



Christ Our Redeemer

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Our Calling

Let your light shine!

Jesus tells us:

You are . . . so be.

You are the light of the world, so be light for the world

You are the salt of the earth, so be salt for the earth.

Our calling means our lives will be blessed, and those around us will be blessed by us.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

TONE CHIME CHOIR – “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Arranged by Douglas Wagner, based on the tune ‘Old Hundred’ Public Domain

We Praise God in Song

OPENING SONG – “*The People That in Darkness Sat*”

CW 90 Public Domain



The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious light have
To us a child of hope is born, To us a son is
His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er - last - ing
His right - eous gov - ern - ment and pow'r Shall o - ver all ex -
Lord Je - sus, reign in us, we pray, And make us yours a -



seen; The light has shone on them who long In
giv'n, And on his should - ers ev - er rests All
Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The
- tend; On judg - ment and on jus - tice based, His
- lone, For you are with the Fa - ther and The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.
reign shall have no end, His reign shall have no end.
Spir - it ev - er one, The Spir - it ev - er one.

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.

RESPONSE:

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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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

God Comes to Us in His Word

1 Peter 2:9-12 – We are called to make a difference

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia, Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia.

John 8:12

JUNIOR CHOIR – *"As the Deer"*

LAPPY 14 Text, Tune, Setting: Martin Nystrom

Matthew 5:13-20 – Salt, light and the law of God

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

HYMN – *"O Master of the Loving Heart"*

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THE MESSAGE Based on 1 Peter 2:9-12 on page three

Make a Difference



THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

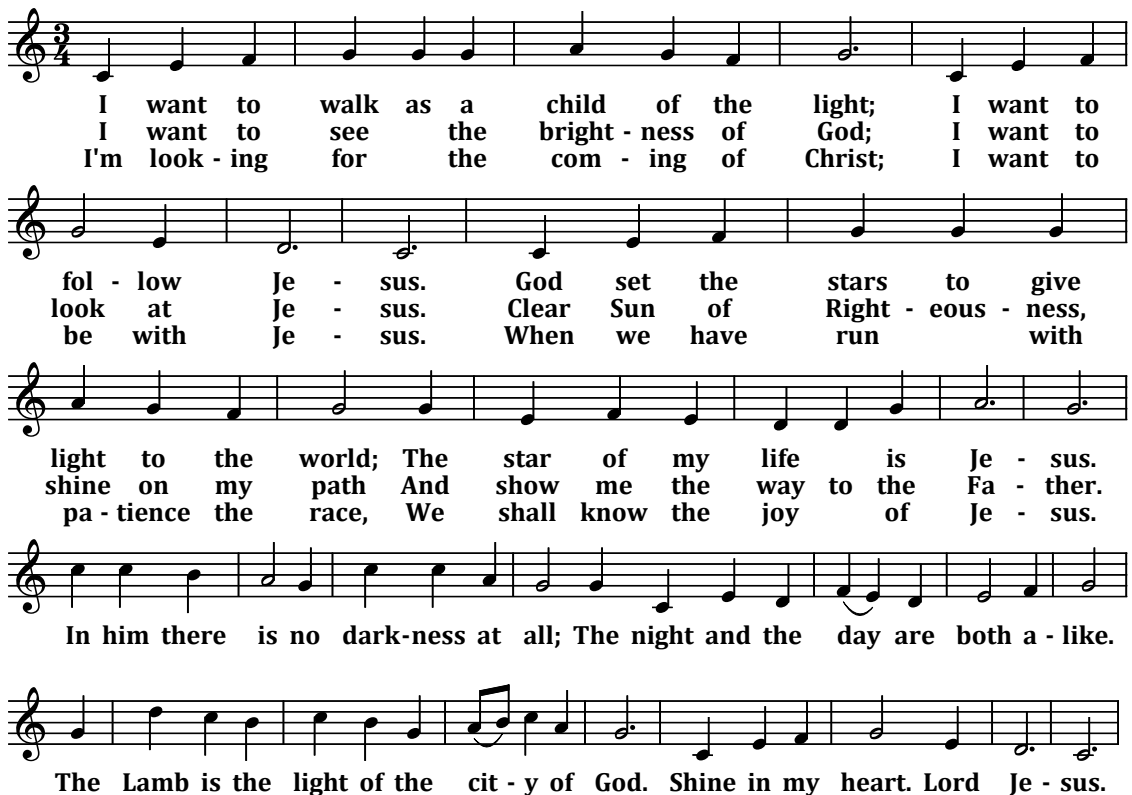
I believe in God our Lord and Father in heaven, who made us the crown of his creation, and preserves us with every good thing, that we may live before him in peace and joy.

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.

HYMN – “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to
I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to
I'm look- ing for the com- ing of Christ; I want to
fol- low Je- sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je- sus. Clear Sun of Right- eous- ness,
be with Je- sus. When we have run
light to the world; The star of my life is Je- sus.
shine on my path And show me the way to the Fa- ther.
pa- tience the race, We shall know the joy of Je- sus.
In him there is no dark-ness at all; The night and the day are both a- like.
The Lamb is the light of the cit- y of God. Shine in my heart. Lord Je- sus.

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CHILDREN'S LESSON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EPIPHANY

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

P: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

P: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

P: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

P: Hear us Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

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

CLOSING VERSES – “*Preserve Your Word, O Savior*”

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Pre - serve your Word, O Sav - ior, To us this lat - ter day. And
Pre - serve your Word and preach - ing, The truth that makes us whole, The
let your king - dom flour - ish; En - large your Church, we pray. Oh,
mir - ror of your glo - ry, The pow'r that saves the soul. Oh,
keep our faith from fail - ing; Keep hope's bright star a - glow. Let
may this liv - ing wa - ter, This spring of heav'n - ly grace, Sus -
noth - ing turn us from you While wan - d'ring here be - low.
- tain us while here liv - ing Un - til we see your face.

“In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires.” These are the people who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit. But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in God’s love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. Jude 18b - 21

CALENDAR

Today	8:00a & 10:30a Worship 9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School 9:00a Child & Family Ministry 9:15a Finance Board 11:30a Teacher Call Meeting and Pastor Pre-Call Meeting 12:00p Catechism
Tuesday	6:00p Elders 7:00p Church Leaders
Wednesday	7:00p Choir
Thursday	8:00p Breakfast Bible Study 3:15p School Open Forum 7:00p Worship with Communion 7:45p Bible Study
Friday	NO SCHOOL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEER LISTS: Our March and April volunteer lists will be made out this week. Please let the church office know of any scheduling conflicts.

CALL MEETINGS: A form was emailed to you regarding calling a new Pastor, hard copies are also available on the table in the narthex. Please fill out the form and return it to the mailbox marked President today.

- Our Call meeting for a new teacher and Pre-call meeting for a new Pastor will take place today, February 9th, at 11:30a following the second service.
- The Call meeting for a new Pastor will take place on February 16th at 11:30a following the second service.

INSTALLATION: The members of Lord of Life invite you to the installation of Pastor Mike Vogel on Sunday, February 16, at 4p. A meal for all will follow the service.

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