
CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pentecost 7 – July 23, 2017 – Pastor Mark Voss

The Christian life is a battle. We face it every day. Sometimes we win and sometimes we lose. Where can we find rest from this kind of fight? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord, he gives us the victory and the rest.

OPENING

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

C: Amen.

P: The word is near you;

C: it is in your mouth and in your heart.

P: It is with your heart that you believe and are justified,

C: and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

P: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

C: Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.

PRAYER

P: O Holy Spirit, come to us with your comforting Word, which alone can drive away our doubts. Direct us to our Savior, Jesus, so that we may trust in him with our whole heart.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

CW 255

OUR CONFESSION OF SINS

1 John 1:5-9

P: This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you:

C: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

P: If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness,

C: we lie and do not live by the truth.

P: If we claim to be without sin,

C: we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

ALL: Father, I have sinned against you and am no longer worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to take away my guilt. For his sake, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit, let me serve you all my days

P: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Upon this, your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness we praise the Lord and promise to walk with him.

Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, To his im - age e'er con - form;
Flee the world which would de - ceive us And to sin our souls al - lure.
Heav - en's glo - ry soon will please us, Sun - shine fol - low on the storm
Ev - er in his foot - steps tread - ing. Bod - y here, yet soul a - bove,
Though we sow in tears of sor - row, We shall reap in hea'n - ly joy.
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding.
And the fears that now an - noy Shall be laugh - ter on the mor - row,
Faith - ful Lord, a - bide with me. Sav - ior lead; I fol - low thee.
Christ I suf - fer here with thee; There, oh, share thy joy with me.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one god, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD - *The Christian finds rest in Jesus*

OLD TESTAMENT – Exodus 33:12-23

The Lord promises his presence

Moses said to the LORD, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

The LORD replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?" And the LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

Then Moses said, "Now show me your glory." And the LORD said, "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

Then the LORD said, "There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen."

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are



writ-ten that we may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the



Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

GOSPEL – Matthew 11:25-30 – *Unload on Jesus*

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure. "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

SERMON HYMN

"I Lay My Sins on Jesus"

CW 372

SERMON – Romans 7:15-25a

A Portrait of the Battling Christian

¹⁵I do not understand what I do.

For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.

¹⁷As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.

¹⁸I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature.

For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

¹⁹For what I do is not the good I want to do;

no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing.

²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it,
but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law;

²³but I see another law at work in the members of my body,
waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner
of the law of sin at work within my members.

²⁴What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?

²⁵Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord!

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: Heavenly Father, creator of all things, you give us all that we need for body and life.

C: Every good and perfect gift comes from you, the Father of the heavenly lights. James 1:17

P: Lord Jesus Christ, by your suffering and death you have opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

C: We approach your throne, O Christ, with confidence for mercy and grace in our time of need. Hebrews 4:16

P: Holy Spirit, counselor and guide, you have raised us from death by your powerful Word.

C: You, O Spirit of God, have made us. Your breath, almighty One, gave us life. Job 33:4

P: Lord, fill our hearts with thanksgiving for your mercy and love.

C: Move us with our hearts to believe and with our mouths to confess your saving name. Amen. Romans 10:10

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”

CW 336

CHILDREN’S LESSON

THE 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

THE CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

P: Teach us, O Lord, to delight in your law, to follow your decrees, and to walk in your paths. Turn our eyes away from worthless things and our hearts from willful sin, that we may know the sweetness of your Word, the peace of your forgiveness, and the joy of the redeemed, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: May grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, be with us in truth and love.

C: Amen.

2 John 3

CLOSING VERSES

“Let Is Ever Walk With Jesus”

CW 452 vv 3-4

Text, Tune, Setting, Public Domain

**Let us also die with Jesus,
His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us,
Quickens us with life's glad breath.**

**Let us mortify, while living,
Flesh and blood and die to sin,
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.**

Jesus, here I die to thee, There to live eternally.

**Let us gladly live with Jesus;
Since he's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us,
Jesus, thou art now our head.**

**We are truly thine own members;
Where thou livest, there live we.**

**Take and own us constantly,
Faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.**

Jesus, here I live to thee, Also there eternally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our Picture Board is looking a little dated. To update it we will be taking pictures following the service today and also on August 6th and August 13th. Please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex to reserve a spot. Thanks!

The COR Annual Campout is this coming weekend at Prospector Campground in Dillon. Even if you're not signed up to camp, please consider coming up on Saturday to participate in all the activities and the service and evening meal. There will be an optional morning hike and the afternoon will be filled with games which include volleyball, KOOB and Corn Hole. Pastor Voss will lead a church service in the afternoon and there will be a potluck after the service around 6p. Brats, hot dogs and utensils/plates will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share with the group and your own drinks.

The COR Women's Group is collecting offerings for the HIV Shelters in Msambo and Suzi sponsored by the Central Africa Medical Mission. Our goal is \$450 – with a brick placed in our display for every \$50 donated. The shelters will enable testing and counseling to be done in a separate building away from pregnant mothers, child check-ups and sick patients. Thanks for your help!

CALENDAR

Today 9a Worship
10a Bible Class & Sunday School

Monday 7p Outreach Meeting

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

Friday – COR Campout at Prospect Campground in Dillon

Sunday – join us on Saturday!

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at 7p

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at 9:15a



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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.