

**"THE LAW
DISCOVERS THE DISEASE.**

**THE
GOSPEL
GIVES THE REMEDY."**

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 WELCOME 

Welcome to all in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit! If you are a guest today, we welcome you and invite you to worship with us again. Please sign our guest register.

 ORDER OF WORSHIP 

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

HYMN 250

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Almighty God, we must come before you and confess our sins against you and your Word. Too often we have neglected to study your Word so that we are ignorant of its teachings and promised blessings. We have not believed portions of it because they challenged our human reason or because we didn't like what they said to us. We have doubted your promises. We have not applied your Word to our lives so that we have lived our lives our way instead of your way. Have mercy on us.

C: **Forgive us for the sake of your Son who overcame the devil by the power of your Word and by his death for our sins in fulfillment of your Word. Through your Word, reassure us of the forgiveness of our sins, and work in our hearts a desire to know your Word, believe it, and live by it. Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION (Romans 1:16, 17; 3:21, 22, 25a; 5:1)

P: I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes:

C: **For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."**

P: But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

C: God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.

P: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

C: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

READINGS

Christian Worship 3-Year Series — Year C

The Old Testament — Jeremiah 31:31-34

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,

“when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant

I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,

because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the LORD.

“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

No longer will they teach their neighbor,
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’
because they will all know me,

from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the LORD.
“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”

The Epistle — Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in God’s sight by the works of the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of our sin.

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. Because of what law? The law that requires works? No, because of the law that requires faith. For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.

The Holy Gospel — John 8:31-36

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

RESPONSE

P: Here end the Scripture readings.

C: [sing, p. 46] **God be prais-éd for His glad tidings.**

THE CREED

P: Having heard God's Word, we confess our Christian faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: **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 is seated at the right hand of the Father;**

**And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose kingdom shall 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 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.**

C: [sing, p. 47] **Amen.**

HYMN 589

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

THE SERMON

Ich Bin Ein Gotteskind.

Acts 2:38

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE APOSTOLIC BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

OFFERING

HYMN VERSE

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

✠ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

Guests and visitors, please read the information on the bulletin insert for important information about our communion practice.

THE PREFACE

P: The LORD be with you.

C: [sing, p. 50] And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts unto the LORD.

C: [sing, p. 50] We lift up our hearts unto the LORD.

P: Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

C: [sing, p. 50] It is good and right so to do.

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM ON THE LORD'S SUPPER

P: What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

C: The Sacrament of the Altar is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ himself, for us Christians to eat and to drink.

P: What benefit do we receive from such eating and drinking?

C: The benefit which we receive from such eating and drinking is shown us by these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins;"

namely, that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is the forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

P: How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

C: **It is not the eating and drinking that does this, but the words here written: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." These words, along with the eating and drinking, are the main thing in the sacrament; and whoever believes these words has exactly what they say, namely, the forgiveness of sins.**

P: Who then receives this Sacrament worthily?

C: **Fasting and bodily preparation are indeed a fine outward training; but he is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words, "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." But he who does not believe these words, or doubts them, is unworthy and unprepared; for the words, "for you" require truly believing hearts.**

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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "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, gave thanks, and 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 and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE AGNUS DEI (*Lamb of God*)

C: [sing p. 55] **O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: 325

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

THE COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

P: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with our Savior's Body and Blood in, with and under the bread and wine. We pray that You would strengthen us through this Sacrament in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C: [sing p. 56] **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look on you with favor and give you His peace.

C: [sing p. 57] **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN 242 vv. 1,2,4,7

Baptized into Thy Name Most Holy

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