



*In your
hearts
revere*
**Christ
as Lord.**

1 PETER 3:15, NIV

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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 ☧

OPENING PRAYER

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

HYMN 589

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

THE KYRIE ELEISON (*Lord, have mercy*)

**C: [sing, p. 42] O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us.
O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.**

THE ABSOLUTION

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO (*Hymn 36: All Glory Be to God Alone*)

C: [sing] All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the Highest One, Who doth our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend. Among mankind may His good will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.	We praise Thee, God, and Thee we bless; We worship Thee in humbleness; From day to day we glorify Thee, everlasting God on high. Of Thy great glory do we sing, And e'er to Thee our thanks we bring.
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THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: [sing, p. 45] **And with your spirit.**

THE COLLECT (Prayer of the Day)

C: O God, You taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us by that same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and always to rejoice in His holy comfort; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one true God, now and forever.

C: [sing, p. 45] **Amen.**

READINGS

Christian Worship 3-Year Series — Year C

The Old Testament — Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

The Epistle — 1 Peter 3:13-19

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits.

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 Apostles Creed.

C: **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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From there he shall 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.

C: [sing, p. 46] Amen.

HYMN 232

How Precious Is the Book Divine

THE SERMON

"Are You Ready?"

1 Peter 3:13-19

HYMN VERSE

C: [sing] Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence,
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation,
and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymn 384*)

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| 1 Our Father, throned in heav'n above,
All glory to Thy name of love.
Thy Kingdom come; Thy holy will
May earth as well as heav'n fulfill. | 2 Give us this day our daily food
With all we need of promised good;
And freely all our sins remit
As we our debtors freely quit. |
| 3 Defend us from the tempter's ways | |

**Uphold when tried, when fallen raise:
For pow'r is Thine, and boundless reign,
In glory evermore, Amen.**

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

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: [sing] **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.**

HYMN 551

Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain

THE COLLECT

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You gather Your people into Your Christian Church. We humbly ask, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and finally obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: [sing p. 58] **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. 59] **Amen, amen, amen.**

HYMN 403

God Loved the World So that He Gave

CLOSING PRAYER

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us

what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

Organist: Darek Hartwig



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wendy Hougan

LAST WEEK

Last Sunday, 35 people worshiped their risen Savior.

GUEST SPEAKER

Our Guest speaker today is Pastor Michael Helwig. Pastor Helwig has been teaching religion at Lakeside Lutheran High School this past year. Prior to that, he was Pastor in Hubetus, Wisconsin. On a personal note, many years ago Pastor Helwig was a student in your vacancy pastor's Confirmation Class. We are "proud" as to what he has turned out to be. May God richly bless his message from the word of our God.

GONE

As most of you know, your vacancy pastor has been leading a tour to Greece, Turkey and Italy these past two weeks. If all went as planned, he returned to Madison yesterday evening. Taking into consideration "jet-lag" which in this case is 8 hours, he would be in no "shape" to conduct services today. He will be back next Sunday.

BIBLE CLASS

There will be no Bible Class today, it will resume next Sunday.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

The demolition work in the basement will start this week. On Wednesday, we will move tables, chairs, piano, etc. to the kitchen and then remove the walls.

On June 19, we will start the demo of the bathrooms.

CHURCH COUNCIL

The Church Council will meet for their monthly meeting this Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

The Madison Area Bethany Lutheran College Auxiliary will be hosting their Annual Ice Cream Social on June 30, 2019 at Faith Lutheran Church, 143 Washington Street, Oregon, WI beginning at 2 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Bethany students and/or alumni. Bring the whole family for a few hours of fun, fellowship and yummy ice cream treats.

PRAYERS

You are encouraged to keep the following members of our congregation in your prayers...members who are confined to nursing homes, sick or something other: Eileen Brekken, Boyd Daley, Charlotte Nelson, Lois Pieper, Judy Zemke, and Betty Gulseth. If you know of others who might be added to this list, please inform Pastor Kock.

JUST A THOUGHT

"God is perfect. Only people make mistakes."