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Romans 8:18ff



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We Enter God's House and Prepare for Worship

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalm 34* (pew Bible, p. 547)

Pre-Service Prayer

Heavenly Father, wickedness and evil are all around me. The groaning of the earth under the curse of sin leads to danger as well. If I were to dwell on these things I would be seized by fear. Deliver me from evil and replace every fear with trust in You. Be with me in worship this morning. Hear my prayers, accept my praise, and nurture me through Your gospel. Amen.

Order of Worship

 (WS2000 pp. 12ff)

*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

Hymn: 748 — Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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

Congregation (speaks): Amen

Confession and Absolution

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

(Worship Supplement p. 13)

Congregation (sings):

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

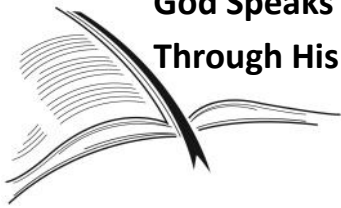
Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, at God's right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

P: Let us pray... (Prayer of the Day)

Congregation (speaks): Amen



God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Scripture Lesson:

Daniel 3:1-18 (cf. p. 878 in pew Bible)

King Nebuchadnezzar

commanded idolatry. Shadrach,

Meshach, and Abednego worshipped the

true God and refused. The king threatened evil against the three men, but they were not afraid. They trusted that God would deliver them; but they also knew that God could choose not to deliver them and if that was the case it would still change nothing. The one true God is still the only God and they would not worship a false god.

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And the herald proclaimed aloud, "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace." Therefore, as soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, "O king, live forever! You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. And whoever does not fall down

and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.” Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to them, “Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?” Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.

Antiphonal Psalm: Psalm 34

Congregation & Pastor (Refrain): Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Pastor (Psalm): Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed are they who take refuge in Him. The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their cry. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.

Congregation & Pastor (Refrain): Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Pastor (Psalm): The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; He delivers them from all their troubles. The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. The Lord redeems His servants, no one who takes refuge in Him will be condemned.



Congregation & Pastor: 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.

Congregation & Pastor (Refrain): Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

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Scripture Lesson: *Romans 8:18-30* (cf. p. 1122 in pew Bible)

The world around us is filled with evil and there are many things we endure as ongoing effects of sin. Yet, even the worst sufferings of the present time are not worth comparing to the glory that awaits us in Heaven. We groan under the effects of sin and the earth does too. Yet we have hope through the redemption which is ours through Christ, the intercession of the Holy Spirit, and the promise that God uses all things for our good .

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purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Scripture Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17 (cf. p. 1223 in pew Bible)

The multitude of people gathered around God’s throne and before the Lamb (Jesus) was huge, made up of people from across the world, had palm branches (a sign of victory) in their hands, were clothed in white (having washed their spiritual garments in the blood of the Lamb), and they came out of the great tribulation—life in this sin-plagued world with all of its sorrow, sin, and danger for the soul that follows Christ.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes

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: 656 — Behold! A Host Arrayed in White

The Sermon

Text: *John 17:14-16* (pew Bible p. 1073)

[Jesus praying to His heavenly Father said], *I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.*

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

“But Deliver Us from Evil”

Congregation (sings):

From evil, Lord, deliver us;
The times and days are perilous.
Redeem us from eternal death,
And, when we yield our dying breath,
Console us, grant us calm release,
And take our souls to You in peace. (TLH 458:8)

Hymn: The World is Very Evil (Tune: *Valet will ich dir geben*, cf. TLH 407)

The world is very evil, / The times are waxing late:
Be sober and keep vigil, / The Judge is at the gate:
The Judge that comes in mercy, / The Judge that comes with might,
To terminate the evil, / To diadem the right.

Arise, arise, good Christian, / Let right to wrong succeed;
Let penitential sorrow / To heav'nly gladness lead,
To light that hath no evening, / That knows no moon nor sun,
The light so new and golden, / The light that is but one.

