

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Butter Braid Fund Raiser Orders are Due TODAY!**
- **Mid-Week Lenten Service Wed (7 PM)**
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- **ANNIVERSARY:** John & Karla Weaver

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

P: Today's Psalm, Psalm 19, informs our preparation for worship this morning. First, it celebrates the glory of God's creation.

PSALM *Psalm 19:1-6*

P: The heavens declare the glory of God,

C: and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.

P: Day to day pours out speech,

C: and night to night reveals knowledge.

**P: There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.**

**C: Their measuring line goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

P: In them He has set a tent for the sun,

**C: which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and,
like a strong man, runs its course with joy.**

**P: Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them,**

C: and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

HYMN No. 868 "Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun" (vss. 1, 3, 6)

**Awake, my soul, and with the sun Thy daily stage of duty run;
Shake off dull sloth and joyful rise To pay thy morning sacrifice.**

**All praise to thee, who safe hast kept And hast refreshed me while I slept;
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake, I may of endless light partake.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

PSALM *Psalm 19:7–11*

P: Continuing Psalm 19, the psalmist considers God's perfect Law.

**P: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
C: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;**

**P: the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
C: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;**

**P: the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
C: the just decrees of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.**

**P: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
C: sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.**

**P: Moreover, by them is Your servant warned;
C: in keeping them there is great reward.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 19:12–14*

**P: When we use the Ten Commandments and other parts of the moral code as a
 mirror, we see that we have fallen from the perfection of God's good creation and
 His perfect Law.**

**P: Who can discern his errors?
C: Declare me innocent from hidden faults.**

**P: Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins;
C: let them not have dominion over me!**

- P:** Our gracious Lord has promised full and free forgiveness to all who call out to our heavenly Father in His name. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.
- C:** O God, we confess that we have sinned against You and one another in our thinking, speaking, and acting. Worse, in our fallen nature, we are sinful and unclean, and in the eyes of many we are weak, lowly people. But because You have graciously chosen us and worked faith in our hearts, we humbly ask for mercy for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Forgive, renew, and lead us in paths of righteousness.
- P:** The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. We preach Christ crucified, and for us the word of the cross is the power of God. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** Amen. Thanks be to God.
- P:** Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- C:** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE “Jesus Strong and Kind” CityAlight

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P:** Let us pray.
O God, who in wisdom created us, though we would become weak and rebellious creatures, knowing that Your Son’s sacrifice of Himself on the cross would be necessary to save us,
- C:** keep us strong in faith, so that we preach only Christ crucified and boast only in Your strong love and mercy toward us,
- P:** 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 *Exodus 20:1–17* (The Ten Commandments)

- L:** And God spoke all these words, saying,
“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

C: “You shall have no other gods before Me.

L: “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for

C: I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

C: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain,

L: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain.

C: “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

L: Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

C: “Honor your father and your mother,

L: that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

C: “You shall not murder.

“You shall not commit adultery.

“You shall not steal.

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house;

you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 1:18–31*

(The foolish wisdom of God)

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

**Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age?
Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?**

For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *John 2:19*

L: Destroy this temple,

C: and in three days I will raise it up.

HOLY GOSPEL *John 2:13–25*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the second chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews

then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking about the temple of his body.

When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 575 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant, and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne!
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.**

SERMON “Foolish Wisdom” I Corinthians 1:18-31 Pastor Matt

CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose
kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, for You sent Your only Son into human flesh so that He could become the complete sacrifice for our sins and our sinfulness.

We give You thanks that in this Sacrament our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness as we receive the forgiveness, life, and salvation that He won for us in His death and resurrection. Strengthen our faith thereby that we lift high the cross in how we live and what we proclaim.

C: Amen.

SANCTUS HYMN No. 507 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty (vs. 4)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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

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

**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.**

SELF-REFLECTION

P: What makes us worthy and prepared to receive this life-giving meal from our Lord?
If you can answer the 5 following questions affirmatively, be assured that you are truly worthy and prepared.

- 1.** Are you baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
- 2.** Do you know you are a sinner in need of God's grace?
- 3.** Do you believe Jesus died to atone for your sins?
- 4.** Do you believe that God offers His forgiveness through the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
- 5.** Do you seek to amend your sinful life?

P: Come to the table of the Lord,
you who have much faith and you who would like to have more;
you who have been to this sacrament often
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed.
Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Jesus says to one and all,
'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.' (*John 6:35*)

P: Merciful Lord,

C: we do not presume to come to this Your table, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed, through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

AGNUS DEI (*p. 180 in hymnal*)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: With the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P: Let us eat together the body of Christ.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P: Let us drink together from the cup of salvation

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

O God the Father, who sent Your Son into human history so that He could be given over to death as one of us, despised, and in weakness and lowliness,

C: we give thanks that in giving us His body and blood in this Sacrament You have bestowed on us the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation. Accompany us as we leave that we may proclaim Christ crucified to all who do not yet know Your true wisdom, strength, and salvation;

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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. 427 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

**In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.**

**When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

**When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.**

**Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.**

SENDING

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

C: Thanks be to God!