



TEACH ME YOUR WAY, LORD
THAT I MAY RELY ON YOUR
FAITHFULNESS; GIVE ME AN
UNDIVIDED HEART
THAT I MAY FEAR YOUR NAME.

PSALM 86:11

**Christ Our
Redeemer
Lutheran
Church**

**September 17, 2017
Pastor Mark Voss
Pentecost 15**

Our Worship

OPENING

P: O Lord, teach us your ways,

C: That we may walk in your truth.

P: You comfort and help us day by day.

C: We trust your loving care.

P: You are the King of heaven and earth.

C: We give you praise and thanks. Alleluia!

PRAYER

P: Lord Jesus, you invite us to pray and promise that where two or three come together in your name, there you are with us. Answer our prayers, and fulfill our desires according to your wisdom and love. Strengthen us in the knowledge of your truth, and grant us life everlasting.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN – “Almighty Father Strong to Save”

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CONFESSION OF SINS

ALL: We thank you, Lord God the Father, that you have given us your one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have everlasting life.

We thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, that you have born in your sacred body all our sins, and by your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We thank you, Lord the Holy Spirit, that you have created in our hearts true faith, and that we trust nothing else for our salvation, except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

P: O God, grant us your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven through the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer’s death, we may put off sin and never forsake our Lord Jesus Christ, until we see him face to face in life eternal.

ALL: We ask it all in Christ’s name. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE – “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

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The image shows a musical score for a song. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In a be - liev - er's ear!
Dear name! The rock on which I build, My shield and hid - ing place,
O Je - sus, Shep - herd, Guard - ian, Friend, My Proph - et, Priest, and King,

It soothes our sor - rows, heals our wounds, And drives a - way all fear.
My ne - ver - fail - ing trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

God's Word in Our Lives

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EPISTLE - *Romans 12:1-8* – We are living sacrifices

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

MUSICAL SELECTION (10:30a) – COR School Choir

“Seek Ye First”

Words & Music by Karen Lafferty and Andrae Crouch. Arranged by Benjamin Harlan

GOSPEL – ***Matthew 16:21-26*** – **Gaining life by losing it**

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

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.

SERMON HYMN – *“O Fount of Good, For All Your Love”*

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Sermon Series - Becoming a First Century Church

CONFRONTING PREJUDICE

Ephesians 2:13-22

¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by abolishing in his flesh the law with its commandments and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²²And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

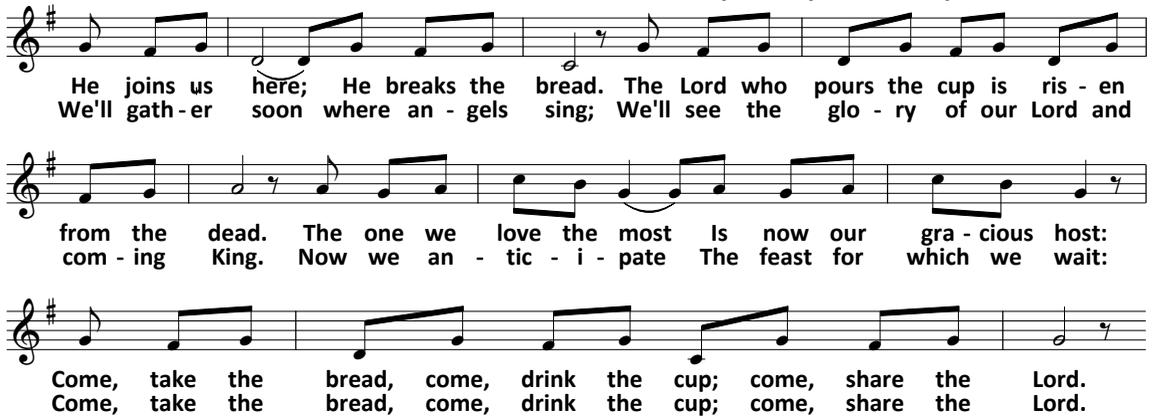
OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

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

WORDS FROM THE UPPER ROOM

COME SHARE THE LORD

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He joins us here; He breaks the bread. The Lord who pours the cup is ris - en
We'll gath - er soon where an - gels sing; We'll see the glo - ry of our Lord and

from the dead. The one we love the most Is now our gra - cious host:
com - ing King. Now we an - tic - i - pate The feast for which we wait:

Come, take the bread, come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.
Come, take the bread, come, drink the cup; come, share the Lord.

RECEPTION AND MEDITATION

THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth.

C: We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

P: By his incarnation,

C: He became one with us.

P: By his perfect life,

C: He fulfilled your holy will.

P: By his innocent death,

C: He overcame hell.

P: By his rising from the grave,

C: He opened heaven.

ALL: Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting. Amen.

BLESSING AND CLOSING

P: May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us: his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us.

C: Amen.

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 teach:

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.

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