



Christ Our Redeemer

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Service of Word and Sacrament

OPENING HYMN - "Lord of My Life Whose Tender Care"

CW 232

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, your 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.

O LORD, OUR LORD

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



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all 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-rious 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 gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

Isaiah 49:1-7 – *A Servant who displays God's splendor*

¹ Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the Lord called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. ³ He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." ⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the Lord's hand, and my reward is with my God."

⁵ And now the Lord says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord and my God has been my strength — ⁶ he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

⁷ This is what the Lord says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel — to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and stand up, princes will see and bow down, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

VERSE OF THE DAY

P: Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor. Alleluia.

Matthew 2:2b



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!

John 3:1-16 – *The Spirit gives birth to life*

¹ Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” ³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” ⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven —the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

SERMON HYMN – “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

CW 391

SERMON SERIES: Inquiring Heroes of Faith

Today’s Hero – Nicodemus

Based on John 3:1-16



CONFESSION OF FAITH

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. Amen.

OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

PRAYER 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.

The Sacrament

Our church practices membership communion.

We ask that only members of our church body, the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod, 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 to 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. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. 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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.



C: A - men.



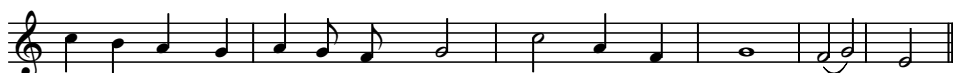
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



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.

DISTRIBUTION AND MEDITATION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

REMEMBRANCE OF MARY MATTIE

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 - "Arise and Shine in Splendor"

CALENDAR – January 19, 2020

- Today 8:00a & 10:30a Worship with Communion
9:15a Sunday School and Bible Study
12p Catechism
- Monday Calendar & Newsletter Deadline
NO SCHOOL – Martin Luther King Day
- Thursday 8a Breakfast Bible Study
7p Worship
7:45p Bible Study
- Friday 3:15p PTO – Join us for some tips on healthy snacks
5:30p COR Basketball at Lord of Life in Thornton
- Sunday 8 & 10:30a Worship
9:15a Bible Study & Sunday School
12p Catechism

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.

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Worship services Sundays at 8 &
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Advent Wednesdays at 7p

Bible Study and Sunday
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- **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.**
- **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.**