

**“Jesus is Our Refuge
in Every
Time of Need!”**

The Order of Worship

Pre-Service Music

Welcome

God Places His Name on Us

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!

Opening Litany

P: There are few words which can equal the beauty and consolation offered by the proclamation—Jesus lived for us, Jesus died for us, and Jesus rose for us! With these we have every confidence God invites to come to him and find compassion through the work Jesus faithfully accomplished on our behalf.

Jesus Lived for Us!

P: Saint Paul quotes the psalmist: “There is no one who is righteous, not even one. There is no one who understands. There is no one who searches for God. They all turned away; together they have become useless” (*Romans 3:10-12*).

Because all lack true righteousness before God, all need a Substitute to secure the holiness required to stand acceptable before the Lord. It was provided by Jesus through his sin-free life. The writer to the Hebrews proclaims: “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin” (*Hebrews 4:15-16*).

Congregation Sings

“Your Works, Not Mine”
Christian Worship 401 st. 1

Your works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart.
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone, Lord shall I flee?

Jesus Died for Us!

P: From the very first sin in Eden, death was the sentence handed down. God stood by his judgment when he declared: “You will return to the soil, for out of it you were taken. For you are dust and to dust you will return” (*Genesis 3:19*).

This sentence was further explained by Paul who wrote, “The wages of sin is death” (*Romans 6:23*). Yet God would not have the sinner die. He sent his Son to take the place of sinners under his just judgment, and endured the punishment all deserved. So, God shows his great love for us in this: “While we were still sinners, Christ Jesus died for us” (*Romans 5:8*).

Congregation Sings

“Your Works, Not Mine”
Christian Worship 401 st. 4

Your death, not mine, O Christ, has paid the ransom due;
Then thousand deaths like mine would have been all too few.
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone, Lord shall I flee?

Jesus Rose for Us!

P: Our rescue from sin and its condemnation is made certain through the work of Jesus Christ. He is the perfect Substitute. He is the righteous sacrifice. He is the one who triumphed over death, the devil and the grave to proclaim the victory is complete.

This is the message into which we put our confidence, and of which Paul writes: “That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures” (*1 Corinthians 15:3-4*).

Congregation Sings

“Your Works, Not Mine”
Christian Worship 401 st. 5

Your righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me;
No other righteousness can set a sinner free.
To whom but you, who can alone for sin atone, Lord shall I flee?

P: It is because Jesus lived, died, and rose that we know we can come before the Lord, because “God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (*1 John 1:9*). Therefore, let us confess our sin 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.

Absolution

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.

Song of Praise

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



C: 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 con — tin — ues for -



ev — er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless — ed are they who take ref — uge in him.

Prayer for the Day

P: O gracious God and Lord, we brought sin into the world by our disobedience. We also brought your sentence of death. Although we rebelled against you, you continued to love us. In your compassion, you sent Jesus, your only Son, to endure temptation, to suffer mockery and crucifixion, and to bear the full weight of your justice. As a result, there is forgiveness. Send us your Holy Spirit that we turn from our sin and return to you. Then, assure us we are forgiven and reconciled. Keep us in your care. Protect us from the devil’s deadly assaults. Bring us safely to life in heaven where we will be with you to praise you—Father, Son, and Spirit—throughout endless ages.



C: A — — — — men.

The Lessons from God’s Word

“Deliver me, O Lord, by Your all-surpassing Strength!”

Old Testament

Genesis 3:1-15

¹Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which

the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden’?”

²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.’ ”

⁴The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. ⁵In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

⁶When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. ⁸They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?”

¹⁰The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.”

¹¹God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?”

¹²The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the livestock, and more than every wild animal. You shall crawl on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.

Congregation responds

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”

Christian Worship 378 st. 1-3

All mankind fell in Adam’s fall;
One common sin infects us all.
From one to all the curse descends,
And over all God’s wrath impends.

Through all our pow’rs corruption creeps
And us in dreadful bondage keeps;
In guilt we draw our infant breath
And reap its fruits of woe and death.

From hearts depraved to evil prone,
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin alone;
God’s image lost, the darkened soul
Nor seeks to find its heav’nly goal.

Epistle

Romans 5:12-19

¹²So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. ¹³For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one’s account if there is no law, ¹⁴and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the gracious gift is not like Adam’s trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God’s grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many!

¹⁶And the gift is not like the effect of the one man’s sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification.

¹⁷Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will

reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ!

¹⁸So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

Congregation responds “All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”
Christian Worship 378 st. 4-6

But Christ, the second Adam came
To bear our sin and woe and shame,
To be our life, our light, our way,
Our only hope, our only stay.

