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CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

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## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

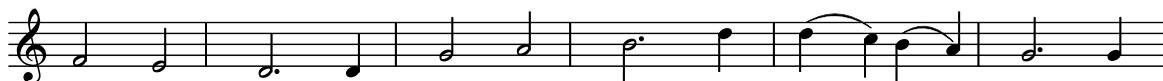
### OPENING HYMN

### *"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"*

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Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun Does its suc - ces - sive  
To him shall end - less prayer be made And end-less prais - es  
Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue Praise his great love with  
Bless - ings a - bound wher - 'er he reigns: The pris - 'ner leaps, un -  
Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring Wor - ship and hon - or



jour - neys run; His king - dom stretch from shore to shore Till  
crown his head; His name like sweet per - fume shall rise With  
sweet - est song, And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim Their  
- loosed his chains, The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest, And  
to our King; An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain, And



moons shall wax and wane no more.  
ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
all who suf - fer want are blest.  
earth re - peat the loud a - men.

## INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

**C: Grant this, Lord, to all. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

<sup>1</sup> Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: <sup>2</sup> "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you."

<sup>3</sup> Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." <sup>5</sup> The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.



*The city of Nineveh*

## SECOND LESSON

**Acts 13:1-5**

<sup>1</sup> Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. <sup>2</sup> While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I

have called them.”<sup>3</sup> So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

4The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus.<sup>5</sup> When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

**HYMN**

*“Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word”*



Spread, oh, spread the might - y Word; Spread the king - dom  
 Tell them how the Fa - ther's will Made the world and  
 Tell of our Re - deem - er's love, Who for ev - er  
 Tell them of the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us  
 Up! The rip' - ning fields you see. Migh - ty shall the  
 Lord of har - vest, grant a - new, Joy and strength to



of the Lord Ev - 'ry - where his breath has giv'n  
 keeps it still, How his on - ly Son he gave  
 does re - move By his ho - ly sac - ri - fice  
 on to heav'n, Strong and ho - ly just and true,  
 har - vest be, But the reap - ers still are few;  
 work for you. Till the gath - 'ring na - tions all



Life to be - ings meant for heav'n.  
 All from sin and death to save.  
 All the guilt that on us lies.  
 Work-ing both to will and do.  
 Great the work they have to do.  
 See your might and heed your call.

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## SERMON TEXT

**Mark 5:1-20**

<sup>1</sup> They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. <sup>2</sup> When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. <sup>3</sup> This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. <sup>4</sup> For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. <sup>5</sup> Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

<sup>6</sup> When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. <sup>7</sup> He shouted at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God's name don't torture me!" <sup>8</sup> For Jesus had said to him, "Come out of this man, you impure spirit!"

<sup>9</sup> Then Jesus asked him, "What is your name?"

"My name is Legion," he replied, "for we are many." <sup>10</sup> And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

<sup>11</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. <sup>12</sup> The demons begged Jesus, "Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them." <sup>13</sup> He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

<sup>14</sup> Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. <sup>15</sup> When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>16</sup> Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. <sup>17</sup> Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

<sup>18</sup> As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. <sup>19</sup> Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." <sup>20</sup> So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

## SERMON THEME

# Go Home

### PRAYER

P: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

**C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings and to use them faithfully.**

P: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face and to serve others as we would serve you.

**C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

P: Holy Spirit, giver of life, provide us with the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope that we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

P: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*silent prayer*

P: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

*special prayers*

P: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

**THE 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**

***"Your Kingdom Come!"***



Your king - dom come! O Fa - ther, hear our prayer;  
 Stum - bling and blind, we strive to do your will,  
 Come through the faith where - by the church must live;  
 Your king - dom come; come, too, God's glor - ious Son!



Shine through the clouds that threat - en ev' - ry - where;  
 Trust - ing the Word you sure - ly will ful - fill,  
 Come through the Word and sac - ra - ments you give;  
 Oh, may our task for you be nob - ly done!



Light from a - bove, our on - ly life and joy, Show us the  
 That all are yours, how - ev - er far they roam, That love shall  
 Come through your teach - ing and your heal - ing too; Come through the  
 Faith - ful let all your ser - vants be, and true, Un - til they



hope that noth - ing can de - stroy.  
 tri - umph, and your king - dom come.  
 work en - light - ened hearts can do.  
 bring all na - tions home to you.

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## CLOSING PRAYER AND BLESSING

P: Jesus gave the command to “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

*(Matthew 28:19)*

**C: In that great name we have met here, God’s baptized saints, longing to bring the promise of water and the Word to all who would believe. We pray: Fill us with your Spirit, and give us hearts yearning to bring the gospel to different cultures, nations, and peoples, knowing that the love of God reaches for them all.**

P: The blessing of God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*



Sent forth by God's bless-ings Our true faith con - fess-ing The  
With praise and thanks - giv - ing To God ev - er - liv - ing, The



peo-ple of God from his dwell-ing take leave. The sup-per is  
task of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er



end - ed; Oh, be now ex - tend - ed The fruits of this ser - vice to  
shar - ing. In love ev - er car - ing, Em - brac - ing his chil - dren of



all who be - lieve. The seed of his teach-ing, Re - cep-tive souls  
each tribe and race. With your feast you feed us; With your light, now



reach-ing, Shall blos-som in ac-tion for God and for all. His  
lead us; U - nite us as one in this life that we share. Then



grace did in - vite us; His love shall u - nite us To work for God's  
may all the liv-ing With praise and thanks - giv-ing Give hon-or to



king-dom and an - swer his call.  
Christ and his name that we bear.

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## Calendar

Sunday 8 & 10:30a Worship  
9:15a Bible Class & Sunday School  
Monday 6:15-7:30p Catechism Class  
Thursday 5:45-6:45p Growing in Hope Bible Class  
7p Worship  
7:45p Bible Study

## Announcements:

**Ash Wednesday:** Reservations are open for our 7p Ash Wednesday Service on February 17<sup>th</sup>. We would appreciate you reserving a spot as soon as possible so that we can gauge if an additional service will be needed. Thanks!

**COR Annual Campout:** Our annual camping outing is being planned for this summer. If you or your family are interested in participating please contact Seth Borchardt [seth\\_jb@yahoo.com](mailto:seth_jb@yahoo.com) or Alex Mielke [alex.mielke@rmlhs.net](mailto:alex.mielke@rmlhs.net).

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