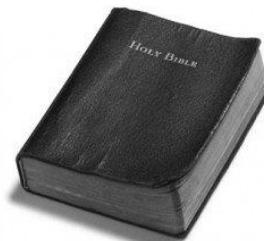


Gathering Rite on the Word of God

Christ Our Redeemer Church
Epiphany 1 - January 12, 2020
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.

Sing:

Melody LH 16 Text CW221 Text, : public domain.

Bless-ed Je-sus, at your Word We are gath-ered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear
you, By your teach-ings, sweet and ho-ly, Drawn from earth to
love you sole-ly.

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 mediate on your statutes.

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psalm 119:97-99, 103

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

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH LEADERS

THE WORD

1 Samuel 3:1-10 – *The Lord is on the line*

¹ The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions.

² One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³ The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down

⁶ Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸ A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Verse of the Day

P: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

Mark 1:11b



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are



writ-ten that we may be-lieve that Je-sus is the Christ, the



Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

**Matthew 3:13-17 – Jesus fulfills the law –
first at the font and later at the cross**

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?”

¹⁵ Jesus replied, “Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness.” Then John consented.

¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”



P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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. 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.

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 Word of God Incarnate”

CW 279

SERMON SERIES:
**Inquiring
Heroes of
Faith**



Today's Hero is Samuel

Based on the Old Testament on pages 3 & 4

Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

Prayer of the Church and 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.

Hymn of the Day - *"Come, Follow Me, The Savior Spoke"*

CW 453 vv 1-3

Children's Lesson

Go with God's Blessing

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

P: 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 - "Speak, O Lord"

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Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re-ceive the food of your
Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your



Ho - ly Word. Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
- mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of love and our
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au -
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll walk as you



deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All your
- thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, Let their
walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built And you



pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
fill the earth with your glo - ry.

- 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.

CALENDAR – January 12, 2020

Today	8:00a & 10:30a Worship – Installation of Church Officers 9:15a Sunday School and Bible Study 9:15a CFM 9:15a Finance Board 12p Catechism
Tuesday	6p Elders 7p Church Leaders
Thursday	8a Breakfast Bible Study 7p Worship with Communion 7:45p Bible Study
Sunday	8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion 9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School 12p Catechism 1:30p COR Women’s Group

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 teaching:

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.

We join in that confession with over 1200 congregations of the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod and with them carry on a world-wide ministry. www.wels.net