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EACH OTHER.



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Serving Us Today

Organist: Jarrod Lentz

Usher: Mike Meagley / **Video:** Bob Anderberg

We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

*(After 8:45 a.m., please direct conversation to the narthex to provide quiet
meditation for those preparing for worship)*

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 119:9-16* (pew Bible, p. 606)

Pre-Service Prayer:

Dear Jesus, great are the pressures around me that oppose You
and Your Word. Many are the distractions and abundant are the
opportunities to be deceived or subtly lulled into thoughts that
are not consistent with Your Word and damaging to my faith.

Forgive my sin, teach Me Your Word, give me opportunities, insight, motivation, courage, and the words to speak so that I may proclaim Your Truth to those who are not yet Your children and encourage those who are. Move others to do the same for me so that we might encourage one another as we await Your return. Amen.

Order of Worship

When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able. You may remain seated if standing is difficult.

Welcome to Worship (Pastor)

Hymn: 742—Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Please stand for the last verse)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (sings): Amen!

Confession of Sins & Absolution

Pastor: God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

Congregation: 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.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

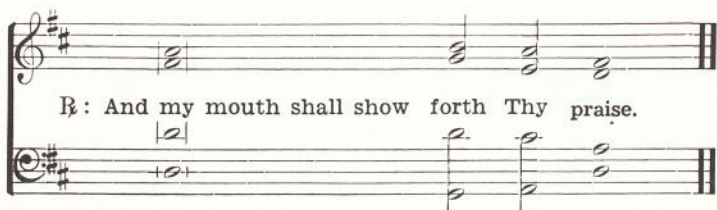
P: Let us pray.

C: 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.

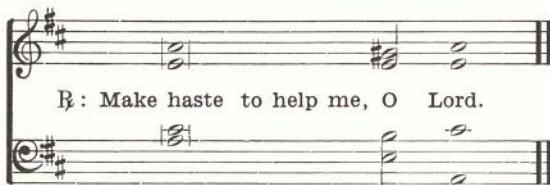
P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

(The Lutheran Hymnal, Order of Matins, pp. 32ff)

Pastor: O Lord, open Thou my lips.



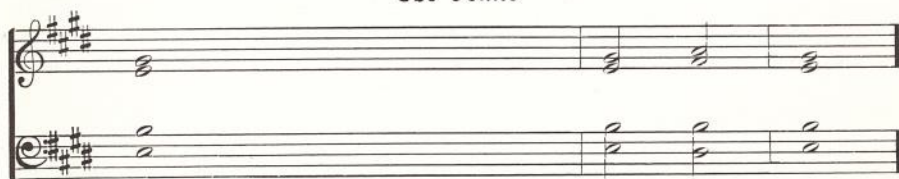
Pastor: Make haste, O God to deliver me.



Pastor: Oh, come let us sing to the Lord!



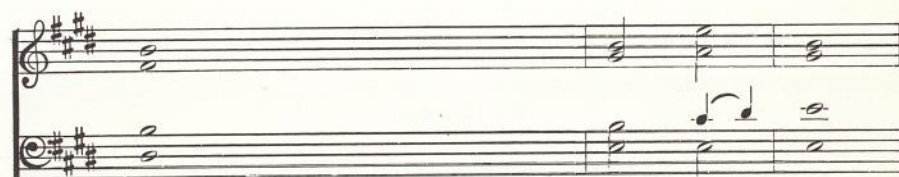
The Venite



1 Oh, come, let us sing - - - - - unto the Lord:
 3 For the Lord is a - - - - - great God:
 5 The sea is His, and He - - - - - made it:
 Glory be to the Father and - - - - - to the Son:



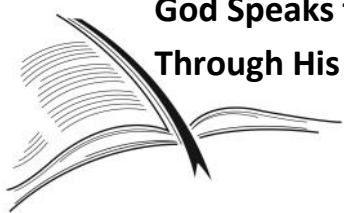
1 let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our sal- va- tion.
 3 and a great - - - - - King a- bove all gods.
 5 and His hands - - - - - form-ed the dry land.
 and - - - - - to the Ho-ly Ghost;



2 Let us come before His presence with thanks- giv- ing:
 4 In His hand are the deep places - - - of the earth:
 6 Oh, come, let us worship and - - - bow down:
 7 For He - - - - - is our God:
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and - - ever shall be,



2 and make a joyful - - - - - noise unto Him with psalms.
 4 the strength of the hills is - - - His al- so.
 6 let us kneel before the - - - Lord, our Mak- er.
 7 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
 world - - - - - with-out end. A- men.



