

26 Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." 28 Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" 29 Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30 So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " 32 Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." 35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. 37 Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 38 for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. 40 This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day." 41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to

For There Will Come a Time When People Will not Put Up with Sound Doctrine.

48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh." 52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." 59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. 60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" 61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? 62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. 64 But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. 65 And he said,

The Order of Worship

Pre-service Music Welcome

Opening Hymn: “With the Lord Begin Your Task”
Christian Worship 478

The Invocation

P: In the name of the Triune God—God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Holy Spirit.

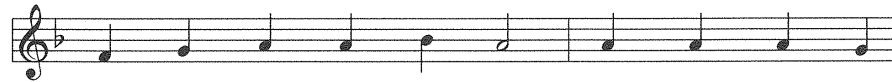


C: A — men!

The Confession of Sins

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and
confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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.**



C: Lord, have mer—cy on us. Christ, have mer—cy



on us. Lord, have mer—cy on us.

Absolution

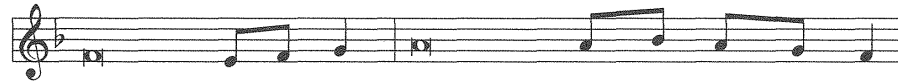
God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

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.



C: A — men!

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



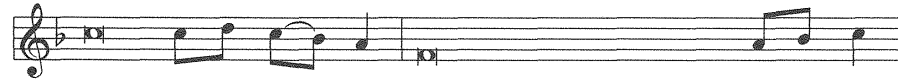
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



We praise you, we bless you, we wor- ship you, we glorify you,



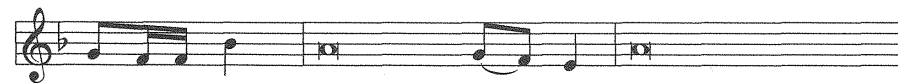
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,



God the Fa- ther Al- mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je- sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



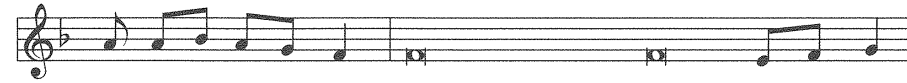
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al— so with you.

P: O gracious Savior, Lord and Head of the Church, there is one thing you ask of us, and that is faithfulness. Give us an extra measure of this much needed gift so we can serve you in love. Strengthen us so when we face the world's obstacles or the devil's attacks, we can persevere. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we are always ready to correct, rebuke, and encourage others by your powerful Word of Truth. We know we live in the end times. This is why we need your presence, your promises, and your all-surpassing power. By them we will serve you, and on the last day, receive the servant's reward for faithfulness in heaven—all to your glory and praise, together with your Father and the Spirit.



C: A — men!

The Lessons from God's Word

"We serve because of God's grace, and in spite of numerous challenges and obstacles."

Old Testament

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷You persuaded me, LORD, and I agreed to it. You are stronger than I am, and you won out. I have become a laughingstock all day long, and everyone is mocking me. ⁸Whenever I speak, I cry out. I cry out, "Violence and destruction!"

But the word of the LORD has brought scorn on me. I am mocked all day long. ⁹If I say, "I will not mention him or speak in his name anymore," then there is a burning fire in my heart, shut up in my bones, and I am weary of holding it in. I cannot!

¹⁰I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side!" All my close friends, those who are watching for my fall, say, "Denounce him! Let's denounce him. Perhaps he can be pressured into making a mistake. Then we will have the upper hand against him, and we will take our revenge on him."

¹¹But the LORD is with me like a terrifying warrior. So my persecutors will stumble, and they will not gain the upper hand. They will be put to shame completely, because they have not been successful. Their eternal disgrace will never be forgotten.


¹²LORD of Armies, you test the righteous. You see the heart and the mind. Let me see your vengeance on them, for I have laid out my case before you.

¹³Sing to the LORD! Praise the LORD, for he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of the wicked.

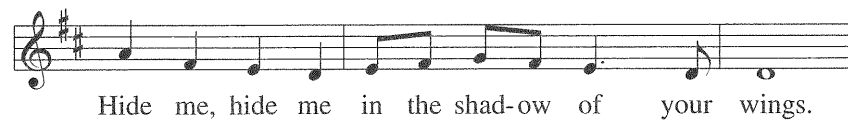
Psalm for the Day

Psalm 91

Refrain



Keep me, keep me as the ap - ple of your eye.



Hide me, hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.

Psalm tone



He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most High, *
will rest in the shadow of the Al- | mighty.

I will say | of the LORD, *
“He is my refuge and my fortress, my God,
in | whom I trust.

Refrain

You will not fear the terror | of the night, *
nor the arrow that | flies by day.

If you make the Most High your | dwelling, *
then no harm will befall you, no disaster will
come | near your tent.

For he will command his angels con- | cerning you, *
to guard you in | all your ways;

They will lift you up | in their hands, *
so that you will not strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the beg- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

Epistle

2 Timothy 4:1-8

¹I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom: ²Preach the word. Be ready whether it is convenient or not. Correct, rebuke, and encourage, with all patience and teaching. ³For there will come a time when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, because they have itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in line with their own desires. ⁴They will also turn their ears away from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

⁵As for you, keep a clear head in every situation. Bear hardship. Do the work of an evangelist. Fulfill your ministry.

