

MARCH 21 & 22, 2020

OPENING HYMN

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain | Christian Worship 106

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD HAVE MERCY

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

Tune: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

C: (♪) All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace, Your favor toward our fallen race.

Our grateful thanks to you we bring, For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.

O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer; From God's right hand, your mercy share.

You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone; The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again: "All glory be to God!" Amen.

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Hosea 5:15-6:3

Then I will return to my lair until they have borne their guilt and seek my face—
in their misery they will earnestly seek me."

⁶ "Come, let us return to the Lord. He has torn us to pieces but he will heal us;
he has injured us but he will bind up our wounds. ² After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will restore us, that we may live in his presence.

³ Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." (NIV ®)

PSALM 42-43

Blessed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord. As the deer pants for streams of water,*
so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. Where can I go and meet with God?

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God,*
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Send forth your light and your truth, let them guide me;* let them bring me to the place where you dwell.

Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and my delight.* I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:1-10

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. (NIV ®)

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." 36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. 37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." 38 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" 39 "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." 41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (NIV ®)

HYMN OF THE DAY

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SERMON

Matthew 20:17-28

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus, Follow His Example Pure

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-27

M: 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 peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Let Me Learn of Jesus | LAPPY 175

Let me learn of Jesus, He is kind to me; Once He died to save me, Nailed upon the tree.
When I go to Jesus, He will hear me pray, Make me pure and holy, Take my sins away.
Let me think of Jesus; He is full of love, Looking down upon me From His throne above.
Oh how good is Jesus! May He hold my hand, And at last receive me To a better land.

NEWS

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For those affected physically and financially by the Coronavirus,

NEW OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:00AM – 11:00AM

WORSHIP SERVICE ON TV

Our worship service is broadcast on the West Bend Community Access Channel #987 Tuesdays at 4:00 pm and Wednesdays at 11:30 am

EASTER FLOWERS

Deadline, March 23

If you would like to order flowers to beautify our church for Easter, please fill out an order form with payment in the narthex by Monday, March 23. Flowers may be given in honor of a blessing or in memory of a loved one. Call the office at 334-7881 to order.

CELEBRATION SUNDAY

Presently we are not joining for public worship. We are evaluating our plans. You are still invited to return your "Building People Connections" promise card by March 29th by mail or drop it off at the church office during office hours. But we are not holding our Celebration Sunday March 28-29th.

LIBRARY NEWS

This week 35 books were added to the church library. These are some of the titles that you might like to check out: FAITHfully Parenting Preschoolers, From Dirty to Dancing: God's Grace for Those Struggling with Pornography, Keeping the Last Promise – about addiction and recovery, Let's Hide the Word – unique and interesting ways to hide the Word in children's hearts, Look Up From Your Phone – recently featured in a Time Out for Moms event, The Reason I Believe – tools for defending and explaining your beliefs and faith, Sexuality Mentality – a book to help combat the worldly messages which are bombarding our teens, Weary Joy – a book of encouragement and refreshing joy for caregivers, and many more. While you are in the library, look also at the Lenten and Easter display of books – devotional, inspirational, and many children's Easter books. You may come and check out books from the church library during office hours.

CHRIST TEENS

Deadline, March 30

The Christ Teens going to Tennessee for the Youth Rally are selling cake rolls to finance their trip. If you want to purchase one, you can fill out a form in the church office during office hours. Checks should be made out to Good Shepherd. Orders are due by March 30. The rolls will arrive before Easter if you are looking for a quick tasty dessert. If you would like to just donate to help them go, you can submit a donation. Thank you for your support.

JOIN US FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES (pending the virus situation)

April 9-11

Maundy Thursday Communion Worship: Thursday, April 9 at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM

Good Friday Worship: Friday, April 10 at 1:30 and 6:30 PM (The Evening Tenebrae Service is different from afternoon service)

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service: Sunday, April 12 at 6:00 AM

Easter Festival Services: 8:30 & 10:30 AM (**Note** - time is 8:30 AM)

Easter Breakfasts: 7:15 and 9:30 AM in our new fellowship hall (sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend and bring food items)

VOTE

If any members need an absentee ballot to vote in the April 7th election, go to www.myvote.wi.gov.