



“THY WORD IS TRUTH.”

John 17:17

Allowing God's Word to shape
how we view the world around us



Weekend Worship
Second Sunday in Lent
March 12 & 13, 2022

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Weekend Worship Services:

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class 9:15 AM

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*O Lord, my Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.
Hear me for the sake of His Name, Amen.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

(We rise)

WE BEGIN IN SONG

(Saturday) “Awesome is the Lord Most High”/ “No Longer I”
“Lord, I Give You My Heart”

(Sunday) “Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake”

LSB 688
(vs. 1-3, 5)

“Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “all in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, obey My call and guiding.
O bear the cross, whate’er betide, take My example for your guide.

“I am the light, I light the way, a godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show how you must sojourn here below.”

“My heart abounds in lowliness, my soul with love is glowing;
And gracious words My lips express, with meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, to God I yield, on Him I call.”

Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, and take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, in suffering be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain the crown of heav’nly life obtain.

Pastor: *In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*
People: **Amen.**

Pastor: We read responsively selected verses from Matthew 8: When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake. Then a teacher of the law came to him and said, "Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."

People: Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

Pastor: Another disciple said to him, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus told him,

People: "Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead."

Pastor: Let us go before our God this morning, confessing our sins and asking for His forgiveness. Most merciful God,

People: We confess that we have sinned against You. We are Your workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works that You have prepared in advance for us to do. You have called us to follow You into these works. But we have not always followed. We have not always obeyed. We have been hesitant and have given many excuses for doing what we want instead of what You want. Forgive us, Lord, for Jesus' sake. And by Your Holy Spirit, change our hearts so we passionately desire to follow You wherever You go!

Pastor: Be of good cheer! For the sake of Jesus, God forgives you of all your sins. Having been forgiven, may you follow Jesus wherever He leads!

People: Amen! Let it be so!

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-9

(The Lord who forms us sets us apart for His purposes.)

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

“Alas, Sovereign LORD,” I said, “I do not know how to speak; I am too young.” But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am too young.’ You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you,” declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, “I have put my words in your mouth.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

(We come into this world living for ourselves and under condemnation. In Christ, we are forgiven, made new, and set apart for good works!)

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

ALLELUIA

LSB 190

People: *(sung) Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

(We rise)

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 9:1-6, 10:1-9, 17-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, beginning at the ninth chapter.

People: (sung) **Glory to You, O Lord!**

When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. He told them: “Take nothing for the journey—no staff, no bag, no bread, no money, no extra shirt. Whatever house you enter, stay there until you leave that town. If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” So they set out and went from village to village, proclaiming the good news and healing people everywhere.

After this, the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

“When you enter a house, first say, ‘Peace to this house.’ If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you. Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. “When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.” He replied, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

People: (sung) **Praise to You, O Christ!**

Pastor: Together, as God’s People, united in faith by the One Who has given us His authority, let us join together professing our common faith using the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

People: 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.

OFFERTORY

LSB 192-193

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not a way 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF THE DAY

(Saturday) "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

(Sunday) "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

LSB 856

O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways for ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call to risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You, find perfect liberty.

O Christ, who taught the Twelve the truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith, the ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray, by Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek their light, their life, their Lord.

O Christ, who led the Twelve among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills where love is crucified.

O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim the nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains both life and ministry.

O Christ, th'apostles' Lord. The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King to whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass, our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, our lives an offering.

THE MESSAGE

"YOU CAN BE JESUS"

Pastor Ryan Clark

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Special prayers are lifted...we then join together in speaking:

All: 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.

THE BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

(We rise)

WE CLOSE IN SONG

(Saturday) “I Will Follow”/ “Sometimes By Step” reprise

(Sunday) “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying”

LSB 826

Hark, the voice of Jesus crying, “Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting—who will bear the sheaves away?”
Loud and long the Master calleth; rich reward He offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me?”

If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, you can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the judgment’s dread alarms,
You can lead the little children to the Savior’s waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion’s wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties you can do what God commands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet’s hands.

Let none hear you idly saying, “There is nothing I can do,”
While the multitudes are dying and the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly, let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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