⁶You see, I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness. The Lord, the righteous Judge, will give it to me on that day, and not only to me but also to everyone who loved his appearing.

Verse of the Day

P: ⁸⁹To eternity, O LORD, your word is fixed firmly in the heavens. ⁹⁰For generation after generation, your faithfulness remains. You established the earth, and it stands. ⁹¹As for your judgments, they stand to this day, because all things are your servants. ⁹²Unless your law had been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. ⁹³To eternity I will not forget your precepts, because by them you have given me life. ⁹⁴I am yours. Save me, because I have sought your precepts. ⁹⁵The wicked are lying in wait for me to kill me, but I will ponder your testimonies. I see a limit to all perfection, but your commandment has no limits.

Alleluia!



C: Al - le - lu — ia! Al - le - lu — ia! Al - le - lu — ia!

The Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel is recorded in the tenth chapter of Matthew, reading various verses.



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

⁵Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them,

²¹“Brother will hand over his brother to death, and a father will do the same with his child. Children will rise up against parents and have them put to death. ²²You will be hated by all people because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. ²³And when they persecute you in one town, flee to the next. Amen I tell you: You will not finish going through the cities of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor is a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher and the servant like his master. If the master of the house was called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶“So do not be afraid of them, because there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear the one who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹“Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without the knowledge and consent of your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

³¹So do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone who confesses me before others, I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. ³³But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.”

P: This is the Word of our God.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

(we will 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.**

Hymn of the Day

**“Fight the Good Fight”
*Christian Worship 457***

Sermon

2 Timothy 4:1-4

“Are We There Yet?”

When people reject sound doctrine
When we labor urgently with the Word

“Create in Me”

Psalm 51



C: Cre- ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-



new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-



way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir - it



from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-va -



tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A-men.

Praise and Thanksgiving

Prayer for the Day

P: O gracious Lord and Savior, we recognize we are in the end times. For many love has grown cold, and the truth has been rejected. Attacks on your Word, and on us as your faithful people have increased. Give us the faith we need to stand firm. Send us your Holy Spirit so we can persevere. Fill us with an unshakable confidence in knowing you will always be by our side.

**C: Oh, for a faith that will not shrink
Though pressed by many a foe,
That will not tremble on the brink of poverty or woe.**

P: O faithful Lord and Savior, your will is that we serve you faithfully until you determine our time of service is at an end. Although there may be difficult times and challenges which could bring us to our breaking point, continue to keep us faithful. Uphold us by your mercy. Refresh us with needed strength. Renew us with your faithful promises.

**C: That will not murmur nor complain
Beneath the chastening rod.
But in the hour of grief or pain can lean upon its God.**

P: O loving Lord and Savior, open our eyes to see the precious work before us. Keep us from counting the cost of service. Help us look beyond whatever challenges, burdens, or temptations which become obstacles. Then fill us with the unshakable confidence, that at the end of our time of service, you will receive us into your heavenly kingdom to give us the faithful servants reward.

**C: Lord, give us such as faith as this,
And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss of an eternal home.**

P: It is because of your undeserved mercy that we can serve you. It is because of that same love we can pray —

The Lord's Prayer

(spoken by the congregation and pastor)

**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

“God, My Father, Make Me Strong”
Christian Worship 468

Closing Prayer

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 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: A ——— men!

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God’s Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace.



C: A— men. A— men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“Jesus, Lead Us On”
Christian Worship 422

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in Name of our gracious Savior, Jesus Christ!*
May the grace given by our merciful God well up within you bringing you confidence for life, and joyful boldness in service. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book or a visitor card. Come back and worship with us again, soon.

- Following the worship service there will be time for a cup of coffee and the gift of fellowship in the Lord.
- Christian Education will follow the service. Jeremiah is known as the “weeping prophet.” Even though he experienced great sadness, the Lord gave him boldness and strength to continue his precious work. What the Lord did for Jeremiah serves as a reminder and an encouragement to us.

Wednesday—Bible Class at 7:00 pm. We continue with the study of the Holy Spirit and the main work he accomplishes. We will also consider the gifts he gives to support the work of Christ’s Church.

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

Saturday—Church Cleaning—Florez

- Mowing beginning June 25th—C. Schueler

Sunday, July 2nd—**In Person Worship and Live-Streaming at 9:30 am.** At foot of Mount Sinai we see both the graciousness of God and the sinfulness of his people. We also see how the Lord addressed that wickedness and blessed faithfulness. It is an important lesson for us to learn as God’s people. God is both gracious and just.

- The Lord’s Supper will be offered during this service. You may register to receive the Sacrament following today’s service.
- Christian Education will follow the service and will consider Paul’s closing words to young Timothy. These words are an important reminder to us as servants of the Lord.

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Upcoming Event!

In about two weeks we will have our annual **4th of July Movie and Barbeque**. Sadly, the City of Goleta will not have fireworks at Girsch Park, so we are making alternate plans. Dinner will begin at 5:00 pm. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring along a side dish to share and a dessert.

At 6:00 pm we will watch the movie, “Come Before Winter.” It is about Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the stand he took against the Third Reich. It serves as a reminder of what our duty is to the Lord even in challenging times, and even though it may mean the ultimate sacrifice.

Following the movie we will have desserts along with a time for discussion and fellowship.

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