

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept 11 – Sunday School & Bible Class begin (10:45 am)



INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 1*

L: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

C: **but his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on His law he meditates day and night.**

L: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

C: **The wicked are not so,
but are like the chaff that the wind drives away.**

L: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

C: **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

CONFESSION OF SINS *Deuteronomy 30:14*

L: Since God graciously calls all people to come to Him to receive His love and life
through repentance of sin and faith in His gift of forgiveness, let us confess our sin,
take refuge in His mercy, and seek His grace for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, our
Lord.

C: **Most merciful God, we come before You at Your gracious invitation. We repent of
our sins in thought, word, and deed, both what we have done against Your Law and
what we have failed to do in faithfulness to Your Law. We have not loved You with
our whole being. We have failed to love our neighbors. We plead through the
deliverance of Your Son's suffering and death, forgive us our sins, and give us the
will to choose life in His name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE

- L: Having recognized His love and favor toward you, and humbly confessing your sin, our Lord commands this Gospel proclamation to be made for our assurance: Receive the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen. Help us, Lord, to walk in the newness of life You have given us through Your sacrificial death and resurrection. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

SONG OF PRAISE “Jesus Strong and Kind” (video)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: Let us pray.
O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Deuteronomy 30:15–20* (The choice of life and death)

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

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

EPISTLE *Philemon 1–21* (Paul’s plea for Onesimus)

Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Galatians 6:14*

L: Alleluia. Far be it from me to boast except in the cross
 of our Lord Jesus Christ,

C: **by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 14:25–35* (The cost of discipleship)

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

“Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN No. 900 “Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love”

Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev’ry knee Bow in deep humility.

Jesus! Name decreed of old, To the maiden mother told,
Kneeling in her lowly cell, By the angel Gabriel.

Jesus! Name of priceless worth To the fallen of the earth
For the promise that it gave, “Jesus shall His people save.”

Jesus! Name of mercy mild, Given to the holy Child
When the cup of human woe First He tasted here below.

Jesus! Only name that’s giv’n Under all the mighty heav’n
Whereby those to sin enslaved Burst their fetters and are saved.

Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we flee Helpless, O our God, to Thee.

SERMON "Refresh My Heart in Christ" Philemon 1-21 Pastor Vern

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

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God...

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

C: And also with you.

PREPARATION FOR RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

P: St Paul urges us to examine ourselves...

L: We confess together:

- **I am baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**
- **I am truly aware of my condition as a sinner and need God's grace!**
- **I believe Jesus died to atone for all my sins, past, present and future!**
- **I believe that in eating and drinking this consecrated meal of bread and wine, God assures me of His forgiveness and feeds me mysteriously with the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine!**

- I desire to amend my sinful ways and seek God’s help so that I may grow into the full stature of Jesus Christ, my Savior!

P: With this affirmation of faith you are well prepared to receive this Sacrament.

LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei) LSB 163

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

WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

DISTRIBUTION “Jesus, You Are My Life” (video)
LSB 629 “What is This Bread”

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

O God, the author of all life, we praise and thank You that Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, chose death in our place. By the power of His resurrection, He has made us to be His own, imparting to us His holiness, righteousness, and love. Go with us to bear witness to Your gracious will and Your gift of life for the whole world; through our Lord of life, Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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*

CLOSING HYMN No. 692 “Praise to You and Adoration”

Praise to You and adoration,
Blessed Jesus, Son of God,
Who, to serve Your own creation,
Came to share our flesh and blood.
Guide me that I never may
From Your fold or pastures stray,
But with zeal and joy exceeding
Follow where Your steps are leading.

Hold me ever in Your keeping;
Comfort me in pain and strife.
In my laughter and my weeping
Be with me throughout my life.
Give me greater love for You,
And my faith and hope renew
In Your birth, Your life, and passion,
In Your death and resurrection.

SENDING

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God!**