

WORSHIP FOCUS

Why is it so important that we respond to God's generosity in giving temporal blessings with gratitude to him for his spiritual blessings? Because we are plagued within and without by temptations to worship the temporal and to despise the eternal.

THE SERVICE FOR TODAY

Common Service p. 15

WELS Connection**Opening Hymn – 750 v.1-3***Christ, the Word of God Incarnate**(See pages 10 & 11)*

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

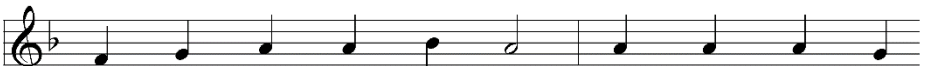


C: A - men.

CONFESSION OF SINS

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

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

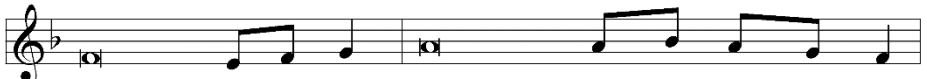
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



C: A - men.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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



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



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
 you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray together...

PRAYER of the DAY (spoken together)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

THE WORD

First Lesson

1 Kings 19:3-8

³Elijah was afraid, and he ran for his life. He went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and he left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness. There he sat down under a broom tree, where he prayed that he would die. He said, "I've had enough, LORD. Take

my life, for I am no better than my fathers.” ⁵Then he lay down and went to sleep under the broom tree.

Suddenly an angel touched him and said, “Get up and eat.”

⁶Then he looked around, and near his head there was a loaf of bread baking on coals and a jar of water, so he ate and drank, and then he lay down again.

⁷Then the angel of the LORD came back a second time and touched him and said, “Get up and eat, because the journey is too much for you.”

⁸So he got up and ate and drank. Then, with the strength gained from that food he walked for forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mountain of God.

Psalm 34 (*Sing responsively*)

Refrain



Psalm tone



Taste and see that the LORD is good;*
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous*
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,*
and he delivers them.

Refrain

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;*
he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted*
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;*
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

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.

Refrain

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Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:11-6:3

¹¹We have much to say about this, and it is difficult to explain, because you have become too lazy to listen. ¹²In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the beginning principles of God's word all over again. You have become people who need milk, not solid food. ¹³For everyone who lives on milk is not acquainted with the word of righteousness, because he is still an infant. ¹⁴But solid food is for mature people, who have their senses trained by practice to distinguish between good and evil.

^{6:1}Therefore, leaving the beginning discussion of Christ, let us press on toward matters that require greater maturity, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, of faith in God, ²of the teaching about baptisms, of the laying on of hands, of the resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. ³And we will do this, if God permits.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. Alleluia. (Hebrews 11:1)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

John 6:41-51

C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

⁴¹So the Jews started grumbling about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They asked, "Isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? So how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

⁴³Jesus answered them, "Stop grumbling among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the Last Day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets, 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. ⁴⁶I am not saying that anyone has seen the Father except

the one who is from God. He is the one who has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Amen, Amen, I tell you: The one who believes in me has eternal life.

⁴⁸"I am the Bread of Life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that anyone may eat it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. The bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Apostle's 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.

Hymn of the Day – 421

All Depends on Our Possessing

**All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
In their God are not forsaken
And e'er keep a dauntless heart.**

**He who to this day has fed me
And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me,
Will remain my help divine.**

Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.

Well he knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never-
As God wills, so be it ever-
I to him commit my way.

If on earth my days he lengthen,
He my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in him I place.
Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding;
Safe I anchor in his grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Sermon Text

Hebrews 5:11-6:3

***First Things First –
But Don't Stop There!***

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, the second line to the second line, and the third line to the third line. The lyrics are: "C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it".

from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
 tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

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 – 374

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

My shepherd will supply my need-
 Jehovah is his name.
 In pastures fresh he makes me feed
 Beside the living stream.
 He brings my wand'ring spirit back
 When I forsake his ways
 And leads me, for his mercy's sake,
 In paths of truth and grace.

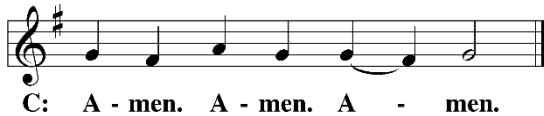
When I walk through the shades of death,
 His presence is my stay;
 One word of his supporting breath
 Drives all my fears away.
 His hand, in sight of all my foes,
 Will still my table spread;
 My cup with blessings overflows;
 His oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days;
 Oh, may his house be my abode And all my work be praise.
 There would I find a settled rest While others go and come,
 No more a stranger or a guest But like a child at home.

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



Hymn 616

Feed Your Children, God Most Holy

**Feed your children, God most holy;
Comfort sinners poor and lowly.
Jesus, bread of life from heaven,
Bless the food you here have given.
As these gifts the body nourish,
May our souls in graces flourish
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor
At your feast due thanks we render.**

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, St. Louis, 1941, alt.

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SERVING US TODAY

Preacher – Pastor Benjamin B. Wessel
Organist – Nancy Perez

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate,
 2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en,
 3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant
 4 Christ, our good and faith - ful Shep - herd,
 5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing
 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga;



Lord and Son of A - bra - ham;
 Food for bod - y, food for soul;
 From the stump of Jes - se's tree;
 Watch - ing all your lambs and sheep;
 To the Fath - er's home on high;
 Christ, the first - born from the dead;



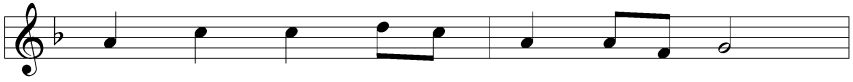
Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
 Christ, the man - na, dai - ly giv - en,
 Christ, true vine, you nur - ture branch - es
 Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,
 Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive;
 Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion;



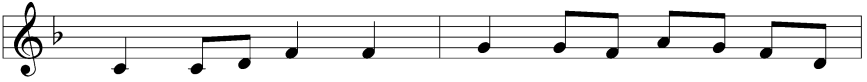
Per - fect God, the great I Am;
 Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole.
 To bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly.
 Nev - er - fail - ing vi - gil keep.
 Christ, the life that can - not die.
 Christ, the Church's glo - rious head:



Christ, the Light, you shine un - van - quished,
 Feed us with the food of heav - en,
 Graft us in - to you, O Sav - ior;
 When we stray, Good Shep - herd, seek us,
 Me - di - a - tor to the Fath - er,
 Praise and thanks and a - do - ra - tion



Light and life you bring to all;
Fore - taste of the feast to be;
Prune our hearts so we re - main
Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Sac - ri - fice and Great High Priest:
And un - end - ing wor - ship be



Light our path with your own pres - ence,
Quench our thirst with liv - ing wa - ter,
Fruit - ful branch - es in your vine - yard
Lamb of God, our Shep - herd, keep us;
Lead us to your heav'n - ly man - sions,
To the Fath - er and the Spir - it



Grant us grace to heed your call.
Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
Till e - ter - nal life we gain.
Let us hear your voice a - lone.
There to share your wed - ding feast.
And to you e - ter - nal - ly.

This inventive hymn is replete with scriptural titles and illustrations that describe the person and work of Christ from beginning to end.

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