



*Teach me your way, O LORD,
and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart,
that I may fear your name.*

Today's Worship at

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

July 8, 2018

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Soul Searching

There is, in every person, a need for soul searching. As we search our souls there are four questions everyone wants an answer to: 1) Where did I come from? 2) Why are we here? 3) How do I define right from wrong? and 4) What happens to me when I die? Today we answer question one.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN – *“Lord of My Life, Whose Tender Care?”*

CW 232

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

ALL: 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.

ALL: Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord:

**SING: To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

**REFRAIN: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Je-sus the Son
And give him the glory great things he has done!**

**Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Je-sus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our won-der when Je-sus we see. REFRAIN**

PRAYER OF THE DAY God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD COMES TO US IN HIS WORD

Genesis 2:4-9 *Origin – Where Did We Come From?*

⁴This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created. When the LORD God made the earth and the heavens—⁵and no shrub of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up, for the LORD God had not sent rain on the earth and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶but streams came up from the earth and watered the whole surface of the ground—⁷the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

⁸Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

VERSE OF THE DAY Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia.

Luke 8:15

Mark 6:1-6 – *Jesus Preaches in Spite of Rejection*

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Jesus said to them, “Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor.” He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. And he was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

HYMN – “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

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He's got the whole world in his hands He's got the
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands. He's got the
He's got the lit - tle bit - ty ba - by in his hands. He's got the
He's got you and me, broth - er, in his hands He's got



whole wide world in his hands. He's got the whole world
sun and the moon in his hands. He's got the wind and the rain
lit - tle - bit - ty ba - by in his hands. He's got the lit - tle - bit - ty ba - by
you and me, sis - ter, in his hands. He's got you and me, broth - er,



in his hands. He's got the whole world in his hands.
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SERMON SERIES – Soul Searching Where Did I come From?

Based on Genesis 2:4-9 on page four

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God our Lord and Father in heaven, who made us the crown of his creation, and preserves us with every good thing, that we may live before him in peace and joy.

I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, God’s only Son from eternity, who became a man for us sinners. He redeemed us from Satan’s power with his holy precious blood, rose from death, and made us his own to live with him now and forever.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who draws us to our Savior by the Gospel, who keeps us united in the true faith, forgives our sin, and at the end of the world will raise us from death to eternal life. I believe in the Triune God. Amen.

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

CHILDREN’S LESSON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH – page 128 in *Christian Worship*

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

WE LEAVE WITH GOD’S PEACE



Let the peace of Christ rule in your heart; Let the
 peace of Christ rule in your heart, And what - ev - er you do, in
 word or deed, Do it all in the name of the Lord. Giv - ing thanks, giv - ing
 thanks to God, thro' Christ, the Lord; Giv - ing thanks, giv - ing
 thanks to God, thro' Christ, the Lord.

CALENDAR – July 8

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| Today | 9a Worship 10a Bible Class & Fellowship 10a Finance Board |
| Tuesday | 10:30a Sr. Bible Class 7p Church Leaders |
| Thursday | 8a Bible Study 7p Worship with Communion 7:45p Bible Study |
| Sunday | 9a Worship with Communion 10a Bible Class & Fellowship |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTREACH ACTIVITY: Our Board of Outreach will be distributing cold bottles of water at the light rail station on Iliff and I-225 on Wednesday, July 18th, from about 5:15-6:30p. Please sign the sheet on the table in the narthex if you are willing to help. We will meet at church at 4:45p.

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at 8 and 10:30a (Summer
Worship at 9a) and Thursdays
at 7p

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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.

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