

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 2 – June 18, 2017 – Guest Pastor Mark Birkholz

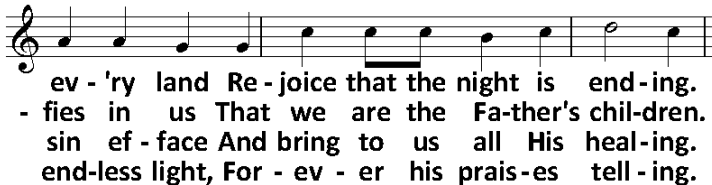
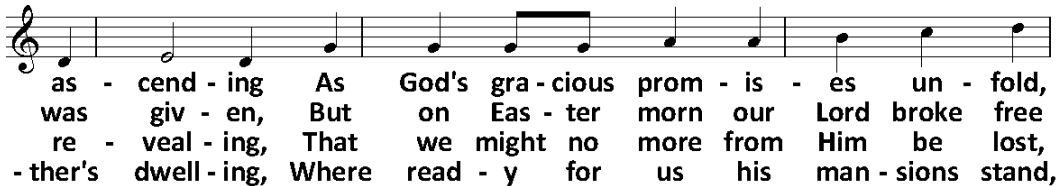
Opening

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Hymn – “The Day Full of Grace”

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A Psalm of Confession (Psalm 51)

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

C: **According to your great compassion blot out all my transgressions.**

P: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

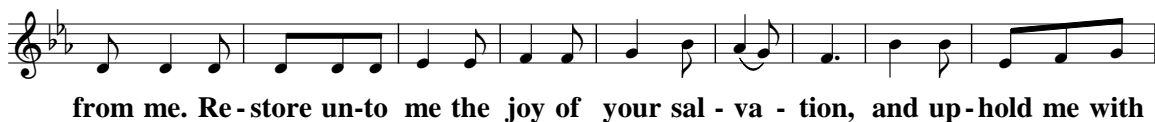
C: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

P: Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

C: **Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**

P: Hide your face from my sins.

C: **And blot out all my iniquity.**



P: Dear Father, as you said to King David so you say to us, "Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven!" You grant us cleansing from all our sins and restore to us the joy of your salvation through our Savior Jesus Christ. Go now and live in that forgiveness! Serve God faithfully, rejoicing that his peace is your peace. Amen.

Prayer for the Day

P: O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

God's Word

Epistle – Romans 3:19-25a

A look in the mirror

Now 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. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

Verse of the Day

P: Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia.

Matthew 7:15-20, 24-39

On Christ the solid Rock we stand

"Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? Likewise every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

The Confession of Faith

P: In a world that has difficulty believing in the one true God, but is so ready to believe that our universe happened by some unknown accident, what do you believe?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: In a society that so quickly rejects what God did through his Son, what do you believe?

C: 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.

P: While many put their trust in things or people that they make into their gods, what do you believe that Jesus did that proves he has conquered death and is true God just as he said?

C: He descended into hell. On 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.

P: Those who refuse to trust the Lord are without hope. What do you believe that gives you hope?

C: 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.

Sermon Hymn – “How Firm a Foundation”

CW 416 vv 1-3

SERMON

Deuteronomy 11:16-21

¹⁶ Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them.

¹⁷ Then the LORD's anger will burn against you, and he will shut the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the LORD is giving you.

¹⁸ Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads.

¹⁹ Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

²⁰ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates,

²¹ so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

Order of Lord's Supper

Our church practices membership communion.
We ask that only members of our church body,
the Wisconsin Lutheran synod,
partake of the Sacrament.

P: What is the sacrament of Holy Communion?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together with bread and wine, instituted for us to eat and to drink.

P: What blessings do we receive through this eating and drinking?

C: That is shown by these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, Pre - pared with the wine and the bread; All who are hun-gry and thirst-y,



Come and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord's in-vi - ta-tion; Re - ceive from His nail-scarred



hand. Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

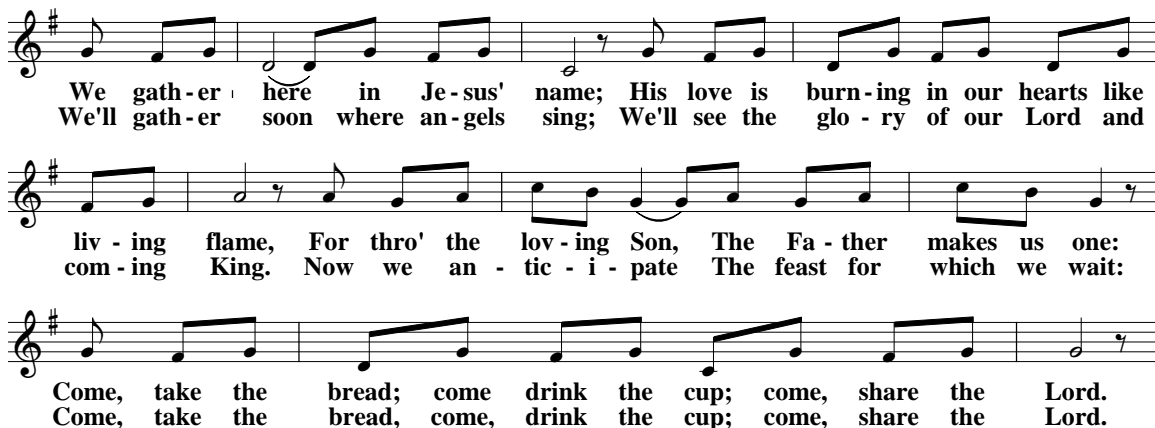
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Lord's Prayer Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words from the Upper Room

Come Share the Lord

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The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the lyrics: "We gath-er here in Je-sus' name; His love is burn-ing in our hearts like We'll gath-er soon where an-gels sing; We'll see the glo-ry of our Lord and". The second staff contains: "liv-ing flame, For thro' the lov-ing Son, The Fa-ther makes us one: com-ing King. Now we an-tic-i-pate The feast for which we wait:". The third staff contains: "Come, take the bread; come drink the cup; come, share the Lord. Come, take the bread, come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with some rests.

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Reception

Thanksgiving

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for nourishing me in this Sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live to your praise and glory. Amen.

Blessing

P: May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us; his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn— "Our Father by Whose Name"

CW 501

THANK YOU:

Our thanks to Pastor Mark Birkholz for preaching and leading us in worship and Bible class. Pastor Birkholz lives in Thornton and serves as a Mission Counselor for our district and our Synod – the Wisconsin Synod.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in honor of Father's Day by Justin and Lynette Rampy; and also in honor of their son Taylor's 14th birthday.

This Week's Calendar

Today 9a Worship with Communion
10:15a Sunday School and Bible Class

Monday Calendar and Newsletter Deadline

Thursday 8a Bible Study
6p Adult Discipleship Meeting
7p Worship
7:45p Bible Study

Sunday 9a Worship
10:15a Sunday School and Bible Class

Serving Our Savior

Michael, Jacob & Peter Vanderhyde	Ushers
Marv & Sheri Kruse	Outreach
Justin & Lynette Rampy, Taylor	Greet
Wepfer / Friesenegger	Count
Anita Burton	Nursery
Meghan Rach, Terry Miller, Sue Volz	Coffee
Loran Jung, Patti Vanderhyde, Aryam Yohannes	Cleaners
Randy Miller, Tony Rach, Bob James	Lawncare

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
- Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.
- Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website corchurch.com and click on Video Broadcast.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.corchurch.com and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.