By Thy good counsel lead me, / O Son of God, my Stay;
In each perplexing trial / Help me, O Lord, I pray.
Mine hour of sorrow shorten, / Support my fainting heart,
From ev'ry cross deliver, / The crown of life impart.

When darkness round me gathers, / Thy name and cross, still bright,
Deep in my heart are sparkling / Like stars in blackest night.
O heart, this image cherish: The Christ on Calvary,
How patiently He suffered / And shed His blood for me!

Lord, hide my soul securely / Deep in Thy wounded side;
From every danger shield me / And to Thy glory guide.
He has been truly blessed / Who reaches heaven above;
He has found perfect healing / Who rests upon Thy love.



O sweet and blessed country, / The home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country / That eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us / To that dear land of rest,
Who art, with God the Father, / And Spirit, ever blest.
(TLH 407:2-4 & 605:2-3,5)

Offering Prayer

Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Congregation (speaks): Amen

Hymn: 45 — Now, the Hour of Worship O'er

Silent Prayer

Welcome
Glad you're here!

Guests and Visitors — Please sign our guest book in the narthex. We look forward to meeting you and visiting with you.



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service:

Gethsemane's Thanksgiving Eve worship services are on Wednesday, November 22 at 1:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The 6:30 p.m. service will also be live-streamed and available later in the online archive. You are most welcome to join Gethsemane for our Thanksgiving Eve worship service! A Blessed Thanksgiving to



News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession

Calls: Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen's Lutheran of Mt. View, CA has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran of Mankato, MN. / Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran of Vernon, British Columbia, has returned the calls from Calvary Lutheran of Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran of Iron River, MI.

Announcements

PASTOR ABSENCE – Pastor Naumann will be leaving today to go hunting in Wisconsin with family and will be out of the parish until 11/25. Pastor Eichstadt will be leading worship for us on the 19th. If an emergency should arise during this time, please contact congregation president Dennis Lux (509) 389-9349, or Pastor Eichstadt (507) 380-1068.

THANKSGIVING WORSHIP – We will not be having a worship service on Thanksgiving Day this year. Instead, we will celebrate Thanksgiving Sunday on the 26th. If you would like to attend Thanksgiving worship in person on the 23rd, you are invited to attend Gethsemane's Thanksgiving worship service. For more info, visit gethsemaneclc.org.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS + PARTY – We will be setting up Christmas decorations at Trinity after worship on Sunday, December 3rd. The following Sunday, December 10th, we will be having our Christmas party, complete with gift exchange. There is a \$10 limit on gifts, and members are asked to bring a dish to share if they are able. Everyone is welcome, so please bring a friend!

NO BIBLE CLASS – There will be no midweek Bible class on the 14th or the 21st. There will be no Sunday Bible class next Sunday, the 19th. All studies will resume beginning on Sunday the 26th.

PRAYERS REQUESTED

- **Nancy Thornton** underwent heart surgery on Friday morning to replace a valve. The operation went well but there were a few complications that, while not life threatening, are causing Nancy some discomfort. We thank the Lord for His grace in a successful procedure and pray that He would be with Nancy in her recovery!
- **Kate Sauers**, wife of Pastor Rob Sauers who serves Immanuel Lutheran Church in Winter Haven FL, was diagnosed with cancer recently. May God keep Kate in His loving care and bless the family with Gospel comfort.
- Please keep **Pastor John Hein and his family** in your prayers as he continues treatment for his thymic carcinoma. For updates on his care, visit: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorjohnhein>. Additionally, a GoFundMe has been set up to help offset medical and travel expenses: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/john-and-janelle-hein-family>.
- **Molly's friend, Jeanne**, has continued to take chemotherapy treatment to treat a brain tumor. May the Lord, in His love, alleviate any pain and suffering and grant healing according to His will.

*Yea, though I walk through the
valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for thou art with me.*

