

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mosaic Crisis Pregnancy Center Baby Bottles – Due Feb 14

Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive – Due Feb 14

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 68:1-8 (NIV)

**P: May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;
may his foes flee before him.**

**C: May you blow them away like smoke—
as wax melts before the fire,
may the wicked perish before God.**

**P: But may the righteous be glad
and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.**

**C: Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him—his name is the LORD.**

**P: A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.**

**C: God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Psalm 32:1–2, 5–7,10

**P: Let us silently prepare our hearts to seek God’s forgiveness and receive His perfect
absolution... (moment of silence)**

Heavenly Father,

**C: You are a God who reaches out to us with love and compassion, and You clearly teach us
to do likewise toward our neighbors. Yet we confess we often do not demonstrate love for
those in our midst who are different.**

**We have walked right past people in need, missing opportunities to put an end to their
isolation by serving and connecting as Jesus did for us and even for those possessed by
demons. We also justify our prejudices against others instead of finding reasons to build
bridges of conversation and understanding. Have mercy on us, Lord. Restore us to right
thinking. Teach us how to be agents of grace once again. May we be ambassadors of**

reconciliation just as You have reconciled us through the love of Your beloved Son Jesus, to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. To those who believe in His name He gives the power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

P: Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

C: but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE “God is For Us” City Alight

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 *Deuteronomy 18:15–20* (A new prophet like Moses)

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 8:1–13*

(In our freedom, not causing others to stumble)

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Deuteronomy 18:18

L: Alleluia! I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers.

C: And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.
Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:21–28*

(Jesus teaches with authority and shows His power over unclean spirits.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching

with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 849 “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert’s burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.

Let us praise the Word Incarnate,,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.

SERMON “Jesus Ends Our Isolation!” Mark 1:21-28 **Pastor Vern**

CONFESSION OF FAITH **THE APOSTLES’ CREED** *stand*

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

LORD'S PRAYER (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

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 look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN No. 527 “O Savior, Precious Savior”

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, All other names above:
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our Holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought,
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought:
We worship Thee; we bless thee; To Thee, O Christ we sing;
We praise Thee, we confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.

In Thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;
Thy glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine,
We worship Thee; we bless Thee; To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

LEAVING MUSIC "Raise a Hallelujah"