

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Mosaic Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottles still being collected.
2. Souper Bowl Sunday, Feb 7th. Covid hasn't made life easier for those disabled or unemployed. Collecting cans for the O'Fallon Food Pantry is still a way we can help. Would you join me for the next two Sundays if you're able by remembering those who are less fortunate and sacrificing for their sake. I'm going to be bold and ask not for a couple of cans of soup, fruit, corn, green beans, baked beans but a case of one of those. If you are able don't just give a box but 5 or 6 boxes non-perishable food products: cereal, rice,

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 62:5–8

P: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.
C: He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
P: On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
C: Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Mark 1:15; Psalm 113:1–3*

P: Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own, and we are to pray,
praise, and give thanks to You.
C: Yet we often do not live as You have called us to live as Your own. We do not always
honor Your name nor Your calling with our praise.
P: We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us
away, turning back to our Heavenly Father as we follow Jesus in faith.

Silence for reflection

P: Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,
C: we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as ourselves, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. We have not always welcomed Your call to follow You and You alone. Forgive us, O God.

P: Beloved family of God. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. Hear and rejoice in the Good News. Jesus Christ died for you, and for His sake, God desires His compassion to be proclaimed to you. As God forgave the wicked Ninevites who confessed their sins before the reluctant prophet Jonah, I, a servant of Jesus Christ without reservation or caution declare to you that your sins too are forgiven. God has made peace with us, through His beloved Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God!

P: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

C: praise the name of the LORD!

P: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

C: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE “Come to Jesus” Chris Rice

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, as the call to follow You comes to us through Your Word, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we trust and serve You in repentance and faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jonah 3:1–5, 10*

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them...

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.
EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 7:29–31*

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

P: Alleluia, Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol Him, all peoples!

C: For great is His steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
C: bring an offering, and come into His courts! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:14–20* (Jesus calls the first disciples to follow Him.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John

his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 827 "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling"

Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth;
Rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying,
"Here am I, send me, send me"?

Some take up His task in morning,
To their Lord responding soon;
Some are called in heat of midday,
Others late in afternoon;
Even as the sun is setting,
Some are sent into the fields,
There to gather in the bounty
That God's Word so richly yields.

For as rain and snow from heaven
Water seeds in dusty soil,
Causing them to bud and flower,
Giving bread to those who toil;
So the Lord sends forth His promise,
Words of life and joy and peace
Never void to Him returning,
Bearing fruit with great increase.

Hearken to the Lord whose coming
Marks the time when grace shall end,
When with His angelic reapers
He in glory shall descend.
Soon the night, the final harvest;
Soon the time for work shall cease.
Then the souls His grace has garnered

Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.

SERMON "Cost of Discipleship"

Mark 1:14-20

Pastor Matt

CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord of the Season we call Epiphany, we pray for all people everywhere, that the Epiphany light that shines the radiance of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, shine in the hearts and minds of all people. For those who are wayward and lost and for those who have rejected Your call to repentance and faith, we pray You, use us in our words and witness, to point to You that many more would faithfully follow. Lord in Your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Ever-present Lord, be with Your Church on earth and the congregations in their work to serve and praise You and to be nourished by Your Word and Sacraments. Strengthen all church workers to follow Your example of joyous service that the

Gospel may be rightly proclaimed and taught so that church leaders and laity alike, may learn to conduct themselves in the light of Your grace which leads to greater and more joyful service in the world. Be with PJ and Melanie during their vicarage year in Colorado and our brother Nathan Nelson during His training at Concordia Seminary. By Your Holy Spirit, grant them all the gifts necessary to fulfill their calling in Your ministry...

Continue to raise up other called servants and leaders within Your Church that Your Word may be proclaimed and lived among us, leading others to know You and follow where You lead. Lord in Your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, our hope is not in any human leader or any governmental institution. Our trust is in the name of the Lord and in Your wisdom to bring about Your desired purposes. Since You have promised to work through our leaders, we pray for our country's new administration knowing that You work all things according to your purposes in Christ Jesus. Change is inevitable. Yet there is no shadow of turning in You. Guide our country and its leaders in Your ways and help those of us who live under the governing authorities to honor them even when we disagree. Wherever we are led, help us to put You first and to rely on Your providence all the more. Lord in Your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord of all comfort and peace, be present with those who face various physical and spiritual needs. As we recall those on our prayer list we ask You to help us be Your agents of mercy. Where we are able, give us willingness to stay in contact and help those in need. Today we bring Rita and Russ Schefelker, Perry's Mother and brother, and Linda Williams who have contracted the Covid virus.

We thank You Lord that their symptoms have been mild and that You have given them the strength to endure this burden.

We pray also for those whose symptoms are life-threatening. Grant healing to those all who are suffering from any physical, emotion or spiritual way, according to Your gracious will. And give us hearts of gratitude for every act of healing from Your compassionate heart.

Lord we must also take this moment to thank You for giving wisdom to those who have spent years in the laboratory, seeking to understand the causes of every disease, and learning to apply that knowledge for developing, healing therapies. Thank You for Your never-ending acts of grace.

We praise You for Victoria Stake's successful surgery and ask for continued healing that we may, with her, acknowledge You as the True Healer of our bodies and souls. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

**P: Lift up O Lord, the Elderly whose afflictions fill the hours of their days with frustration, forgetfulness and futility, often accompanied with physical discomfort and pain. Lord help us to see how blessed we have been because of their presence in our lives, to remind them they are not a burden to us...
Help us to remind them of their lifetime of help, support, love to us, and most importantly, of their godly example which gives us encouragement to face our own challenges through Christ our Lord. Lord in Your mercy**

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord of the Resurrection, be with those who are grieving; who have learned that grief has no expiration date, who feel the sharp heart pain from a recent loss or the dull pain of a distant loss that never seems to go away. Let our grief always lead us to the empty tomb of Jesus, and His promise of victory over death and the grave for all who trust in Him. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, Your Word reminds us to "Rejoice with those who rejoice..." We rejoice with Cheryl Vohlken, Hayleigh Williams, Thomas Borsch, Mary Bruns, Nate Ellington, Andrew Mabry, Simoriah Longhorn, Amy Boggs, Mark Berens, Thomas Satrom, Susan McKean, Tom Sotiropoulos, Rick Applegate, and Isabel Calzada who celebrate their Birthdays this week. We rejoice most of all for the life You have given them in Jesus and for the Hope of Life eternal in the heavenly realms. Increase their faith in Him with each passing year. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, You are the cause for every celebration! We are the beneficiaries of Your grace. So we give thanks also today for the ANNIVERSARY of George & Kim Kruse this coming Friday. Their faithfulness to You and to each other is evident in the faith they have passed down to their kids and grandkids. We recognize this as a beautiful gift from above and ask You, Lord, to continue Your blessings upon them that with every future generation in this beloved Kruse family tree, these too will blossom with faith, hope and love. Lord in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we praise Your name for You gave Jesus Christ, whose love for us compelled Him to go to the cross that we by faith ARE saved. Unite us in Him and in our fellowship together, which is limited now, but will be uninterrupted in the kingdom to come. Help us to draw our strength, love, compassion, and mercy through You.

P: Now into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to lift our prayers following His example and TOGETHER praying as He has taught us saying,

LORD'S PRAYER

(Matthew 6:9-13)

All: 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.

BLESSING OF THE LORD

Numbers 6:24–26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord smile upon you and ☩ give you peace.
C: Amen.

HYMN No. 685 “Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter.
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

Let us gladly die with Jesus.
Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heave..
Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head,
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

LEAVING MUSIC