

## ✝ Announcements ✝

**Thank you** to Neil and his family for holding a live-streamed worship service for the congregation this morning!

**Pastor** should be getting his test results back early this week.

Please pray for a negative test result, if the Lord wills it.

**We will plan** on meeting for Sunday worship at the regular times next weekend.

**The Voters Meeting Agenda** will be sent to voters in the early part of this week.

### Looking Ahead...

- ✝ **Oct. 28:** Zoom Bible Class 6:30 p
- ✝ **Nov. 1:** Voters' Meeting
- ✝ **Nov. 1:** Communion Service
- ✝ **Nov. 1:** 9 am Masks-on Service

## ✝ Order of Divine Worship ✝

### Opening Prayer

**Hymn: TLH #29**

*"Through All the Changing Scenes of Life"*

### INVOCATION

*We invoke ("call upon") the Name of our Triune God.*

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

**C Amen!**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

**P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

**C** If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

**C** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

**P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**EPISTLE READING – Galatians 5:16-24** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are

against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**GOSPEL READING – Luke 17:11-19** On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup> When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

#### 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 #396**

*"Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink"*

#### THE SERMON

*Jesus said, "...Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (Luke 11:28)*

**Proverbs 3:1-8** - My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, <sup>2</sup> for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. <sup>3</sup> Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup> So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. <sup>5</sup> Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. <sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. <sup>7</sup> Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. <sup>8</sup> It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

#### THE GOOD LIFE

Scripture Shows You How to Obtain:

- I. The favor of God and man
- II. A level path in life
- II. Physical and spiritual health

*CLC Ministry by Mail sermon written by Professor Paul Naumann*

#### General Prayer and Lord's Prayer

#### THE BENEDICTION

*The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)*

- [P]** 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.
- [C]** Amen!

**Closing Hymn: TLH #283**

*"God's Word is Our Great Heritage"*