

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

P: We humbly ask You Almighty God, to give to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, so that Your Word may not be bound, but instead that it may have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide to the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

THE BLESSING

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace, Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon on you with favor and give you (+) peace.



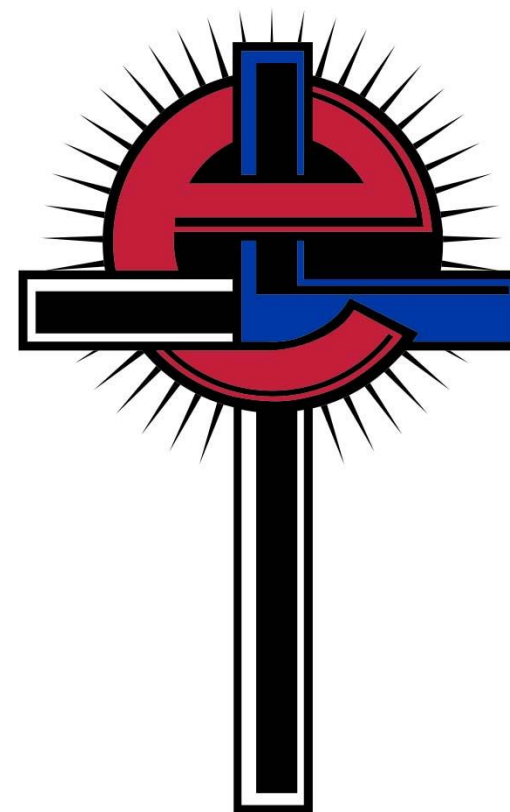
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CLOSING HYMN

#493 "Forgive our Sin as We Forgive"

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**"By the gospel we walk humbly with our
God and forgive one another"**



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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HIM

OPENING HYMN "Chief of Sinners though I Be" (CW #385)

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

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

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: **And you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

All: **O Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You, and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, of Your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy innocent, bitter sufferings and death, of Your beloved Son Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

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 to all of you, and in the place 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.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

RESPONSE

Please be seated

#272 – "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

OFFERING

Please Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

he could pay back what he owed. 31“When his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were very distressed. They went and reported to their master everything that had taken place. 32“Then his master called him in and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt when you begged me to. 33 Should you not have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had mercy on you?’ 34 His master was angry and handed him over to the jailers until he could pay back everything he owed. 35 “This is what my heavenly Father will also do to you unless each one of you forgives his brother from his heart. (ESV)



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

THE APOSTLES 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.

Please be seated

HYMN #536 “Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head”

SERMON Philippians 1:3-11

“I give thanks to God for the gospel’s good work in your hearts and lives”

- 1. Thankful for the blessed fellowship we share in the gospel**
- 2. Confident he will preserve you in faith by the gospel**
- 3. Asking that he cause your love to overflow by the gospel**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: **Sings “All Glory be to God Alone” CW #262 - vs. 1,3-5**

All glory be to God alone, Forevermore the highest one.

Who did our sinful race befriend And grace and peace to us extend.

Among mankind may His good will All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

Lord God, our King on Heaven’s throne, Our Father, the Almighty One;

O Lord, the Sole Begotten One, Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son,

True God from all eternity, O Lamb of God – to You we flee.

You take the whole world’s sin away; have mercy on us Lord we pray.

You take the whole world’s sin away; oh listen to the prayer we say.

From God’s right hand, oh send today Your mercy on us Lord, we pray.

You only are the Holy One; O’er all things You are Lord alone.

O Jesus Christ, we glorify You and the Spirit, Lord most high;

With Him you evermore shall be One in the Father’s majesty.

P: The LORD be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. God our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - - - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Micah 6:6-8

6 How will I meet the LORD? How will I bow down to the God of heaven? Will I meet him with burnt offerings, with one-year old calves? 7 Will the LORD delight in a thousand rams, in tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Will I give my firstborn for my sin, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? 8 He has told you, man, what is good. What does the LORD require from you but to carry out justice and love mercy and walk in humility with your God? (EHV)

PSALM 38 (p.81 in front section of hymnal)

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:3-11

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. 4 Every time I pray for all of you, I always pray with joy, 5 because of your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 I am convinced of this very thing: that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. 7 I am equally convinced that it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, for both in my chains and in my defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all share in this grace with me. 8 Yes, God is my witness of how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. 9 And I pray that your love may still increase more and more in knowledge and every insight. 10 This will result in your approval of the things that really matter, so that you will be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. (ESV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

21 Then Peter came up and asked Jesus, "Lord, how many times must I forgive my brother when he sins against me? As many as seven times?" 22 Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but I tell you as many as seventy-seven times. 23 For this reason the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 When he began to settle them, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. 25 Because the man was not able to pay the debt, his master ordered that he be sold, along with his wife, children, and all that he owned to repay the debt. 26 "Then the servant fell down on his knees in front of him, saying, 'Master, be patient with me, and I will pay you everything!' 27 The master of that servant had pity on him, released him, and forgave him the debt. 28 "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began choking him, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' 29 "So his fellow servant fell down and begged him, saying, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay you back!' 30 But he refused. Instead he went off and threw the man into prison until