

REFOCUS – Sept. 19, 20, 2020

“(RE)FLECTING”

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

WORDS OF WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN MEDLEY – Beautiful Savior/Jesus, Name Above All Names
Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of man!
Truly I’d love Thee, truly I’d serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

**Jesus, loving Shepherd, vine of the branches, Son of God
Prince of Peace, Wonderful Counselor, Lord of the universe. Light of the World.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OUR CONFESSION AND WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

People: Almighty God, You are our Emmanuel! You come among us because You love us and want to forgive all our sins. We confess to You that we have sinned by what we have thought, what we have said, and what we have done. You have shown us Your love in Christ, yet often we have failed to be an example to others of Your love. For these and all our sins we ask for Your forgiveness, in and through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Pastor: Take heart, God is with us! Christ shows God has not abandoned His people in their sin, but He comes to save us today as our Emmanuel. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce the grace of God to you and in the place and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE – Hark the Glad Sound LSB 349 vs. 1 and 4

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes.

The Savior promised long;

Let ev’ry heart prepare a throne

And ev’ry voice a song.

**Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy beloved name.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Gracious God, as we worship You today, we thank You for sending the Prince of Peace into a world filled with unrest and strife. We ask that You quiet our restless hearts and instill in each of us the calm assurance that tells us You are in control so we need not worry. Give us the tools we need to serve as You would have us serve, and make us instruments of Your peace.

People: Amen

THE OLD TESTAMENT AND MESSAGE THEME – Isaiah 9:6-7

For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE – 2 Timothy 3:14-15

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL – Luke 24:17-21, 25-27

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷ And He said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, "Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ And He said to them, "What things?" And they said to Him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. ²¹ But we had hoped that He was the One to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²⁵ And He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**MESSAGE HYMN – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver; born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone.
By Thine all-sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

MESSAGE – “(RE)FLECTION”

Pastor Justin Krupsky

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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WE CELEBRATE THE LORD'S SUPPER

**CLOSING HYMN – Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise
Savoir, again to Thy dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.**

**Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end, the day.**

**Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.**

**Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife;
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.**

BENEDICTION

P: Go out into the world to bring peace and joy. Have courage, share the Good News with everyone; stop at nothing to bring God in Christ Jesus to others. Support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

C: Amen. So shall it be. Amen.

POSTLUDE