit—throughout endless ages.



The Lessons from God's Word

Old Testament Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each one had six wings. With two they covered their faces. With two they covered their feet. With two they flew. ³One called to another and said,

Holy, holy, is the LORD of Armies!

The whole earth is full of his glory!

⁴The foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of the one who called, and the temple was filled with smoke.

⁵Then I said, "I am doomed! I am ruined, because I am a man with unclean lips, and I dwell among a people with unclean lips, and because my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of Armies!"

⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, carrying a glowing coal in his hand, which he had taken from the altar with tongs. ⁷He touched my mouth with the coal and said, "Look, this has touched your lips, so your guilt is taken away, and your sin is forgiven."

⁸Then I heard the Lord's voice, saying, "Whom shall I send?

Who will go for us?"
Then I said, "Here I am. Send me!"

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 119:33-40

P: ³³ Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.

Then I will guard it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I will guard your law. I will keep it with all my heart.

³⁵ Make me walk on the path of your commandments, for I take pleasure in it.

³⁶ Direct my heart toward your testimonies and not toward material gain.

³⁷ Keep my eyes from looking at worthless things.

Give me life according to your ways.

³⁸ Confirm your sayings to your servant, so that you may be feared.

³⁹ Take away my disgrace which I dread, for your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ How I long for your precepts!

Give me life in your righteousness.

Congregation responds "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear" Christian Worship 282 st. 1-2

Lord, open now my hear to hear, And through your Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure retain; Let me your child and heir remain.

Your Word inspires my heart within; Your Word grants healing from my sin. Your Word has power to guide and bless; Your Word brings peace and happiness.

Epistle Romans 10:12–17

¹²So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call

on him. ¹³Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴So then, how can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one about whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵And how can they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news of peace, who preach the gospel of good things!"

¹⁶But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who believed our message?" ¹⁷So then, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message comes through the word of Christ.

Verse of Praise

P: Now to him who is able to strengthen you—according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ; according to the revelation of the mystery that was veiled in silence for long ages past, but now has been revealed through the prophetic Scriptures and made known to all the Gentiles, in keeping with the command of the eternal God, resulting in the obedience of faith—to God, who alone is wise, be glory forever through Jesus Christ.

Verse of the Day



These words are writ — ten that we may be—lieve that





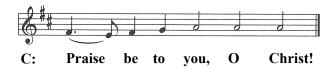
Gospel Luke 8:4-15

⁴As a large crowd was gathering and people from one town after another were making their way to him, he spoke using a parable. ⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some fell along the path. It was trampled, and the birds of the sky devoured it. ⁶ Other seed fell on rocky ground. As soon as it grew, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns. The thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ Other seed fell into good soil. It grew and produced fruit—one hundred times as much as was sown." As he said these things, he called out, "Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear!"

⁹ His disciples asked him, "What does this parable mean?"

¹⁰ He said, "To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest I speak in parables so that 'even though they see, they may not see, and even though they hear, they may not understand.' 11 This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. ¹² Those along the path are the ones who hear it, but then the Devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts to keep them from believing and being saved. ¹³ Those on the rocky ground are the ones who, when they hear, receive the word with joy, but they have no root. So they believe for a while, but then fall away in a time of testing. ¹⁴ The seeds that fell into the thorns are the ones who hear the word, but as they go on their way they are choked by the worries, riches, and pleasures of life, so they do not mature. ¹⁵ And the seeds in the good ground are the ones who hear the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it tightly, and produce fruit as they patiently endure.

P: This is the Word of our God. Sanctify us by your Truth; your Word is Truth.



Hymn of the Day

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light" *Christian Worship 569*

O Christ, our true and only Light, Enlighten those who sit in night.; Let those afar now hear your voice And in your fold with us rejoice.

> Fill with the radiance of your grace The souls now lost in error's maze And all whom in their secret minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.

Oh, gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way! Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed In you find peace and heavenly rest.

> Shine on the darkened and the cold; Recall the wand'rers to your fold. Unite all those who walk apart; Confirm the weak and doubting heart.

That they may with us evermore Such grace with wond'ring thanks adore And endless praise to you be giv'n By all your Church in earth and heav'n.

Sermon Luke 8:4-15

"Don't Be Surprised by Different Reactions to the Word"

The Confession of Faith

(We join in the words of the Nicene Creed)

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

Thanksgiving and Prayer

Prayers for the Day

Special Prayers and requests

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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!

The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son who is the radiance of his glory. Through

him has come salvation, power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority to rule over all things. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.



The Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took

bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

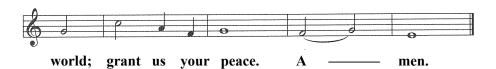
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The Blessing of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.







The Congregation may be seated for the Distribution

Please come forward along the west wall of the sanctuary allowing sufficient space between you and the next person. At the direction of the pastor, please come forward and he will place the bread in your hand, then the cup. After drinking, please place the cup in the tray on the far side of the altar, and return to your seat going along the east side of the sanctuary. The closing blessing will be given after all have received the Sacrament.

The Blessing

P: Now may this, the true body and true blood of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, make and keep you strong in your faith unto eternal life. Go in peace, all your sins are forgiven. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Song of Thanksgiving

(Congregation rises and sings)



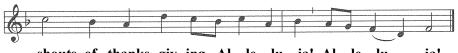
Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re- news his prom- is- es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu — ia!

Closing Prayer:

P: O gracious Lord and Savior, you have blessed us with your undeserved love and your never-failing assurance to help us in every time of need. Through your Word of Truth you have revived our fearful hearts and strengthened us to meet every challenge. With your blessed Supper you have refreshed our burdened consciences and restored us through your forgiveness. With your precious promises you have renewed our strength and empowered us to live in love. Continue to pour out your blessings. Keep us strong and in your protection until we enter the place you have prepared for us. Throughout this life, as well as throughout all eternity, make it our sole desire to serve and praise you—together with your Father and the Spirit.



The Benediction:

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 peace.



Closing Hymn

"God has Spoken by His Prophets" Christian Worship 281 God has spoken by his prophets Spoken his unchanging Word. Each from age to age proclaiming God the one, the righteous Lord. In the world's despair and turmoil One firm anchor holds us fast: God is King, his throne eternal, God the first and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus, Christ, the everlasting Son, Brightness of the Father's glory, With the Father ever one, Spoken by the Word incarnate, God from God before time was, Light from Light, to earth descending — He reveals our God to us.

God is speaking by his Spirit, Speaking to the hearts of all, In the ageless word expounding His own message for us all. Through the rise and fall of nations One sure faith is standing fast. God abides, his Word unchanging God the first and God the last.

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today—Welcome in Name of our Savior Jesus Christ. Through the revelation of our Savior, we have peace and strength to live with joy and confidence. If you are visiting this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

• Because Pastor Proeber is in quarantine, there will be no Bible Class following the worship service.

Tuesday—Church Council meeting at 7:00 pm. Committees will follow at 8:00 pm.

Wednesday—Bible Class will be tentatively scheduled for tonight. Much depends on how Pastor is doing. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the church office.

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30—2:30 pm

Saturday—Church Cleaning: Justin Schroeder

Lawn beginning February 6th—J. Schroeder

Sunday, February 13th—Worship and Live-streaming at 9:30 am. When we consider the Apostle Paul's life we remember how he prayed to have the Lord remove the "thorn in his flesh." God's answer was not uncaring or unloving, rather as Paul reminds us, "God's strength in made perfect in our weakness."

 Christian Education will follow the service, and will focus on statements of blessing and woe offered Jesus. These are written to direct our hearts away from the empty treasures and teachings of this life.

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