

Learning to Let Go

Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Prayer of the Day –

P: Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your 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.

Morning Hymn

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Fa - ther, we praise you, now the night is o - ver. Ac - tive and
Mon - arch of all things, fit us for your man - sions; Ban - ish our
All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty



watch - ful, stand - ing now be - fore you, Sing - ing, we of - fer
weak - ness, health and whole - ness send - ing. Bring us to heav - en,
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; Yours is the glo - ry,



prayer and med - i - ta - tion; Thus we a - dore you.
where your saints u - nit - ed Joy with - out end - ing.
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing Through all cre - a - tion.

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

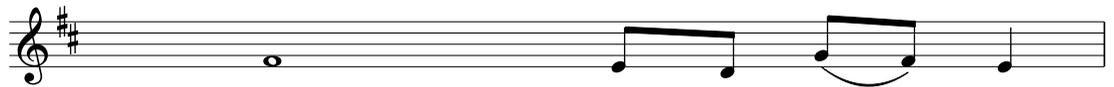
P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

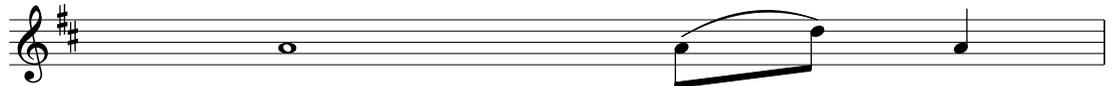
P: The Spirit of the Lord fills the world! Let us worship him.



Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,



let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.



Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing,



let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.



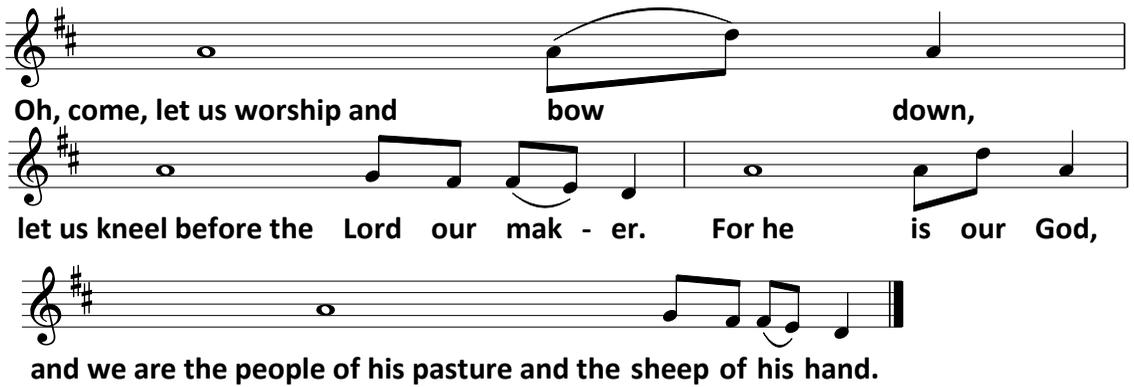
For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods.



The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are al-so his.



The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land.



Oh, come, let us worship and bow down,
 let us kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Text revised from the Lutheran Hymnal, 1941. Music from the Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, revised by Kermit G. Moldenhauer.

God's Word

Genesis 45:3-8a, 12-15 – Learning to let go

By forgiving

³ Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ‘

By accepting God's will

⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

^{8a} “So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God.”

By living in the present

¹² “You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³ Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.”

¹⁴ Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Verse of the Day:

Alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia.

Luke 6:36

Luke 6:27-36 – *Loving your enemies*

²⁷ “But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Seasonal Response:

ALL: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Sermon Song – “O Master of the Loving Heart”

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SERMON

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Based on the Old Testament Lesson on page three

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.

Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

A Note to Our Guests: By giving a portion of our income as an offering, the members of our congregation show their thanks to God for all he has done. Through these free-will offerings, this church is able to share the good news of Jesus with others in our community and throughout the world.

Children’s Lesson

Prayer for Grace

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Closing Song – “Day by Day”

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Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, Bring - ing
Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me Strength to
Oh, what joy to know that you are near me When my



com - fort to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
serve and wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
bur - dens grow too great to bear; Oh, what joy to know that you will



send me Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di -
guide me O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day, I will
hear me When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by



- vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure, Brings to naught the bur - dens of my
fear no e - vil of the mor - row; I will trust in your en - dur - ing
day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, You will hold me ev - er in your



quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure, Where, at
grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row; Till in
hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will



last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
glo - ry I be - hold your face.
reach at last the prom - ised land.

CALENDAR – February 24th

Today	8 & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Bible Class 9:15a Sunday School 12p Catechism 2-4p Paint & Snack Craft Party
Monday	7p Outreach and Adult Discipleship Meeting
Wednesday	7p Choir
Thursday	8a Breakfast Bible Study 7p Worship with Communion 7:45p Bible Study
Friday	NO SCHOOL Area Teacher's Conference
Saturday	COR School Fine Arts Day at Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School
Sunday	8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion 9:15a CFM Board Meeting 9:15a Bible Class 9:15a Sunday School 12p Catechism 3p COR School Open House

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COR OPEN HOUSE: We are hosting an open house on Sunday, March 3rd, from 3-6p, to provide families with additional information about enrolling or learning more about our school. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please take one of the postcards on the table in the narthex, or contact our Principal, Kim Miller: principal@christredeemerschool.org

ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER AND DEVOTION: Wednesday, March 6th. Our COR Basketball Team is hosting a soup supper that night from 6-6:45p. Proceeds will go toward their "Road to LPS" trip. Our Ash Wednesday Devotion Service starts at 7p.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: Sunday, March 10th. Set your clocks ahead one hour.



COR TRIVIA NIGHT: Sunday, March 17, 4-7p. \$10 per person. Food and drinks provided, prizes, and free child care. Teams must pre-register; reservation deadline is Thursday, March 14th. Look for more information on the poster by the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Proceeds from the event will be used for COR's 50K for 50 Years Playground Project.

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Worship services Sundays
at 8 and 10:30a (Summer
Worship at 9a) 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 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.
- As a member of Christ Our Redeemer we are connected to each other through our unity of faith and the public confession of that faith in Lord's Supper. To read what our profession of faith is, go to www.corchurch.com and click on "Our Beliefs" or take a copy of the tract "What We Believe" in the Visitor Information Center kiosk. To become a member of our church family, please speak with the pastor.