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# Christ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

# God's Cool Response

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## OPENING HYMN

CW 111

*"Sweet the Moments Rich in Blessing"*

This service begins with the words that began our life with God - the words spoken at Baptism.

The sign of the cross, traced over us at Baptism, marks us as those redeemed by Christ.

## INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

The Bible encourages us to acknowledge and confess our sins. God promises to respond with his gift of forgiveness.

## CONFESSION

P: Let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, reflecting on the times we have neglected the mission he has given us. Let us ask him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to forgive us.

**C: 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.**

Because Jesus took away the guilt of the world, he authorizes his followers to announce his forgiveness to all who are sorry for their sins.

## ABSOLUTION

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.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all that they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the spread of your life-giving Gospel through the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: **Amen.**

The expression “Lord, have mercy” is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.

## GLORY BE TO GOD – Luke 2:14



All Glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we  
Our grate-ful thanks to you we bring. For your great glo - ry,



glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and grace, Your  
heav - 'nly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have done Through



fa - vor toward our fall - en race.  
Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. “Glory to God in the Highest” has been a Christian song of worship since the 4<sup>th</sup> Century.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## The Word

### EPISTLE – Romans 5:12-17

The first  
Adam  
brings  
death,  
the second  
Adam  
brings  
Life

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned —

<sup>13</sup> To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone’s account where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.

<sup>15</sup> But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God’s grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! <sup>16</sup> Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man’s sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. <sup>17</sup> For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

### VERSE OF THE DAY

P: It is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”

### GOSPEL – Matthew 4:1-11

The battle  
begins

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

<sup>4</sup> Jesus answered, “It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:10b

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. <sup>6</sup> “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

“He will command his angels concerning you,  
and they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> “All this I will give you,” he said, “if you will bow down and worship me.”

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said to him, “Away from me, Satan! For it is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.’”

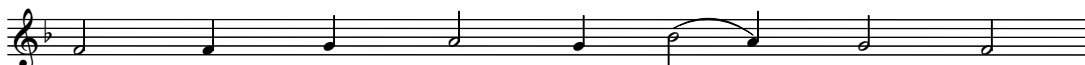
<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

## SERMON HYMN

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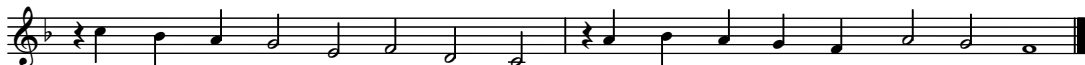
### *“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”*



All man - kind fell in Ad - am's fall;  
Through all our pow'rs cor - rup - tion creeps  
From hearts de - praved, to e - vil prone,  
But Christ, the sec - ond Ad - am, came  
As by one man all man - kind fell  
We thank you, Christ; new life is ours,



One com - mon sin in - fects us all.  
And us to dread - ful bond - age keeps;  
Flow thoughts and deeds of sin a - lone;  
To bear our sin and woe and shame,  
And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,  
New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs;



From one to all the curse de-scends, And o - ver all God's wrath im-pends.  
In guilt we draw our in - fant breath And reap its fruits of woe and death.  
God's im - age lost, the dark-ened soul Nor seeks nor finds its heav'n-ly good.  
To be our life, our light, our way, Our on - ly hope, our on - ly stay.  
So by one Man, who took our place, We all were jus - ti - fied by grace.  
This grace our ev' - ry way at - tend Un - til we reach our jour-ney's end.

# God's Cool Response

Genesis 3:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

<sup>2</sup> The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

<sup>4</sup> "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. <sup>5</sup> "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

<sup>6</sup> When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

<sup>8</sup> Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

## THE CONFESSION OF FAITH – Third Article and Meaning

**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.**

**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. This is most certainly true.**

Public  
confession is  
faith's  
response to  
God's saving  
Word.

## 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.

Following the offering we pray for the church.

# THE SACRAMENT

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

### PREFACE

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 good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song.

The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Communion section of the service and lift the worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

In this song we  
 praise God,  
 who is present  
 with us in his  
 Supper.  
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**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY – Isaiah 6:1-3**

O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of pow'r and might, Your  
 glo-ry, earth and heav-en In count-less ways re-cite. Ho-  
 - san-na! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And  
 in your grace and mer-cy Re-ceive our fer-vent cry.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Matthew  
 26:26-28

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
 C: Amen.

Jesus is God's  
 Lamb, who was  
 offered as a  
 sacrifice for sin  
 once for all.

**LAMB OF GOD - John 1:29**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

The  
 celebration of  
 the Lord's  
 Supper  
 connects us  
 intimately with  
 Christ and with  
 one another as  
 Christians who  
 are united  
 around a  
 common  
 confession of  
 faith

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## SONG OF SIMEON



O Lord, now let your ser-vant De - part in peace, as - sured:



For I have seen your prom-ised in - car-nate, sav-ing Word-



A Light that will en-light-en All gloom, where Gen-tiles dwell;



The bril-liant, crown-ing glo-ry Of those in Is-ra - el!

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P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

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.

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on (them), and I will bless them."

## CLOSING HYMN

*"If God Had Not Been On Our Side"*

**CW 202**

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