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(414) 534-7279 (863) 967-5145 ⁴⁹ Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope. ⁵⁰ This is my comfort in my affliction, that your promise gives me life. ⁵¹ The insolent utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law. ⁵² When I think of your rules from of old, I take comfort, O LORD. ⁵³ Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, who forsake your law. ⁵⁴ Your statutes have been my songs in the house of my sojourning. ⁵⁵ I remember your name in the night, O LORD, and keep your law. ⁵⁶ This blessing has fallen to me, that I have kept your precepts. ⁵⁷ The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words. ⁵⁸ I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. ⁵⁹ When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies; ⁶⁰ I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments. ⁶¹ Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me, I do not forget your law.

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #296 "Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth"

- 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. 48:1, 3, 9-11, 14

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

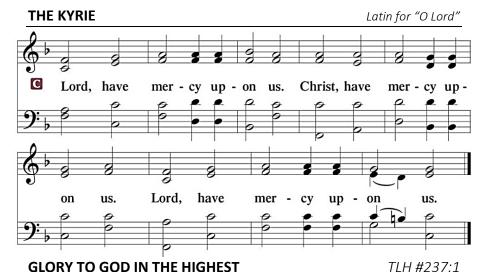
- P We have thought on Your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of Your temple.
- As Your name, O God, so Your praise reaches to the ends of the earth. Your right hand is filled with righteousness.
- P Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, His holy mountain.
- Within her citadels God has made Himself known as a fortress.
- P Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!
- This is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"



P Alleluia. Give ear, O my people, to My teaching; incline Your ears to the Words of My mouth! 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!
- P Let us pray. ... You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** ♪ A - men.

EPISTLE READING — **Romans 8:12-17** So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 7:15-23 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from

thornbushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. ²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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: TLH #292:1-3, 9

"If Thy Beloved Son, O God"

SERMON – **Jeremiah 23:16-29** (NKJV) Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; They speak a vision of their own heart, Not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷ They continually say to those who despise Me, 'The LORD has said, "You shall have peace "'; And *to* everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, 'No evil shall come upon you." ¹⁸ For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD, And has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard *it*? ¹⁹ Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury-- A violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. ²⁰ The anger of the LORD will not turn back Until He has executed and performed the

thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly. ²¹ "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. ²² But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings. 23 "Am I a God near at hand," says the LORD, "And not a God afar off? 24 Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD. ²⁵ "I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶ "How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷ "who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. 28 "The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?" says the LORD. ²⁹ "Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD, "And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

"It Shall Be Well With You"

I. Thus say the "prophets"
II. Thus says the LORD

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 #395:1-3, 8

"O God, Thou Faithful God"

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #788:1

"Lord, You Love..."

■ Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true That our life and all our living We may consecrate to You.

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.
- Amen, amen, a men.

♣ Announcements **♣**

The Boys Bathroom needs a new floor drain for our school to receive a passing grade, per the Florida Health Department. We hope to break ground soon, but this will be a rather expensive fix. We ask that you would

Looking Ahead...

- ☆ Today: Orlando Service 8 am
- Tonight: Back to School Party
 at 6 pm
- ♣ Aug. 14: School Begins
- ♣ Aug. 18: Education Sunday

prayerfully consider donating to assist with the cost. This, in addition to the AC unit installed in the parsonage last year, brings our **Property Improvement** fund to a deficit of about \$3,400. We are also in need of **petty cash** with the new school year around the corner.

The Time Before Worship is very sacred to many within our congregation. For fifteen or so minutes before each service, we have members who like to sit and pray or meditate on Scripture before the service. Just as it is advisable to stretch before running a race, it is also beneficial to have this period of quiet contemplation before the service. Out of respect for those who wish to get ready for the service in this way, we ask that you please keep your conversations confined to the hallway, or that you converse in a quiet manner, mindful of those around you. Thank you!

Recent Disbursements have been made from the Benevolence Fund, bringing our balance in the fund to \$346. To have assistance readily available for member families in need, we ask that you would consider contributing to this fund.

<u>CLC Call News</u> Prince of Peace of Loveland, CO has called Pastor Ted Barthels.

Young People in Need As overseas mission opportunities continue to grow, so does the need for U.S. sponsors. Can you help? The CLC KINSHIP Committee is seeking sponsors for a group called "Myanmar Children's Assistance" as well as seminary students at the new Wartburg Theological Seminary of Tanzania. Please contact Dan Roehl (507-381-2042 ordanroehl@hotmail.com) for more information regarding these sponsorships.

<u>CLC Southeastern Women's Retreat</u> registration is due September 1st. Registration information can be found on the forms in the church entryway or online at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net. The retreat is November 1-3 this year in Myrtle Beach.

"MAN UP" WEEKEND – September 12-15, 2019 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, cost \$75 for the weekend (includes lodging, meals, and activities). Registration fee is due by August 31, 2019.

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.

Last Week (8/4) WH - 54

General = \$2,927 | Property Improvement = \$405 | Memorial = \$270 Building Fund = \$20 | Missions = \$80

Total Offering = \$3,602

August Usher: Mike Sheffield | Cleaning (8/17): Goodwin | Acolyte (8/18): Mason K.