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# Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Pastor Mark Voss

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## *Opening*

P: We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: Amen.

## *Opening Hymn – “Every Morning Mercies New”*

CW 580

## *A Psalm of Confession (Psalm 51)*

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

C: **According to your great compassion blot out all my transgressions.**

P: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

C: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

P: Against you, you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

C: **Surely I have been a sinner from birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**

P: Hide your face from my sins.

C: **And blot out all my iniquity.**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with - in me.



Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it



from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with



your free Spir-it. A-men.

P: Dear Father, as you said to King David so you say to us, “Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven!” You grant us cleansing from all our sins and restore to us the joy of your salvation, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Go now and live in that forgiveness, serve God faithfully, rejoicing that his peace is your peace. Amen.

### ***Prayer for the Day***

P: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## **God’s Word**

### ***Acts 8:26-39 – A eunuch’s reason to rejoice***

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” <sup>27</sup> So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means “queen of the Ethiopians”). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, <sup>28</sup> and on his way home was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. <sup>29</sup> The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”

<sup>30</sup> Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the man reading Isaiah the prophet. “Do you understand what you are reading?” Philip asked.

<sup>31</sup> “How can I,” he said, “unless someone explains it to me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him.

<sup>32</sup> This is the passage of Scripture the eunuch was reading:

“He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. <sup>33</sup> In his humiliation he was deprived of justice.

Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth.”

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, “Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?” <sup>35</sup> Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.

<sup>36</sup> As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?” [ <sup>37</sup> ] <sup>38</sup> And he gave orders to stop the chariot. Then both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing.



## ***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 sins, and at the end of the world will raise us from death to eternal life. I believe in the Triune God. Amen.

***Sermon Hymn – “Baptized in Water”***

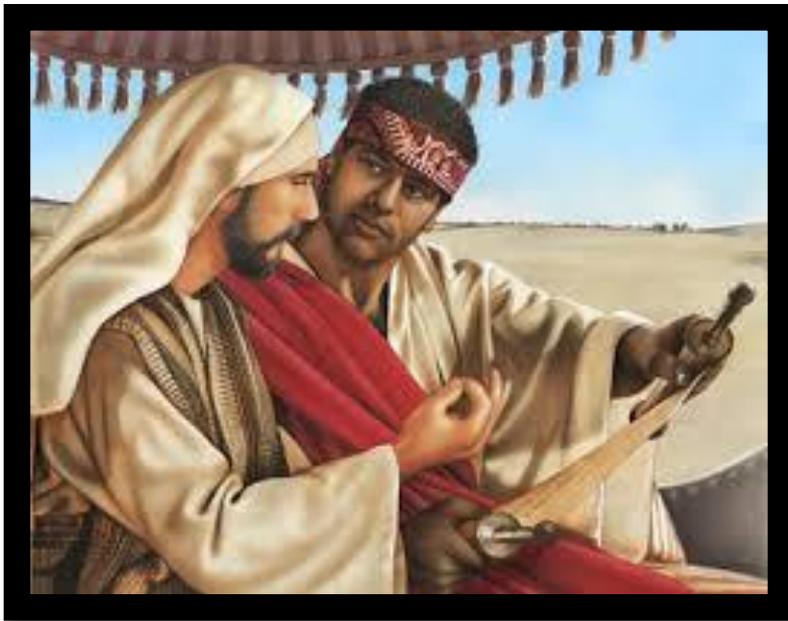
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### **SERMON SERIES**

## **Inquiring Heroes of Faith - Our Final Hero**

# ***The Ethiopian Eunuch***

***Based on Act 8:26-39***



***Offering and Signing of Friendship Register***



# ***Order of Lord's Supper***

***Our church practices membership communion.  
We ask that only members of  
our church body, the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod,  
partake of the sacrament.***

P: What is the sacrament of Holy Communion?

C: **It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ together with bread and wine, instituted for us Christians to eat and to drink.**

P: What blessings do we receive through this eating and drinking?

C: **That is shown us by these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.**



Come to the ta-ble of mer-cy, Pre - pared with the wine and the bread;



All who are hun-gry and thirst-y, Come and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in-vi - ta - tion; Re - ceive from His nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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## ***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*

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: We gath-er here in Je-sus' name; His love is burn-ing in our hearts like We'll gath-er soon where an-gels sing; We'll see the glo-ry of our Lord and liv-ing flame, For thro' the lov-ing Son, The Fa-ther makes us one: 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.

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## *Reception*

### *Thanksgiving*

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for nourishing me in this Sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live to your praise and glory. Amen.

### *Blessing*

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.

**Closing Hymn – “I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus” CW 446 vv 1-4**



I am trust-ing you, Lord Je - sus, Trust-ing on - ly you,  
I am trust-ing you for par - don; At your feet I bow,  
I am trust-ing you for cleans-ing In the crim-son flood,  
I am trust-ing you to guide me; You a - lone shall lead.



Trust-ing you for full sal - va-tion, Free and true.  
For your grace and ten - der mer - cy Trust - ing now.  
Trust-ing you who made me ho - ly By your blood.  
Ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing All my need.

**THIS WEEK’S CALENDAR – February 2**

- Sunday – 8:00 & 10:30a Worship with Communion
- 02/02 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School
- 12p Catechism
- Tuesday 6:30-8p Facility in Use
- Wednesday 7:00p Choir
- Thursday 8:00a Breakfast Bible Study
- 7:00p Worship
- 7:45p Bible Study
- Saturday 7:00p Creation Seminar
- Sunday – 9:00 & 10:30a Worship
- 02/09 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School / CFM Board / Finance Board
- 11:30a Teacher Call Meeting & Pastor Pre-Call Meeting
- 12p Catechism

**CALL MEETING DATES:** Please fill out the form that was emailed to you regarding calling a new Pastor. A paper copy is available on the table in the narthex and should be returned to the COR President’s mailbox in the Narthex. Please also save the dates for a call meeting for a new teacher on February 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30a following the second service as well as a pre-call meeting on February 16<sup>th</sup> for a new pastor at 11:30a following the second service.

**CREATION SEMINAR:** Dr. Robert Carter from Creation Ministries will lead a 45 minute session. Come – bring a friend – there is no charge. Be strengthened in your faith by knowing that God’s Word is infallible.

**PREK-KINDERGARTEN ROUND-UP:** Wednesday, February 17, from 6-7. Invites are on the table in the narthex. Contact our Principal for more info [principal@chirstredeemerschool.org](mailto:principal@chirstredeemerschool.org).

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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](http://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](http://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.