

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: Let us be honest with ourselves, our God, and with each other, and confess our sins in order that we might receive the forgiveness of God and experience the joy of the community of Christ.

People: Lord, our God, we have sinned by what we have thought, said, and done. We continue to pull away from You even though You love us with an everlasting love. Today in worship, we recognize our failures and our weaknesses. We confess our sins of omission and commission. We confess that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We come to You now as brothers and sisters in Christ who need Your power and forgiveness.

Leader: In the name of Jesus, the Christ, I speak His word to you: "I belong to you as you belong to me. I am one of you, I know you. I died and rose for you so that your sin might be forgiven. I feel what you feel and I live through your life. I forgive your wrongs and with that forgiveness give you power to change your condition as you live lives that are pleasing in my sight."

Affirmation of Faith

I believe in a living God, creator of all humankind, who has created and recreates the entire universe by power and love.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God in the flesh and my Savior and Lord. Because of His work, His death, His life, and His suffering, I know who I am, what I can become through Christ.

I believe that God is present with us always and can be experienced in prayer, the Sacraments, the Word, the fellowship of believers, and in all that we do. Amen.

The Prayers

The Lord's Supper

Blessing

"Amazing Grace"

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

The Lord has promised good to me His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures

Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we first begun

Dismissal

"Alleluia"



September 13, 2020
15th Sunday after Pentecost
RALLY SUNDAY

In Our Prayers

Health: Sharon Koeppe

Assisted living: Arlis Lind

Long-term care: Mona Jean Roberts

Missions: Brandon and Annemarie Cyboron; Joe Rystrom;
Jared and Sau Man Weich; Msaranga Mandaka Parish, Tanzania

Watchword

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits. Psalm 103:2

This week's birthdays: Doris Hoffart today, Al Boelman and Donna Reich on Sept. 14, and Wendell Hahne and Laura Kowalski on Sept. 15.

Happy Anniversary

Andy and Carmen Wolfe, Sept. 13

Duane and Shirley Theil, Sept. 15

Richard and Cherlyn Hillrichs, Sept. 18

Altar flowers are given by Shirley and Duane Theil in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Congratulations to Brandi Mann and Caleb Donovan, who were united in marriage yesterday by Pastor Steve Lund at Christ the Servant.

Upcoming Events

9/18-19 **Crafting Together Simultaneously**

9/21 **Congregation Council meeting**

A special collection is being taken for a new stove and dishwasher at the parsonage. The dishwasher has been purchased and installed. Please indicate "parsonage kitchen" on the memo line of your check. We are over halfway to our goal of \$2,000, with \$1,035 given.

Secret prayer sisters sign up by Sept. 30 for assignment on Oct. 4.

“10,000 Reasons”

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

“Come Thou Fount”

Come Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, Hither by Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy grace Lord like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee
Prone to wander Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart Lord take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above

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“Majesty”

Here I am, Humbled by Your majesty, Covered by Your grace so free
Here I am, Knowing I'm a sinful man, Covered by the blood of the Lamb
Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine
Since You laid down Your life, The greatest sacrifice

Majesty, majesty
Your grace has found me just as I am
Empty handed but alive in Your hands

Here I am, Humbled by the love that You give, Forgiven so that I can forgive
Here I stand, Knowing that I'm Your desire, Sanctified by glory and fire
Now I've found the greatest love of all is mine
Since You laid down Your life, The greatest sacrifice

Majesty, majesty
Your grace has found me just as I am
Empty handed but alive in Your hands
Majesty, majesty
Forever I am changed by Your love
In the presence of Your majesty

Opening Prayer

Old Testament Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:8-13 (*responsive*)

- ⁸ The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ **He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**
- ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹ **For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**
- ¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- ¹³ **As a father has compassion for his children,
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

New Testament Romans 14:1-12

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Message

“Choosing Forgiveness”