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to be revealed.

Romans 8:19

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Morning Praise

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Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Morning Hymn

CW 581 Text, Tune, Setting: Public Domain



Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver. Ac - tive and
Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

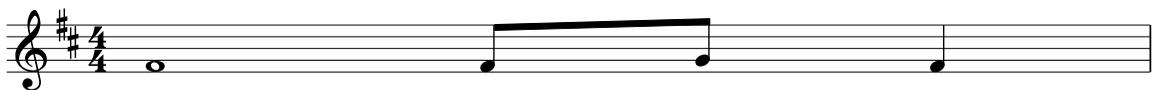
P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

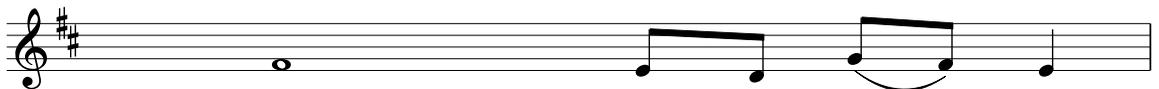
P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

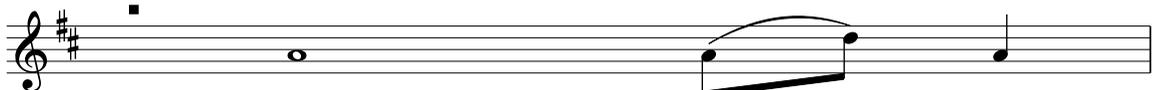
P: Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: let us worship him.



Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



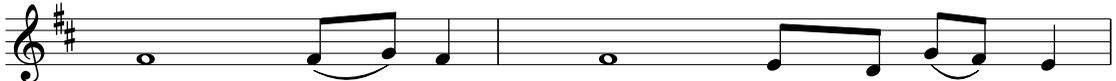
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.



For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are al-so his.



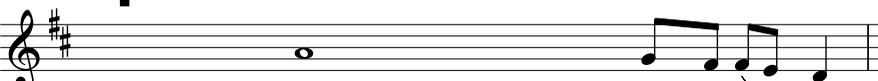
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land.



Oh, come, let us worship and bow down,



let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,



and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Text revised from the Lutheran Hymnal, 1941. Music from the Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, revised by Kermit G. Moldenhauer.

Exalt the Lord our God
And worship at his holy mountain.
For the LORD our God is holy.
Psalm 99:9

God's Word

The Christian is planted by the Word and produces fruit

Isaiah 55:10-13

Preaching is like planting

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. Instead of the thornbush will grow the pine tree, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD's renown, for an everlasting sign, which will not be destroyed."

Psalm 119c on page 111 in Christian Worship

Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

What kind of ground are you?

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop--a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear." "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Seasonal Response:

ALL: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

Sermon Hymn – *“Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head”*

CW 536

SERMON

Romans 8:18-25

The Glory and the Groan

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

¹⁹ The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has?

²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Hymn of the Day – *“What God Ordains is Always Good”*

CW 429 vv 1-3

Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

Children's Lesson

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



C: Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

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.

Prayer for Grace

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Blessing

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

**What God ordains is always good.
Though I the cup am drinking
Which savors now of bitterness,
I take it without shrinking.
For after grief God grants relief,
My heart with comfort filling And all my sorrow stilling**

**What God ordains is always good;
This truth remains unshaken.
Though sorrow, need or death be mine,
I shall not be forsaken. I fear no, harm, For with his arm
He will embrace and shield me;
So to my God I yield me.**

WELS Connection

Our Purpose

Christ Our Redeemer was organized in 1965 so that with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, it might strengthen the faith of its members and reach out into the community and the world.

To carry out this purpose we believe and teaching:

That the Bible is the Word of God and the only foundation for Christian faith and life;

That God revealed in the Bible as the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, is the true and living God;

That all people have sinned against his holy will, fall short of his glory, and therefore deserve to be condemned eternally;

That Jesus Christ came into the world to deliver all people from the guilt and power of sin and that he lived and died as the perfect and only substitute;

That through faith created by the Holy Spirit, the benefits of Christ's works are received personally;

That on the last day Jesus will return to judge the living and the dead and will take all those who trust in him to eternal life.

We join in that confession with over 1200 congregations of the

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and with them carry on a world-wide ministry.

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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.
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