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AS WE GATHER

Today we see the importance of God’s Word in our lives. God’s Word is what kept the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land. God’s Word is the sword of the Spirit, a portion of the armor of God we are given and told to put on. God’s Word leads us, protects us, and helps us fight against the evil one.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

OPENING HYMN “COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING”

#905 sts. 1, 3–4



1 Come, Thou al - might - y King, Help us Thy
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred
△ 4 To Thee, great One in Three, E - ter - nal



name to sing; Help us to praise; Fa - ther all -
wit - ness bear In this glad hour! Thou, who al -
prais - es be Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - 'reign



glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
might - y art, Now rule in ev - 'ry heart,
maj - es - ty May we in glo - ry see,



Come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.

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INVOCATION

LSB 151

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

G Amen.

EXHORTATION

LSB 151

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 51:7, 10–12; antiphon: v. 2

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
**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.**
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!

KYRIE

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
C **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; 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

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:14–23

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.” ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, “Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY “BY GRACE I’M SAVED”

#566 *sts. 1, 3, 5”*



1 By grace I’m saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
 3 By grace God’s Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
 5 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble, In trib - u - la - tion’s



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
 bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
 fur - nace tried, By grace, in spite of fear and trou - ble,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must
 That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and
 The Fa - ther’s heart is o - pen wide. Where could I help and



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
 grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav’n - ly throne.
 strength se - cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?

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SERMON

NICENE CREED

☐ 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 He 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.

And 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the gift of the Holy Spirit at work in the Word of truth, that by His direction we would not stray from the way of God's commandments nor forget the wonderful blessings He has given to us, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the full armor of God, that clothed in truth, righteousness, peace, faith and salvation, and bearing the sword of the Spirit, which is His Word, God would protect us from every assault of the devil, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For protection against everything that defiles in heart and soul; to keep us from all evil thoughts, immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness; and to create a pure heart and renew a right spirit in us, that we may be holy as He is holy, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all pastors and teachers, parents and grandparents, and all who teach the faith, that we may grow in wisdom and the knowledge of God's love in Christ, and that the Gospel may continue to spread throughout the world, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who struggle with doubt and temptation, that God would assure and deliver them, showing Himself a refuge for the powerless and strength for every weakness, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all in need of health, healing and mercy, including Hedy, Kathleen, Alicia, Sheila, Sallyann, Kathie, Lou, Jean, Dana, Kaylee, Leah, Terri, Jean, Ray, Rod, Sharlene, Fran, Wally, Janna. Maria, Andrew, John, and Jen, that the Lord of life would strengthen them with His Word of grace to look to Him for comfort in the midst of suffering and pain, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For hearts purified by God's cleansing Word and aid to lead godly lives before Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For all who commune this day, remembering with thanksgiving the salvation accomplished by Christ's cross, that we may proclaim His death and resurrection with joy as we receive Christ's very body and blood in this Holy Sacrament for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

PREFACE

LSB 160

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.**

PROPER PREFACE (FULL)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P 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.”

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.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

C **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.**

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

C 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.

DISTRIBUTION

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "ONWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"

#662



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my Moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, King - doms rise and wane,
4 On - ward, then, ye faith - ful, Join our hap - py throng,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.
Broth - ers, we are tread - ing Where the saints have trod.
But the Church of Je - sus Con - stant will re - main.
Blend with ours your voic - es In the tri - umph song:



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, Leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, All one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'Gainst that Church pre - vail;
Glo - ry, laud, and hon - or Un - to Christ, the king;



For - ward in - to bat - tle See His ban - ners go!
One in hope and doc - trine, One in char - i - ty.
We have Christ's own prom - ise, And that can - not fail.
This through count - less a - ges Men and an - gels sing.

Refrain



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, March - ing as to war,



With the cross of Je - sus Go - ing on be - fore.

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Weekly Announcements

Wednesday Evening Pastor-Led Bible Studies

Pastor-led Bible Study has resumed on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm online.

ACTS: A study of Growth in the Church. This means growth in Christian attitudes, insights, and skills for Christian living. The focus of this course will be the church and the world of our day. The guiding question will be this: *What does the Lord teach us for life today through the book of Acts?* Join us online on Wednesday evenings, 12 pm at <https://Koinonia.ClickMeeting.com/Acts> (or visit there for the recorded sessions).

WORSHIP UPDATES – INPUT NEEDED

We have made a few changes in the formatting of the Sunday worship bulletin these past few weeks. We are trying to return to using the hymnals for most of the liturgy, not just for singing. For the next several weeks, we will use Divine Service Setting One for most of services. Only information not contained in the hymnal will be printed in the bulletin. Pastor and the Elders would appreciate your comments or suggestions, positive or negative, regarding these changes. Please email or speak directly to either **Pastor Jim** at: pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org or phone: (224) 795-1055; or **Jim Burmeister** at: elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org or phone (847) 343-3798.

Prayer Request Information:

If you have a prayer request, please notify Jim Burmeister via text at (847) 343-3798, Phone: (847)934-5963 or via email: elder@ourredeemerprospectheights.org.

Email address for Pastor Jim:

If you would like to send an email to Pastor Jim, please use the following address: Pastor@ourredeemerprospectheights.org

SAVE THE DATE

What is the Vision for the future of Our Redeemer? Come to worship on Sunday, September 26, 2021 and stay for the discussion led by Rev. Kris Whitby, Assistant to the President of the Northern Illinois District, about where we are headed for the future. We need to develop this vision prior to submitting our application for seminary candidate. We need everyone to participate. Rev. Whitby will also be preaching that day.

Wheeling Food Pantry Wish List

The Wheeling Township food pantry is in need of the following items: Beans (Cannellini, Northern, White, etc. green not needed) Flour, Ketchup, Mayonnaise and Pancake Mix. Items need to be dropped off at the Wheeling Township office located at 1616 N Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights. Questions can be directed to Julie Villarreal at 847-259-7730.

Home Delivered Meals (previously named Meals on Wheels)

The October calendar for Meals on Wheels is now posted on the "Ongoing Collections" bulletin board. We are looking for volunteers to help with the meal delivery. For questions and sign up information, please contact Laurie in the office at 847/537-4430.

Sonshine Preschool News

After a very successful year during Covid last year, we are excited to open again this year to our families and ask for your prayers as we start our new school year. To help us start, we are looking for some donations. Items wished for are on the "What's Happening" board. If interested, please remove a "ray of Sonshine" from the large sun. Please feel free to drop the items in the containers beneath the bulletin board. As always, thanks for all of your support of Sonshine.

- Sonshine Staff

Coffee-And...

We will continue holding "Coffee-And..." on a weekly basis.
Feel free to bring treats. Coffee will be provided for you.

September Happenings

- September 1 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online
- September 5 9:00 am – The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
With Communion
- September 8 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online
- September 9 6:30 pm – Summer Suppers
- September 12 9:00 pm – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
No Communion
- September 15 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online
- September 19 9:00 am – The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
With Communion
- September 22 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online
- September 26 9:00 am – The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
No Communion
- September 29 12:00 pm – Adult Bible Study - Online