

→ Opening Prayer →

Hymn: TLH #279 "Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"

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

C Amen.

Confession of Our Sins

P Pastor

Congregation

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

- P God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- **P** Let us pray.
- Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. 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)
- Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

The Gloria Patri

TLH #218:6

Latin for "Glory be to the Father."

Glory 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.

CLC Call News: Pastor Sam Rodebaugh of Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO is still considering a call to Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN. <> Mr. Darin Lau, a member of Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, is still considering a call to that congregation to teach the 5th & 6th grades in its school. <> Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN has called Mr. Rick Mariner, a member of Immanuel, to fill their high school teacher vacancy.

Prayer Opportunities:

- Please pray for Art Pontow who was hospitalized on Thursday this week. Thankfully, he is doing much better and should be returning home today.
- Please pray for Beth Ohlmann and her parents, Maggie and Dick. Both seem to be nearing the end of their earthly pilgrimage. Ask the Lord to strengthen them in their faith and bring them to His side in heaven.
- Please pray for **Carol Benter** who remains in rehab at Marymount Manor in Eureka. Ask the Lord to build her strength back up so she may return home.
- Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC-Myanmar. The ongoing civil war has greatly affected members of our fellowship there, with many forced to flee their homes due to ongoing bombing in their villages. Ask the Lord's care and protection of His flock in Myanmar.
- Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Bangledesh of the Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission.
 Many homes and several churches were devastated by a recent cyclone. Ask the Lord to help them rebuild.

The Introit

Ps. 18 (Selected Verses)

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

- **P** The Lord was my support in the day of my calamity.
- He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me.
- P I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer.
- For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.
- **P** This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true.
- For this I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing to your name.

Collect Prayer of the Day

- P O Lord, since You never fail to help and govern those whom You nurture in Your steadfast fear and love, work in us a perpetual fear and love of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

Proverbs 9:1-10

Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. ² She has slaughtered

her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. ³ She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, ⁴ "Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!" To him who lacks sense she says, ⁵ "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. ⁶ Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight." ⁷ Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. ⁸ Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. ⁹ Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. ¹⁰ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

1 John 3:13-18

Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. 14 We know that

we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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 #294 "O Word of God Incarnate"

Luke 14:16-24

But he said to him, "A man once gave a great banquet and invited many. 17 And at

the time for the banquet he sent his servant to say to those who had been invited, 'Come, for everything is now ready.' ¹⁸ But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a field, and I must go out and see it. Please have me excused.' ¹⁹ And another said, 'I have bought five

yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.' ²⁰ And another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.' ²¹ So the servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house became angry and said to his servant, 'Go out quickly to the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in the poor and crippled and blind and lame.' ²² And the servant said, 'Sir, what you commanded has been done, and still there is room.' ²³ And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled. ²⁴ For I tell you, none of those men who were invited shall taste my banquet."'

God's Great Invitation: "Supper Is Ready!"

I. There's no excuse for rejecting it

II. There's every reason to attend

The Offertory

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

☐ A 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 +

Sermon Hymn: TLH #276 "Come Unto Me, Ye Weary"

+ 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.
- **G** Amen.

Hymn: TLH #149 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"