As by one man all mankind fell
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
So by one Man, who took our place,
We all were justified by grace.

We thank you Christ; new life is ours,
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow’rs;
This grace our eve’ry way attend
Until we reach our journey’s end.

Gospel *Matthew 4:1-11*

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. ²After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The Tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread.”

⁴But Jesus answered, “It is written:

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
that comes out of the mouth of God.”

⁵Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and he said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you.

And they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

⁷Jesus said to him, “Again, it is written:

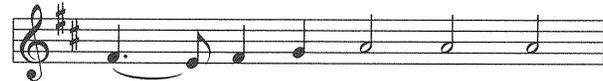
You shall not test the Lord your God.”

⁸Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹He said to him, “I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me.”

¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, “Go away, Satan! For it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

¹¹Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

P: This is the Word of our God.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

“Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode”
Christian Worship 447

Sermon

Psalm 46, selected verses

¹God is our refuge and strength, a helper who can always be found in time of trouble. ²That is why we will not fear when the earth dissolves and when the mountains tumble into the heart of the sea. ³Its waters roar and foam. The mountains quake when it rises.

¹⁰“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted on the earth.”

¹¹The LORD of Armies is with us. The God of Jacob is a fortress for us.

“God Is!”

Our Helper, always near
Our Helper, always capable

The Confession of Faith

(we unite in the words of the Apostles' Creed)

**C: 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
at 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 and Prayer

Prayer for the Lord's Blessing

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.**

Hymn

“Yours Forever, God of Love”
Christian Worship 426

Closing Prayer

Psalm 46

P: ¹ God is our refuge and strength, a helper who can always be found in times of trouble.

C: ² That is why we will not fear when the earth dissolves and when the mountains tumble into the heart of the sea. ³ Its waters roar and foam. The mountains quake when it rises.

P: ⁴ There is a river—its streams bring joy to the city of God, to the holy dwelling of the Most High. ⁵ God is in her. She will not fall. God will help her at daybreak.

C: ⁶ Nations are in turmoil. Kingdoms fall. God raises his voice. The earth melts.

P: ⁷ The LORD of Armies is with us. The God of Jacob is a fortress for us.

C: ⁸ Come, look at the works of the LORD. What a wasteland he has made of the earth!

P: ⁹ He makes wars cease to the end of the earth. He shatters the bow. He cuts up the spear. He burns the carts with fire.

C: ¹⁰ “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations. I will be exalted on the earth.”

P: ¹¹ The LORD of Armies is with us. The God of Jacob is a fortress for us.

P: How can we ever thank you, O Lord our God, for your faithful promise and your unfailing presence. Keep us in your protective care. Strengthen us to stand against the devil’s assaults. Bless us with the victory secured by Jesus’ faithfulness. We commend ourselves in your care, O Lord. You are our refuge, our strength,

and our helper who can always be found in every time of trouble—our faithful and loving God—Father, Son and Spirit.



C: A ——— men.

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace; live in harmony with one another; serve the Lord in 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 his favor; and
give you peace.



C: A — men. A — men. A ——— men.

Closing Hymn

“Children of the Heavenly Father”
Christian Worship 449

Silent Prayer

Announcements . . .

Today - *Welcome in the name of our good and gracious God!*
How blessed we are to receive the help and strength we need for every time of trouble and temptation through Jesus Christ, our Savior. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book. We also invite you to worship again, soon!

- Coffee and snacks will be served following the service. Stay and enjoy this special time with friends in the Lord.
- Bible Class will begin at 11:00 am. Our study will focus on the “Temptation of Jesus” and what it means for us as we endure the devil’s assaults.

Monday—Handbell practice begins at 7:00 pm

Wednesday—Mid-Week Lent Worship at 7:00 pm. This week we will hear our Savior’s Impassioned Prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane—“Lord, Your Will Be Done!”

Friday—Office hours from 10:00 am—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Clean: Everson

- Lawn mowing beginning March 5th—C. Schueler

Sunday, March 5th—In Person Worship and Live Streaming at 9:30 am. In another beautiful and familiar psalm we are told there is help for the helpless. It is found in the Lord who is the maker of heaven and earth.

- The Lord’s Supper will be offered in this service. You may register to receive the Sacrament today. You may also contact Pastor Proeber to make arrangements to receive it privately.
- Christian Education will follow the service. The lesson will consider Paul’s words from Romans 4—Abraham believed and God credited it to him as righteousness.

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