

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

VBS WEEK is HERE!! – Mon, Wed, & Fri (5:30 PM to 8:30 PM).

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Since the beginning of time, God has revealed His will to seek and to save that which was lost. No matter how often we have entered the gates of God's place, whether often or rarely, because of sin, we are all lost, on our own, and helpless. Let us therefore approach God in humility to receive His forgiveness.

C: **O God, I believe in You; O Lord, I trust Your promise to save me. Forgive me for my sins in thought, word, and deed. Come to me, though I am not worthy. Come to me with Your promise, with Your touch of forgiveness, healing, help, and life. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

P: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. Psalm 145:8–9.

Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of sins.

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE

"In Christ Alone"

Video

W&M by Keith Getty & Stuart Townsend c. 2002 Thank You Music

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in all,
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on the cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, our Redeemer, according to Your gracious promises and gift of salvation, help us now in any anxiety or fear to believe in Your love and power to deliver us, and restore to us Your gift of life; 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

Genesis 9:8–17

(The covenant of the rainbow)

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *Ephesians 3:14–21* (Prayer for spiritual strength)

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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VERSE *Romans 11:33*

P: Alleluia! Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C: How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 6:45–56* (Jesus walks on water.)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. (continued next page)

He meant to pass by them, but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 809 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not:
Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be. Refrain

Refrain:
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Refrain

SERMON "Remembered Covenant" Mark 6:45-56 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

(after the final petition)

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught and enables us by His Holy Spirit to pray 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*

CLOSING HYMN No. 738 “Lord of All Hopefulness”

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, No cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and Give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, At the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at The plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and Give us we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, At the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and Give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, At the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, Whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and Give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, At the end of the day.**

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God!**