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(414) 534-7279 (863) 967-5145 ¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. ³ On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. ⁴ All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, ⁵ and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. ⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. ⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. ⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #391

"Blessed Are the Sons of God"

- P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- ✓ Who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.
- P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission

of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

INTROIT

Ps. 27:1, 7, 9, 11-12, 14

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

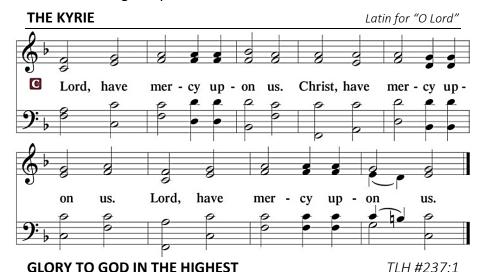
- P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!
- O You who have been my help, forsake me not, O God of my salvation!
- P The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
- Teach me Your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.
- P Give me not up to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breath out violence.
- Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"



Alleluia. O LORD, in Your strength the king rejoices, and in Your salvation how greatly He exults! Alleluia.



- All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!
- Let us pray. O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Daniel 2:31-39 "You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. ³² The head of this image was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its middle and thighs of bronze, ³³ its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. ³⁴ As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. ³⁵ Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and

the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. ³⁶ "This was the dream. Now we will tell the king its interpretation. ³⁷ You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory, ³⁸ and into whose hand he has given, wherever they dwell, the children of man, the beasts of the field, and the birds of the heavens, making you rule over them all-- you are the head of gold. ³⁹ Another kingdom inferior to you shall arise after you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth.

GOSPEL READING - Luke 17:1-10 And he said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³ Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴ and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saving, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." ⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶ And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. 7 "Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? 8 Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? 9 Does he thank the servant because he did what

was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"



The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

- I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- 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.

HYMN: VBS Song

"Jesus"

There is a truth older than the ages There is a promise of things yet to come, There is one born for our salvation —Jesus

There is a light that overwhelms the darkness, There is a kingdom that forever reigns, There is freedom from the chains that bind us — Jesus, Jesus

Refrain: Who walks on the waters, Who speaks to the sea, Who stands in the fire beside me, He roars like a lion, He bled as the Lamb, He carries my healing in His hands — Jesus There is a name I call in times of trouble There is a song that comforts in the night, There is a voice that calms the storm that rages — He is Jesus, Jesus

Refrain

Messiah, My Savior, There is power in Your name, You're my rock and my Redeemer, There is power in Your name In Your name

Refrain

Jesus, there is no one like you

SERMON – Romans 8:18-27 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves,

who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Jesus Gives Hope in Groaning

I. Our Groaning

II. Creation's Groaning

III. The Spirit's Groaning

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

HYMN: TLH #448:1-4 "Brief Life Is Here Our Portion"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1 "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

■ ✓ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
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 Amen, amen, a − men.

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #45

"Now, the Hour of Worship O'er"

♣ Announcements **♣**

Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS a success! To everyone who came and helped each day, to everyone who donated snacks or money, we give our heartfelt gratitude. We averaged 19 children per day this week of VBS, proclaiming the Gospel of Christ each day. Praise the Lord!

Looking Ahead...

- [☆] July 14: Trustees and Council Meetings

Our Brother in Christ Ray Seger passed away this past Monday at 1:30 in the afternoon in his bed at Spring Lake Rehab in Winter Haven. Over the past several years, Ray has been plagued by various ailments, making it impossible for him to walk or communicate effectively. We praise the Lord for releasing him from this veil of sorrows and bringing him home to Himself in heaven! Look for victory service information to be announced in a few weeks. Please keep Delores and Paul in your prayers.

Shut-in/Encouragement List Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. Patti Meno continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. Bill Issitt III remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. Johanna Jaehnigen remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. Crystal Shaw has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. Bill Hartmann's health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers. Bill Issitt Sr. is recovering at home from surgery. Loye Issitt is at home and receiving regular dialysis. Darrin Ream is recovering from surgery.

Last Week (7/7) WH – 48

General = \$2,096 | Missions = \$70 | Property Improvement = \$40

Total Offering = \$2,206

July Usher: Michael Kuehne | Acolyte (7/21): Grant R. | Cleaner (7/20): Rodebaugh