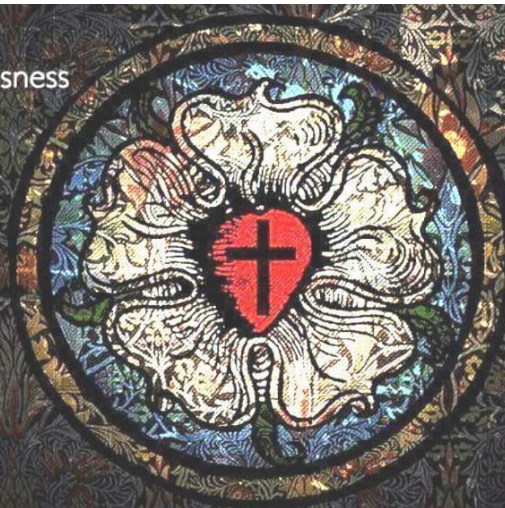


"Lord Jesus,
you are my righteousness
I am your sin



You became what
you were not
and made me to be
what I was not"

-Martin Luther

Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to receive strength through hearing God's holy Word. We also gather to offer him our worship and praise.

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN 862

LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD

CONFESSION OF SINS

The Confession of Sins has two parts: admitting our sinfulness and receiving the assurance of God's forgiveness.

M: It was in Eden that Satan destroyed the peace that existed between God and his human creatures. It was in Eden where the tragic cry began:

C: Lord, have mercy on us. Show us your face. Deliver us from Satan's hold.

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.

A quiet moment for meditation and reflection

KYRIE

The following is sung by the Pastor, then by the congregation.

M: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. A-a-men.

C: Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. A-a-men.

ABSOLUTION

Galatians 4:4-7, Romans 1:17, 5:1-2

M: When the time was right, God acted. He sent his Son to do for His creatures what we could not do for ourselves. Jesus Christ lived and died and rose again to restore the peace that had been lost.

C: We shall not die but live and declare the praises of God!

M: Satan, however, was not finished. He challenged the Church's faith and mission. But God preserved his Church, often quietly, sometimes with only a whisper. Even in the depths of darkness the light of grace continued to shine.

In the fourth century as Satan attacked the deity of Jesus, the Church confessed:

C: 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.

M: In the fifth century as Satan challenged the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, the Church confessed :

C: Now this is the true Christian Faith: We worship one God in three persons and three persons in one God, without mixing the persons or dividing the divine being. For each person—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—is distinct, but the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is one, coequal in glory and coeternal in majesty.

M: Throughout the centuries the battle continued. Often Satan seemed to be the victor. The cry of God's people went before his throne:

C: Lord, have mercy on us. Show us your face. Deliver us from Satan's hold.

M: In the 16th century, God's saving truth was once again under attack. God raised up Martin Luther and others. They were individuals like us, often plagued by weakness and doubt. But God used them to be messengers of His everlasting Gospel.

C: Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, and I am your sin.

M: The just shall live by faith alone.

C: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

M: The Lord's right hand has done mighty things! The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

C: I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

M: Fight the good fight of faith!

C: For the Lord, the righteous Judge, has laid up for us a crown of life,

M: For us, and for all who await his appearing.

HYMN OF PRAISE 877

REFORMATION SONG

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT

ROMANS 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. ²⁰Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

²¹But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. ²⁸For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 46

M: God is our refuge and strength,

C: an ever-present help in trouble.

M: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way,

C: and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.

M: Though its waters roar and foam,

C: and the mountains quake with their surging.

M: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C: The holy place where the Most High dwells.

M: God is within her, she will not fall;

C: God will help her at break of day.

M: Nations are in uproar; kingdoms fall.;

C: He lifts his voice, the earth melts.

M: The LORD Almighty is with us;

C: The God of Jacob is our fortress.

M: Come and see what the Lord has done,

C: The desolation he has brought on the earth.

M: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

C: He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

M: “Be still, and know that I am God;

C: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

M: The LORD Almighty is with us;

C: The God of Jacob is our fortress.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

LUKE 12:32

Alleluia. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Alleluia.

Please stand for the words of our Savior, our King

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 10:16-23

¹⁶“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

²¹“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²²You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN 864

A MIGHTY FORTRESS

¹⁰Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. ¹²So they went to the king and spoke to him about his royal decree: “Did you not publish a decree that during the next thirty days anyone who prays to any god or human being except to you, Your Majesty, would be thrown into the lions’ den?”

The king answered, “The decree stands—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.”

¹⁶So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions’ den. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!”

¹⁷A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel’s situation might not be changed. ¹⁸Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

¹⁹At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions’ den. ²⁰When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, “Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?”

²¹Daniel answered, “May the king live forever! ²²My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty.”

²³The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Luther’s explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed gives expression to our God’s saving work in our behalf.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING *Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our gifts, purely out of thanks to him. Our offering goes to support the gospel ministry of our congregation and our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. (There is an opportunity for giving via the offering box at the back of the sanctuary or online.)*



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Based on a prayer Martin Luther offered at the Diet of Worms (1521) as he faced emperor and other authorities.

- M Almighty, eternal God! Out of the depths we call to you. The world opens its mouth to swallow your church, and our faith in you is too small to confront its lures and attractions.
- C **We confess the weakness of our sinful flesh. If we are to depend upon any strength from ourselves, all is lost.**
- M The work is not ours, O God, but yours, O Sovereign Lord and Creator, we have no way to satisfy your righteousness, nothing to contest the great Deceiver's earthly power, nothing to mute its false attractions, nothing to uproot the rule of our sinful flesh.
- C **Hear us, heavenly Father, for the cause is yours. Yes, Creator of all, your cause is righteous and everlasting. Vindicate your name among the nations.**
- M O all-seeing Lord, have mercy on your church. You understand our plight. We thank you for sending a messenger of peace. This One is your Son, Jesus the Christ, the incarnate Savior, who saves us from calamities that plague your church.
- C **Stand by your church each day in the name of Jesus, who is our shelter and shield, our mighty fortress. Through the strength of the Holy Spirit, work joy and peace and willingness to serve a world in need.**
- M Make us even ready to lay down our life rather than give up your truth.
- C **Though this world is filled with devils and though our bodies perish in persecution, your Word and your Spirit still remain. The church always needs reform as its message encounters the false and frivolous. But the Word of God stands forever.**
- M In confidence of faith, Lord, bless our efforts to spread the gospel of the grace of God throughout the world to the joy and edifying of all who hear and believe and for your glory and our good.
- C **Amen.**

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 782

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER

The children will sing the hymn for us.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24

M: 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.Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 868

BY FAITH

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Schedule

TUES	Women’s gathering / study	10am
WED	NO Youth Confirmation Class	resume next week
THURS	What’s the Bible Got to Say? <i>Connecting with God Lesson 3 - The Word, The Bible</i>	7pm
SAT	Men’s Gathering / Study	11am
Next Sunday	Bible hour, all ages	9am
	Worship	10am
	Potluck gathering	following worship

Other upcoming dates:

• timechange next weekend • Bonfire at church Tuesday Nov 10 • Thanksgiving Eve Fireside Gathering Nov 25

Welcome to our guests & visitors. We are glad that you are here. Please join us again soon.

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