

# CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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OPENING HYMN – *“I’m But a Stranger Here”*

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

C: And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: 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.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### LORD HAVE MERCY

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

## O LORD, OUR LORD



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-ri-ous is your name in all <sub>3</sub>the earth.



Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our life with your love.



You take a - way our sin; you com - fort our spir - it;



you make us pure and ho - ly in your sight.



You did not spare your on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all.



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-ri-ous is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther, you came to live with us;



you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glo - ry; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## THE WORD

Even though he was rejected by many, Jesus was resolute on his journey to redeem us.

### OLD TESTAMENT – Jeremiah 26:8-15 – *True prophets tell the truth*

But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!" Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

GOSPEL – Luke 13:31-34 *Jesus keeps going on his way to the cross* At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day--for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!

HYMN OF THE DAY – *"Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose"*

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## SERMON

### Courage, Compassion, and Conviction

*Philippians 3:17-4:1*

<sup>17</sup>Join with others in following my example, brothers,  
and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.

<sup>18</sup>For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears,  
many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.

<sup>19</sup>Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame.  
Their mind is on earthly things.

<sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

<sup>21</sup>who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control,  
will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,  
that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav'nly host,  
By whose mighty power alone All is made and wrought and done.

We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son,  
Who descended from his throne And for us salvation won,  
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.

We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both fore'er proceeds,  
Who upholds and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessed, holy Trinity, Hear our praise eternally!



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## OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

### 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 SACRAMENT

*Our church practices membership communion.  
We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.*

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for our sins but also for the sins of the whole world. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.



**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your**



**glo-ry. You are my God, and I will ex - alt you. I will give you thanks, for**



**you have be-come my sal - va-tion. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.**



**The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

## PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION AND DISTRIBUTION

*(Page 156 in Christian Worship)*

## THANKSGIVING



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN:**

*“You Are My All in All”*



**You are my strength When I am weak You are the trea-sure That I  
Tak-ing my sin My cross my shame Ris-ing a-gain I bless Your**



**seek You are my all in all. Seek-ing You as a pre-cious  
name You are my all in all. When I fall down You pick me**



**jew'l Lord to give up I'd be a fool You are my all in all. Je-sus Lamb of God  
up When I am dry You fill my cup You are my all in all. Je-sus Lamb of God**



**Wor-thy is Your name Je-sus Lamb of God Wor-thy is Your name.  
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## CALENDAR

TODAY: 8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion  
9:15a Bible Class and Sunday School  
12p Catechism Class

MONDAY: 7p Outreach

WEDNESDAY: 6p Dinner  
7p Devotion  
7:30p Choir

THURSDAY: 8a Breakfast Bible Study

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Join us Wednesday for our midweek Lenten Service *Ironies of the Passion*. Vicar Joshua Shandor preaches. Our dinner starts at 6p, with the service at 7.

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