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 63:1-9 (pew Bible, p. 739)

Isaiah has a Question and Answer discourse with the Servant of the Lord — the coming Messiah. The Lord's servant would come with justice and vengeance against His enemies and the enemies of His people. Isaiah then proclaims the steadfastness and salvation of the LORD.

*Who is this who comes from Edom,
in crimsoned garments from Bozrah,
he who is splendid in his apparel,
marching in the greatness of his strength?*

*"It is I, speaking in righteousness,
mighty to save."*

*Why is your apparel red,
and your garments like his who treads in the winepress?*

*"I have trodden the winepress alone,
and from the peoples no one was with me;*

*I trod them in my anger
and trampled them in my wrath;
their lifeblood spattered on my garments,
and stained all my apparel.*

*For the day of vengeance was in my heart,
and my year of redemption had come.*

*I looked, but there was no one to help;
I was appalled, but there was no one to uphold;
so my own arm brought me salvation,
and my wrath upheld me.*

*I trampled down the peoples in my anger;
I made them drunk in my wrath,
and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth."*

*I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD,
the praises of the LORD,*

*according to all that the LORD has granted us,
and the great goodness to the house of Israel
that he has granted them according to his compassion,
according to the abundance of his steadfast love.
For he said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely."
And he became their Savior.
In all their affliction he was afflicted,
and the angel of his presence saved them;
in his love and in his pity he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old.*

New Testament Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (pew Bible, p. 1174)

There will be no sign or early warning for Jesus' return—He can come at any time and will come unannounced like a thief in the night. By God's grace, we are children of the light and view this sudden return of our Savior differently than will the unbelieving world. In the meantime we have work to do, steadfastness to maintain, and encouragement to give — a Savior to proclaim.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

(WS 2000, p. 4)

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it!

C (sings): Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession of Faith: The Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

Hymn: Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

(Please stand for the last verse)

The Sermon

Text: Matthew 24:1-14 (pew Bible, p. 985)

Jesus left the temple and was going away, when his disciples came to point out to him the buildings of the temple. 2 But he answered them, "You see all these, do you not? Truly, I say to you, there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down." As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?" And Jesus answered them, "See that no one

leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. All these are but the beginning of the birth pains. "Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

“There are Lessons to Be Learned from Old Jerusalem”

- I. Do not be deceived
- II. Be prepared to endure
- III. Proclaim the word

Offertory (Congregation sings / **Tune:** WS 2000 # 790):

Create in me a clean heart God
And make my spirit right within.
Cast me not from Your presence Lord,
Take not Your Spirit nor Your Word.

Restore to me the joy and peace
Of Your salvation and Your love.
Uphold me with Your Spirit free
And in Your mercy look on me.

(Text: Pastor Michael J. Roehl, adapted)

Hymn: Fight the Good Fight, with All Thy Might (TLH 447/LSB 664)

(Please rise for the last verse)

1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; Lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; His bound - less
4 Faint not nor fear, His arms are near; He chang - es

strength, and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes, and seek His face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Trust, and en - dur - ing
not who holds you dear; On - ly be - lieve, and

it shall be Your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
faith shall prove Christ is your life and Christ your love.
you will see That Christ is all e - ter - nal - ly.

Prayer



Thank-offerings may be left in the offering plate in the narthex, mailed to the church, or made electronically via the link on our website home page.

Offering Prayer—Congregation sings (TLH 441)

We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus as stewards true receive
And gladly as Thou blesses us To Thee our firstfruits give!

Lord's Prayer

Children's Sermon

Benediction (Pastor)

Congregation (sings): Amen! Amen! Amen!

Hymn: 46 — On What has Now been Sown

(Please stand for the last verse)

Silent Prayer

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Guests & visitors —please sign our guest book in the narthex. We look forward to meeting you and visiting



Mission Myths

Come to the Gethsemane Fellowship Hall on **Saturday, November 13, at 1:00 p.m.** and take part in a simulcast study on “Mission Myths.”

Presenters from five congregations in the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC)—*Peace Thru Christ*, Middleton, WI; *Gethsemane* and *Mt. Zion*, Saginaw/Detroit, MI; *Immanuel*, Mankato, MN; *Berea*, Inver Grove Heights, MN; and *Redemption*, Lynnwood, WA—will lead the presentations and following discussions.

Part 1: Mission Myths About the Gospel

“The Good News is just old news”

“Just living the Gospel is a good enough witness”

Part 2: Mission Myths About Me

“I can’t do mission work”

“I need to know every answer”

Part 3: Mission Myths About Them

“People just aren’t looking for a church home anymore”

“Everyone has heard about Jesus already”

Part 4: Mission Myths About My Church

“It doesn’t matter what we try, nothing works”

“We must change or it won’t work”