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+ Opening Prayer +

Hymn: TLH #391 "Blessed Are the Sons of God"

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

Confession of Our Sins

Pastor

Congregation

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- **©** ♪ Who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.
- And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O Almighty God, our Maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Absolution from Our God

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given us His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He gives the power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

The Introit Ps. 136:1, 23-26

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
- It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever;
- And rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever:
- He who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever.
- P Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Gloria Patri

TLH #218:6

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

Olory be to God the Father; Glory be to God the Son,
Dying, risen, ascending for us,
Who the heavenly realm hath won.
Glory to the Holy Spirit! To One God in Persons Three
Glory both in earth and heaven, Glory, endless glory, be.

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

- P Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Hebrews 11:24-26

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's

daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

Luke 9:18-24

Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And

he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" ¹⁹ And they answered, "John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen." ²⁰ Then he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God." ²¹ And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, ²² saying, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." ²³ And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. ²⁴ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

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 Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #523:1-4, 7 "Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me"

Zechariah 13:7-9

"Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me,"

declares the LORD of hosts. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones. 8 In the whole land, declares the LORD, two thirds shall

be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive. ⁹ And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'They are my people'; and they will say, 'The LORD is my God."'

How Do I Know "The Lord is MY God?"

I. He redeems me II. He refines me (So that He might reclaim me)

The Offertory

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me Cast me not away from Thy presence; And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; And uphold me with thy free spirit. Amen.

+ The Offering of Thankful Hearts +

Hymn: TLH #381 "I Know My Faith is Founded"

The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer →

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

- The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- Amen, amen, a men.

Hymn: TLH #427:1-4, 7

"How Firm a Foundation"

<u>The Mission Helper Trip</u> to East Africa departs today. Please pray for all our Mission Helpers. If you are able to contribute to Noah Ohlmann's MHT Fund, please feel free to do so.

<u>Elder's Meeting</u> after church today.

July 3 rd Offerings:	\$ 1,206.50
Weekly Offerings needed for budget	\$ 1,607.69
General Fund Balance	\$16,978.44
Faith-Blue Springs Balance	\$25,375.39
Mission Helper Fund	\$ 470.00
Total Cash All Funds	\$58,727.04

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; July 11 - July 16, '22

- Mon Luke 10:25-28 A lawyer comes to test Jesus, and ends up being tested by Jesus. He asks what he needs to do for eternal life. Jesus points him to the Law, which speaks of human actions, and he rightly recognizes that love is at the heart of the Law. Jesus' suggestion that the lawyer has not even fulfilled this basic requirement of God's Law reveals that the Law serves to show us our sin, not our salvation.
- **Tues Luke 10: 29-37** The lawyer, who suddenly finds himself put to the test and wants to justify himself, asks Jesus to define "my neighbor." In answer, Jesus tells of the Samaritan who was a neighbor (showed love) to the man in need on the road to Jericho. So our Savior also loved us and came to be our neighbor, rescuing us from sin, death, and the devil!
- **Wed Galatians 5:1-6** The source of our freedom from condemnation is Christ, not our keeping of the law. If however, New Testament Christians go back to Old Testament ordinances, like circumcision, to justify themselves, they are denying that Christ has finished the work of their salvation. But in Christ Jesus, it is only faith working through love that counts for anything.
- Thurs Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Paul urges us to use our God-given freedom to serve one another in love (like the good Samaritan and our Savior Himself). The works of the sinful human nature are obviously self-centered and sinful, but God's Spirit bears fruit in our lives which are in keeping with love to God and to our neighbor.
- Fri Ruth 1:1-5 The little family of four that went from Bethlehem to Moab in the days of famine are not mentioned again in the Bible outside of this brief book. Orpah is not mentioned again outside of this chapter. The only person in these verses mentioned elsewhere is the Moabite widow Ruth, and her name only comes up once as part of Matthew's genealogy of Jesus Christ! God remembers His people, whether their tribe is Israelite or Moabite, Samaritan or American!
- Sat Ruth 1:6-19a Orpah loved her mother-in-law and would have returned with her to Israel, but Ruth had an even more compelling reason than her love for Naomi, and that was Naomi's God, the LORD! "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.... May the LORD do so ..." LORD, may your love be the compelling force in our lives also.