

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

Christian Education Sunday

Our Foundation

January 24, 2016

Pastor Mark Voss

Gathering Rite on the Word of God

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

C: Amen.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word / Let our hearts and souls be stirred (2) / We are gath - ered all to hear you. / Now to seek and love and fear you, / By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly, / Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly." The score includes a repeat sign at the end of the second line.

CW 221 Text, Tune, Setting: Public Domain

P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

P: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statues.

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

**SING: All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded**

**Till your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.**

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

P: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

ALL: 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.

**SING: Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

P: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." *John 20:31*
The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SING:

**Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look with favor on these students. Let them rejoice in learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them persevere in their studies, and give them a desire to learn all things well. Look with favor on these teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

God's Word

Parents always want what is best for their children. So does their heavenly Father. Our focus this week is on Christian education. As Joshua took over leadership of the children of Israel the LORD encourages him to turn to his word. Paul encourages Timothy, the son he never had, to continue in the word. Jesus prays to his heavenly Father to keep his disciples close to him through his word.

OLD TESTAMENT - Joshua 1:5b-9

As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers to give them. Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

MUSICAL SELECTION

COR Sunday School and Grade School Choir

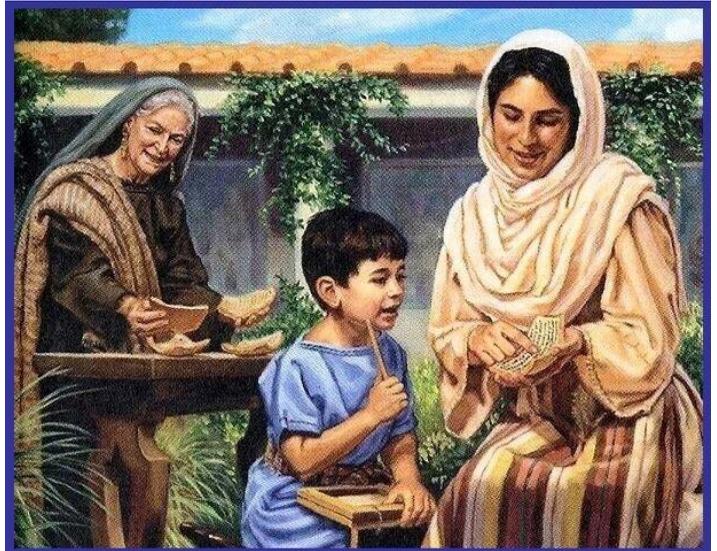
"Children of God"

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EPISTLE

2 Timothy 3:14-17

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.



GOSPEL - John 17:18-23

As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified. "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

CONFESSION OF FAITH (The Meaning of the Second Article)

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.

SERMON HYMN - "*Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd*"

CW 508

SERMON

Proverbs 23:23

Wise Investments

- *The wise investments*
- *The precious dividends*

Buy the truth and do not sell it;
get wisdom, discipline and understanding.

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

CHILDREN'S LESSON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: The Lord Jesus taught us to call almighty God our Father. Let us pray to him to bless our children as they are taught in this place of faith. God our Father, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son. Keep us, your children reborn in Baptism, in your love. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Your favor rested fully on the Son you loved. In love for your Son, grant that each one of us as parents, as teachers, as sons and daughters, and as brothers and sisters in Christ may carry out the responsibilities entrusted to us. Lord in your mercy,

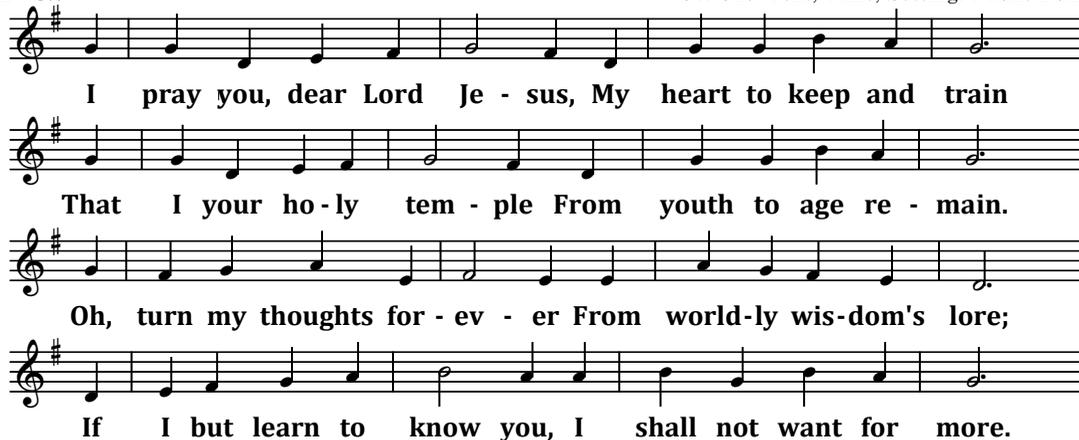
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, you revealed your love for children when you said, "Whoever welcomes a child welcomes me." Hear our prayers for this school and these children. Nurture them in body and soul by the grace given them through the instructions of parents and teachers. As they grow to maturity in faith, help them confess your name, be fervent in love, and persevere in the sure hope of everlasting life in your kingdom, where you live and reign, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SING:

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I pray you, dear Lord Je - sus, My heart to keep and train
That I your ho - ly tem - ple From youth to age re - main.
Oh, turn my thoughts for - ev - er From world - ly wis - dom's lore;
If I but learn to know you, I shall not want for more.

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 HYMN - "O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand" CW 511

CALENDAR - January 24, 2016

Today	8 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Sunday School & Bible Class 12p Catechism
Wednesday	7p Choir
Thursday	8a Breakfast Bible Study 7p Worship 7:45p Bible Study
Sunday, January 31st	8 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School 11:30a Potluck 12p Catechism

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NO TOWN/VOTERS MEETING NEXT SUNDAY: The church leaders determined there is not a need at this time. We will have our normal Bible study and Sunday School between services and at 11:30a have our potluck.

POTLUCK: Join us Sunday, January 31st, at 11:30a for a potluck. Please bring a dish to pass. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex to help with serving and set-up.

THANK YOU:

Thanks to the children of our school and Sunday School for their song in today's service. What a privilege it is to be a child of God.

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, care, concern, the many cards and other kindnesses shown me during the past months since my accident in October. My recovery is on-going, but God willing, I will return to work part time in February. The power of prayer is awesome! Thanks be go God!

OPEN HOUSE: COR School is hosting opening houses in January and February on Tuesdays from 3:30p to 5p. If you know of anyone who might be interested in our school, please let them know!

LENTEN DINNERS: If you would be interested in hosting one of our Lenten Dinners, please contact Pastor Voss.

SUPPORT RMLHS: The High School Boosters are sponsoring an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast from 7:30-9:30. Tickets are \$10 per person, \$5 of which will be used to offset athletic uniform costs. Call Rocky Mountain High School at 303-356-1947 to purchase them.

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at 8 and 10:30a and
Thursdays at 7p

Bible Study and Sunday
School 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.