



Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Psalm 25

P: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;

C: in you I trust, O my God.

P: Do not let me be put to shame,

C: nor let my enemies triumph over me.

P: No one whose hope is in you will ever be put to shame,

C: but they will be put to shame who are treacherous without excuse.

P: Show me our ways, O LORD, teach me your paths;

C: guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

P: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

C: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you are good, O LORD.

Opening Hymn – “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Melody DIX CH 739 Conrad Kocher

Text: ELH 463 F. S. Pierpont



For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
For the won - der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
For the joy of hu - man love, Broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
For Thy Church that ev - er - more Lifts her ho - ly hands a - bove,



For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies;
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r. Sun and moon and stars of light:
Friends on earth and friends a - bove; Plea - sures pure and un - de - filed:
Off - 'ring up on ev - 'ry shore Her pure sac - ri - fice of love:



Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

We Confess Our Sins and God Forgives Us

P: Let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, reflecting on the times we have neglected the mission he has given us. Let us ask him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride. For sins of habit and sins of choice. For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Song of Praise – “Jesus Your Blood and Righteousness”

CW 376 w 1-3

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; 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

The believer loves his neighbor. We have every reason to love him. We know what we were when God found us; we know the love and mercy he poured out on us.

Deuteronomy 30:9-14 – Keep the Word near you

Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your fathers, if you obey the LORD your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. 30:12 It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

Colossians 1:7-10 – The Word leads to service

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colosse: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints-- the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth.

You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way.

Sermon Hymn – “If Your Beloved Son, O God”

CW 393

Sermon - Luke 10:25-37 – Who is My Neighbor?

The lawyer's question

²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

²⁶"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" ²⁷He answered: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' "

²⁸"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." ²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus' answer

³⁰In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead.

³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

³⁶"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

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. 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.

Hymn – “In Unity and Peace”

CWS 773

Text Refrain: Psalm 133:1, alt. Text Verses: 1 Corinthians 1:10; Eph3sians 4:1-3, 5, 6; Philippians 2:2-4, alt.

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Refrain

How good it is and how pleas-ant to live in u-ni-ty and
peace. How good it is and how pleas-ant to
live to - geth - er in one Lord.



In the name of our Lord Je - sus Christ, a - gree
 Live a life that is wor - thy of your call; be hum -
 Share the love that has joined us as one; u - nite



in ev - 'ry - thing you say. May there be no di -
 - ble, gen - tle, and pa - tient. Bear with each oth - er in
 in spir - it and i - deals. Nev - er be ri - vals; do



- vi - sions a - mong you, but be u - ni - ted in one mind.
 ways that are lov - ing; pre - serve the u - ni - ty of faith.
 not be con - ceit - ed, but look to oth - ers in their need.



For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.

Offering and Friendship Register

Children's Lesson

Prayer and 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.

Blessing

Closing Verses – “Jesus Your Blood and Righteousness”

CW 376 vv 4-6

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**Lord, I believe were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,
You have for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.**

**When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then this shall be all my plea:
Jesus has lived and died for me.**

**Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.**

“Lord Jesus, you are my righteousness, I am your sin.

You took on you what was mine;

yet set on me what was yours.

You became what you were not,

that I might become what I was not.”

Martin Luther – Letters of Spiritual Counsel



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