

... IF YOU WILL INDEED
**OBEY MY VOICE AND
KEEP MY COVENANT,**
YOU SHALL BE MY
TREASURED POSSESSION
AMONG ALL PEOPLES....

EXODUS 19:5, ESV

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As We Gather

One of the most beloved of all choral pieces is the Hallelujah Chorus from the oratorio “Messiah” written by George Frideric Handel in 1741. The text is comprised of three passages from Revelation. One of those says, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever” (Revelation 11:15). It is a challenge to read those words and not have the echoes of Handel’s music run through your mind! The kingdom that our Lord has established, which He has promised to share with His faithful people, is “forever and ever.” No wonder the Hallelujah Chorus repeats the word “Hallelujah!” some forty-seven times!

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

767 – Church of God, Elect and Glorious

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:1, 14-15a, 16

P In You, O LORD, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed;

C Deliver me in Your righteousness.

P But as for me, I trust in You, O LORD; I say, “You are my God.”

C My times are in Your hand.

P Make Your face shine upon Your servant;

C Save me for Your mercies’ sake.

Confession and Absolution

P O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

C Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

P Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the Means of Grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, or evasion of responsibility in Your service, and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P Forgive us that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C **Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called servant of Christ and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

C **Amen.**

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer-cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes.


Kyrie Eleison
LORD, HAVE MERCY

Hymn of Praise

742 (1, 3) – Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en;
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us;

To His feet your tri - bute bring;
Well our fee - ble frame He knows;

Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
In His hand He gen - tly bears us,

Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray...

... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:6-15

⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own

love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹ And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. ¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned —¹³ (For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. ¹⁴ Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 100

- P** Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!
- C** **Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.**
- P** Know that the LORD, He is God;
- C** **It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**
- P** Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise.
- C** **Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.**
- P** For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting,
- C** **And His truth endures to all generations.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵ Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. ³⁶ But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷ Then He said to His disciples, “The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. ³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.” ¹ And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. ² Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas

and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Lebbaeus, whose surname was Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananite, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed Him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out and commanded them, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. ⁶ But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may believe that Je-sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le - lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

245 – God Loved the World So that He Gave

Sermon Text

Exodus 19:1-8

¹ In the third month after the children of Israel had gone out of the land of Egypt, on the same day, they came to the Wilderness of Sinai. ² For they had departed from Rephidim, had come to the Wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness. So Israel camped there before the mountain. ³ And Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: ⁴ 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. ⁶ And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel." ⁷ So Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid before them all these words which the LORD commanded him. ⁸ Then all the people answered together and said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do." So Moses brought back the words of the people to the LORD.



Sermon

God's Special Treasure

Offertory

400 (1, 6) – Take My Life and Let It Be

1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its
Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days,
treasure store; Take my - self, and I will be
Let them flow in cease - less praise.
Ev - er, on - ly, all, for Thee.

Hymn

469 – Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Offering

Offering Hymn

788 (1)

Lord, You love the cheer-ful giv-er Who with o-pen
heart and hand Bless-es free-ly as a riv-er
That re-fresh-es all the land. Grant us, then, the
grace of giv-ing With a spir-it large and true
That our life and all our liv-ing
We may con-se-crate to You.

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

54 – Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah

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✠ Announcements ✠

Upcoming Schedule		
June 18	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Divine Service
June 25	8:00 am	Divine Service (Orlando)
	10:15 am	Divine Service (Winter Haven)
July 2	9:15 am	Bible Class
	10:15 am	Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
	11:30 am	Fellowship Meal
	12:30 pm	Quarterly Voters' Meeting

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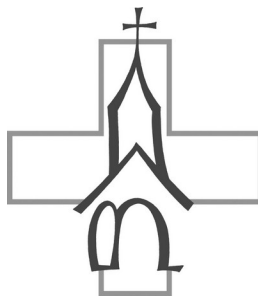
VBS: We are excited to announce our Vacation Bible School for 2023! This year's theme is "Thus Says the LORD: Prophets of the True God." We will explore the accounts of some of the prophets in the Bible and learn how they spoke God's truth to a world in need. We'll also have plenty of time to play games, make crafts, and sing songs. VBS will be held from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM on July 10-14. Children grades 4K through 8th Grade are welcome to attend. We are also looking for volunteers to help with a variety of tasks, such as teaching, leading activities, helping with crafts, and providing snacks. Please speak with Pastor Sauers if you are able to help out.

Man Up! Weekend: The 2023 ManUp! Men's Weekend will be held September 21-24, 2023, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The weekend will offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before August 31st for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 after September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. and clicking on the Registration Form. Sign up today!

CLC News: Pastor James Naumann of Our Savior's Lutheran in Jamestown, ND has returned the call to Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI. <> Pastor Mike Roehl of St. Paul Lutheran in Bismarck, ND has received the call from Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI to be their third pastor. <> Pastor Samuel Naumann has resigned his call to Resurrection Lutheran Church of Corpus Christi for personal reasons. Please keep Sam and his family, as well as the Corpus Christi congregation in your prayers.

✠ Serving Next Weekend ✠

Cleaner (6/24): Bernthal **Acolyte (6/25):** Seth Bernthal



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠

June 19 - June 24

Monday: Matthew 9:9-13 – Jesus’ saving forgiveness is meant for all people, even someone like Matthew, who collected taxes for the Roman rulers. It was those needing forgiveness who were the objects of His mercy. “For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners” (v 13).

Tuesday: Romans 10:1-4 – Jesus’ apostle shares his Master’s desire to save the people of Israel. Like our own sinful human nature, many of the Jews declined the righteousness which God would give them in Christ. Instead they sought to establish their own righteousness by following the law.

Wednesday: Romans 10:5-13 – The righteousness which God gives freely does not require us to do anything – either to bring Christ down to the earth or to bring Him up from the grave – but has already been done for everyone. “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (v 13).

Thursday: Romans 10:14-15 – Even those who call on the name of the Lord (v 13) are not the product of their own efforts, but of Him who sent preachers. Through preachers He created hearers and by the Word preached He persuaded hearers to believe, to call upon His name and be saved.

Friday: Proverbs 9:1-6 – The Christ whom Paul preached (1 Cor 1:23) is “to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God” (1 Cor 1:24). He sets before us a wonderful banquet and invites all to come to him and live.

Saturday: Proverbs 9:7-10 – Word of the wondrous banquet (9:2-3) has gone out to all but not all will heed the invitation. How can we be among the wise ones who do? Respect for the Lord will lead us to pay close attention to His Word, which will bring wisdom and insight. To this goal help us, dear Lord.

