"We Preach Christ Crucified..."

- 1 Corinthians 1:23



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What must ido to be saved?

Acts 16:30



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Today's Worship

Our sight tends to be the sense we trust most. We say we will believe something when we see it. That presents a problem when it comes to the work of God. So often what our eye sees differs from what God decrees. This is true of the life of Jesus. In the eyes of the world, he was nothing special. This is also true in the life of the Christian. To the world, the believer does not look more blessed than the unbeliever. In fact, the believer may appear to have more hardships as the devil and his allies attempt to destroy him. So, to assure his children, God connects his grace, power, and blessing to something we can see—a visible sign: the anointing of baptism.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 10-13 of the bulletin.]

♣ Preparation for Worship **♣**

Hymn

TLH 9 – O Day of Rest and Gladness

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- **P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from conception. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C Amen.

The Service of the Word **廿**



Salutation

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- **P** Let us pray...
 - ... for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 16:1-13

¹ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' 3 And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you." 4 Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵ And he said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate vourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice." And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is before him." 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen these." 11 Then Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here." ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he." ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

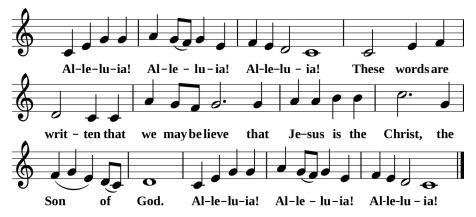
- **P** Why do the nations rage
- **C** and the peoples plot in vain?
- **P** The kings of the earth set themselves,
- and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,
- **P** "Let us burst their bonds apart
- **C** and cast away their cords from us."
- **P** He who sits in the heavens laughs;
- **C** the Lord holds them in derision.
- **P** Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
- **C** and terrify them in his fury, saying,
- **P** "As for me, I have set my King
- on Zion, my holy hill."
- **P** I will tell of the decree:
- The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
- P Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
- **G** and the ends of the earth your possession.
- **P** You shall break them with a rod of iron
- and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
- P Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
- **©** be warned, O rulers of the earth.
- **P** Serve the LORD with fear,
- **C** and rejoice with trembling.
- P Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- **C** Blessed are all who take refuge in him.



¹⁵ As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶ John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." ²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." ²³ Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli.

Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



Confession of Faith

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.

Sermon Text Acts 16:25-34

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, ²⁶ and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." ²⁹ And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" ³¹ And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. ³⁴ Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.



What Must I Do To Be Saved?

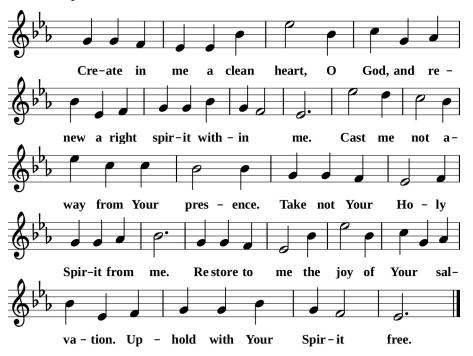
I. A Question People Still Ask II. A Question Jesus Still Answers



Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...

Acts 16:31. NRSV

Offertory



Hymn

TLH 428 – I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Offering Hymn

TLH 442 st. 2

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
With the sunshine of Thy goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by Thee, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.

General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C Amen.

Hymn

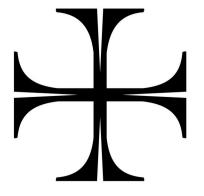
WS 800 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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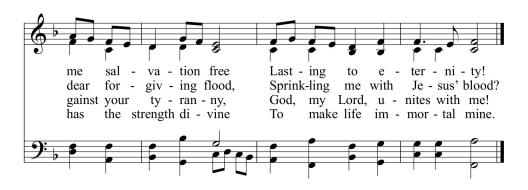


- 4 Today on weary nations
 The heavenly manna falls;
 To holy convocations
 The silver trumpet calls,
 Where Gospel-light is glowing
 With pure and radiant beams
 And living water flowing
 With soul-refreshing streams.
- 5 New graces ever gaining
 From this our day of rest,
 We reach the rest remaining
 To spirits of the blest.
 To Holy Ghost be praises,
 To Father, and to Son;
 The Church her voice upraises
 To Thee, blest Three in One.



WS 751 - God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It





TLH 428 – I am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus



- 5 I am trusting Thee for power; Thine can never fail. Words which Thou Thyself shalt give me Must prevail.
- 6 I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus;
 Never let me fall.
 I am trusting Thee forever
 And for all.

WS 800 - Go, My Children, with My Blessing



+ Announcements +

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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| OUR SCHEDUI | LE: "If the L | "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15 | | | |
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| *Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran | | | | | |
| January 9 | 9:00 am | Sunday School/Bible Class | | | |
| | 10:00 am | Worship Service | | | |
| January 11 | 6:00 pm | Council | | | |
| January 12 | 10, 11 am | Woodlands Worship Services | | | |
| - | 1:30 pm | St. Peter's Place Worship Service | | | |
| January 13 | 10:00 am | Bible Class | | | |
| January 16 | 9:00 am | Sunday School/Bible Class | | | |
| - | 10:00 am | Worship Service | | | |
| January 20 | 10:00 am | Bible Class | | | |
| January 23 | 9:00 am | Sunday School/Bible Class | | | |
| | 10:00 am | Worship Service | | | |
| | 11:15 am | Annual Meeting | | | |

Thank You: Every year at Christmas time we take up a collection for the Professors at ILC, Eau Claire. This year the money was turned into a \$25 Festival Gift Card for all 12 professors. We appreciate everything they do to give our young adults a faith based education, including our own Kevin Kern and Salome Seibel. Thank you for the support!

2022 CLC Mission Helper Trip: Applications are being accepted for the 2022 Mission Helper Trip to Africa in July. Find more information and apply online at: mht.lutheranmissions.org/2022-east-africa.

CLC News: Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Churches, Mt. View, CA, Stockton, CA, and Hayward, CA, has received the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. <> Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, is still considering the call to Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN, to serve as principal and teacher for grades 5 -8, beginning with the 2022 school year. + ILC Professor John Ude is still considering the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN.

FRUITS OF FAITH – December 24, 25, 26 & 31

| Luther Memorial Church | | Church of the Lutheran Confession | |
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| Budgetary (Regular Expenses) | | Budgetary (Regular Expenses) | |
| \$6,353.00 | LM General Budget (11/28) | \$930.00 | CLC General Budget (11/28) |
| \$3,076.92 | Weekly Need | \$384.62 | Weekly Need |
| +\$3,276.08 | -Under / +Over | +\$545.38 | -Under / +Over |
| \$138,754.83 | Year to Date Offerings | \$9,643.00 | Fiscal Year to Date Offerings |
| \$160,000.00 | Year to Date Need | \$10,000.12 | Fiscal Year to Date Need |
| -\$21,245.17 | Year to Date (+/-) | -\$357.12 | Fiscal Year to Date (+/-) |
| Non-Budg | etary (Unplanned Expenses) | Non-Budgetary (Unplanned Expenses) | |
| \$40.00 | LM School | \$50.00 | ILC Student Aid Fund |
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| \$20.00 | LM Debt Retirement | | ILC Improvement Fund |
| \$100.00 | LM M & I | \$50.00 | Mission Development (MDF) |
| \$80.00 | LM Local Missions/ Outreach | \$175.00 | Project Kinship/Orphanage |
| | LM Building Fund | | Fall Mission Festival |
| \$25.00 | LM Ladies Orphan Fund | | Miscellaneous |
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