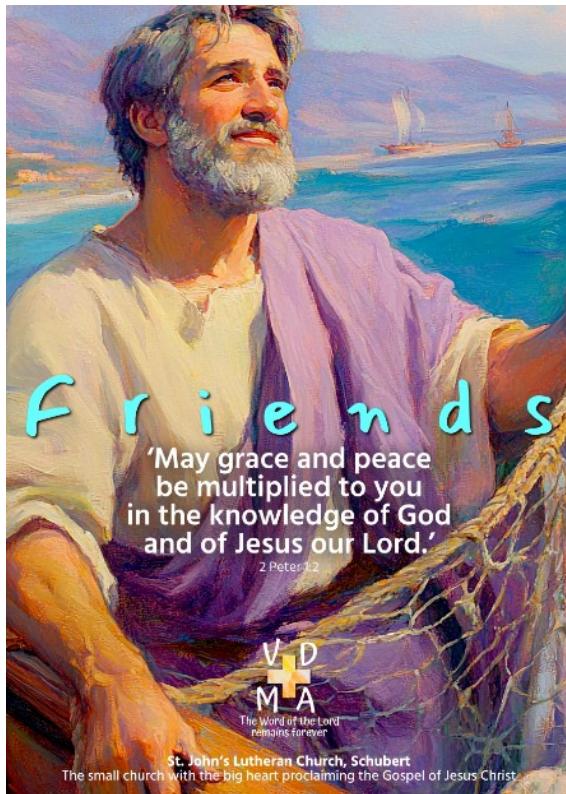


Friendship Sunday



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About This Service: The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the “Divine Service” because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

The liturgy that we use for the Divine Service has been handed down over the centuries, with portions of our service dating back to the late 1st or early 2nd century, just a matter of decades after our Lord’s death, resurrection, and ascension. The liturgy is a true treasure of the Church that we enjoy to this day.

Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God” (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: A special welcome to everyone who is joining us today! If you don’t yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Ringing of the Bell - Prelude - Welcome

Opening Hymn TLH 465 "Christ Is Our Cornerstone"

Christ is our Corner-stone, On Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled.
On His great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above.

Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise The three in One to Sing
And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do Thou Forevermore draw nigh:
Accept each faithful vow And mark each suppliant sigh.
In copious show'r On all who pray Each holy day, Thy blessing pour.

Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore,
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us evermore
Until that day When all the blest To endless rest Are called away! Amen.

The Order of Worship, Page 5 TLH

Invocation: TLH Page 5 [Responses Sung]

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

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

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

C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins TLH Page 6

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution TLH Page 6

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: **[Sung] Amen.**

Introit (P: Pastor **C: Congregation**) *Psalm 89:1, 5, 15–16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46*

P: I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]
and shall not be put to shame.

**C: I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever;
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.**

P: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord,
your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

**C: Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,**

P: who exult in your name all the day
and in your righteousness are exalted.

Gloria Patri: *TLH Page 6 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: *TLH Page 7 [Sung]*

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH Pages 7-9 [Sung]*

C: Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That taketh away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that taketh away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect

TLH Page 9

P: The Lord be with you! **C: And with thy spirit!**

(prayed together) – Heavenly Father, You revealed to the apostle Peter the blessed truth that Your Son Jesus is the Christ. Strengthen us by the proclamation of this truth that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Response: *[Sung]* Amen.

First Reading – Isaiah 60:1-6

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

Epistle Reading – 2 Peter 1:1-15

¹Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and
Savior Jesus Christ:

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. ¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

Gradual (Pastor speaks, congregation responds with “Hallelujahs!”)

P: What we proclaim is not ourselves,
but Jesus Christ as Lord.

We also believe, and so we also speak,
as one who speaks oracles of God.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
the name of the Lord is to be praised!

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings... C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!

Gospel Reading – Mark 8:27-35

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

The Gospel ended, the congregation sings... ‘

C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!

The Apostles' Creed *TLH Page 12*

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn TLH 467 "Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand"

Built on the Rock the Church doth stand, Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the soul distrest,
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands, God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands, All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He whom heav'ns cannot contain Chose to abide on earth with men,
Built in our bodies His temple.

We are God's house of living stones, Builded for His habitation;
He through baptismal grace us owns Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell, Yet He would deign with us to dwell,
With all His grace and His favor.

Now we may gather with our King E'en in the lowliest dwelling;
Praises to Him we there may bring, His wondrous mercy forth telling.
Jesus His grace to us accords; Spirit and life are all His words;
His truth doth hallow the temple.

Still we our earthly temples rear That we may herald His praises;
They are the homes where He draws near And little children embraces.
Beautiful things in them are said; God there with us His covenant made,
Making us heirs of His kingdom.

Here stands the font before our eyes Telling how God did receive us;
Th' altar recalls Christ's sacrifice And what His table doth give us;
Here sounds the Word that doth proclaim Christ yesterday, today, the same,
Yea, and for aye our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, where'er men roam, That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know Mine own, Mine own know Me; Ye, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you." Amen.

The Sermon

Offertory

TLH Pages 12-13 [Sung]

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

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer: *TLH Page 14*

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.

Hymn *TLH 341* "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Crown Him with many crowns, The lamb upon His Throne;
Hark how the Heav'ly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake my soul and sing Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless king Thro' all eternity.

Crown Him the Virgin's Son, The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose, As of that rose the stem;
The root whence mercy ever flows, The Babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of Love. Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright!

Crown Him the Lord of Life Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of Heaven, Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to whom is given The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is King of all. Amen.

The Collect for the Word: *TLH Page 14*

P: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C: [Sung] A-----men.

The Benediction: *TLH Page 14*

P: The Lord bless thee and keep thee, The Lord make His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

C: [Sung] Amen, Amen, Amen!

Closing Hymn TLH 421 "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"

**Come, follow Me, the Savior spake, All in My way abiding;
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide.**

**I am the Light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I bid you walk as in the day, I keep your feet from straying.
I am the Way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below.**

**My heart bounds in lowness, My soul with love is glowing,
And gracious words my lips express, With meekness overflowing.
My heart, My mind, My strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.**

**I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul's salvation,
Your heart from every guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the Refuge of the soul And lead you to your heavenly goal.**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suffering be undaunted.
For who bears not the battle's strain The crown of life shall not obtain. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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Hymn #467: Text: Ephesians 2:10-22; Kirken den er et gammelt Hus; Author: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1837; Tr.: Carl Doving, 1909, alt.; Tune: Kirken den er et; Composer: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1871.

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Again, a special welcome to everyone today!
Be sure to stay and enjoy both the Basket Dinner
and the fellowship of friends!

Daily Bible Reading:

- Monday, Jan. 19th: Matthew 25
- Tuesday, Jan. 20th: Matthew 26
- Wednesday, Jan. 21st: Matthew 27
- Thursday, Jan. 22nd: Matthew 28
- Friday, Jan. 23rd: Acts 1
- Saturday, Jan. 24th: Acts 2
- Sunday, Jan. 25th: Acts 3

Catechism Recitation for the Week: Lord's Prayer: First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us.

Protect us from this, heavenly Father!