

God made you

alive

together with him,
when he

forgave

us all our
trespasses...

Colossians 2:13, NRSV

Hymn 779 – I Sing as I Arise Today

1 I sing as I a - rise to - day, I call on
 2 The word of God to be my speech, the hand of
 3 The work of God to be my joy, the house of
 4 I sing as I a - rise to - day; I cry out

my Cre - a - tor's might: the will of God to
 God to be my stay, the shield of God to
 God to be my rest, the grace of God to
 my Re - deem - er's name: Lord Je - sus Christ, my

be my guide, the eye of God to be my sight;
 be my strength, the path of God to be my way;
 be my song, the praise of God to be my best.
 hope, my all, to - day and ev - er - more the same.

Holy Baptism — Tiegan Louise Rodmyre

(8:00 a.m. service) page 151 in the Christian Worship Hymnal

(8:00 service continues on page 2 with the Gloria)

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins

and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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 $\dagger$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy (Kyrie Eleison)

For the peace from above and for our salvation:

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all:

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise:

Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
Al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
we wor-ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.



THE WORD

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your neverfailing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Lesson – Ezekiel 33:7-11

⁷“As for you, son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, give them a warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, ‘Wicked one, you will surely die,’ but you do not speak out to warn him about his way, that wicked person will die for his iniquity, yet I will hold you responsible for his blood. ⁹But if you warn a wicked person to turn from his way and he doesn’t turn from it, he will die for his iniquity, but you will have rescued yourself.

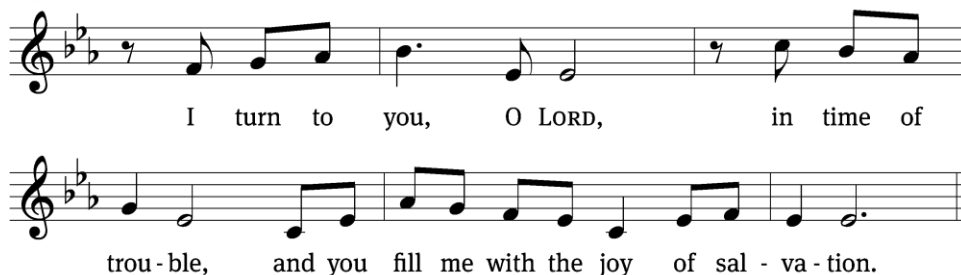
¹⁰“Now as for you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘You have said this: “Our transgressions and our sins are heavy on us, and we are wasting away because of them! How then can we survive?”’ ¹¹Tell them, ‘As I live — this is the declaration of the Lord GOD — I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked person should turn from his way and live. Repent, repent of your evil ways! Why will you die, house of Israel?’”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Refrain



Tone



Blessed is the one whose transgressions are for- / given,
whose sins are / covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count a- / gainst them
and in whose spirit is / no deceit.

When I kept silent, my bones wast- / ed away
through my groaning / all day long.

For day and night your hand was heav- / y on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of / summer.

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you
and did not cover up my in- / iquity.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD."
And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. *Refrain*

You are my / hiding place;
you will protect me from / trouble.

Many are the woes of the / wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who / trusts in him.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Lesson – Colossians 2:1-15

¹For I want you to know how greatly I am struggling for you, for those in Laodicea, and for all who have not seen me in person. ²I want their hearts to be encouraged and joined together in love, so that they may have all the riches of complete understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery — Christ. ³In him are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

⁴I am saying this so that no one will deceive you with arguments that sound reasonable. ⁵For I may be absent in body, but I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see how well ordered you are and the strength of your faith in Christ.

⁶So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷being rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, and overflowing with gratitude.

⁸Be careful that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit based on human tradition, based on the elements of the world, rather than Christ.

⁹For the entire fullness of God's nature dwells bodily in Christ, ¹⁰and you have been filled by him, who is the head over every ruler and authority. ¹¹You were also circumcised in him with a circumcision not done with hands, by putting off the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, he made you alive with him and forgave us all our trespasses. ¹⁴He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

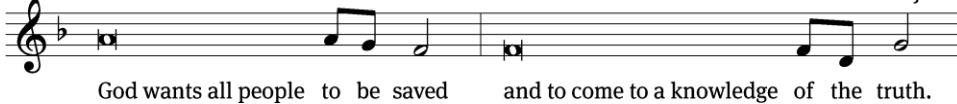
Gospel Acclamation



Refrain



Tone



Gospel – Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ “If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶But if he won’t listen, take one or two others with you, so that by the testimony of two or three witnesses every fact may be established. ¹⁷If he doesn’t pay attention to them, tell the church. If he doesn’t pay attention even to the church, let him be like a Gentile and a tax collector to you. ¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven. ¹⁹Again, truly I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about any matter that you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn 656 – As Surely As I Live, God Said



1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I would not
2 And so our Lord gave this com - mand: "Go forth and
3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I tru - ly
4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; what you will



see the sin - ner dead, but that he turn from
preach in ev - 'ry land; be - stow on all my
par - don and ac - quit, and those whose sins you
loose, that shall be free; un - to my Church the



er - ror's ways, re - pent, and live through end - less days."
par - d'ning grace who will re - pent of sin - ful ways.
do re - tain con - demned and guilt - y shall re - main.
keys are giv'n to op'n and close the gates of heav'n."

Sermon

Colossians 2:1-15

God made you alive with Christ

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.

Offering

We worship God with our offerings. We give generously, in proportion to the money and possessions God has given us, to express love and gratitude to our Savior, Jesus Christ. We also give generously to support the work we are doing together through our church and school.

*You may place your offering in the plate or use online giving.
The QR code to the right will take you to the giving site.
Thank you for your offerings.*



Musical Offering

Prayer of the Church

Creator God, we give thanks for all the work you give us to do:
for work that sustains and work that fulfills,
for work which, however tiring, also satisfies and resonates with your work in creation.

Lord, we give you thanks.

As we give thanks to you we also pray for those
who have no work, who have too much or too little work,
who work at jobs that involve great danger,
work that others are willing to do on our behalf.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Extend your guidance and grace in the many and varied places of our work:
in factory or field,
in sheltered office or under open sky,
using technical knowledge or physical strength,
working with machines or with people or with the earth itself.

Lord, direct us with your love.

Lead us, O Lord,
to bring the full weight of our intelligence and strength to our work
and to make our place of work a place of safety and respect for all with whom we labor.

Lord, make us faithful and helpful in all we do.

Keep us from engaging in work that harms others,
that promotes injustice or violence,
that affords individual gain but ignores the common good.

Lord, forgive us when we fall into sin.

Protect us from greed that elevates our work above that of others,
from discontent when we see the successes of others,
and from pride when we view the disappointment of others.

Lord, give hearts that are pure and alive in your love.

Give us faith to use the wages we gain as gifts of your grace,
for supporting our families,
for helping those less fortunate,
for sustaining good government,
and for promoting the ministry of the gospel in our city and world.

Lord, make us faithful stewards of all your gifts.

Provide healing and health to those who have been injured at work,
those who have been hurt by the negligence of others,
those who have been harmed by unfair practices,
and all who are enduring pain in body or mind.

Protect all people at work or at play.

Lord, fill us with compassion for all your people.

Anniversary Prayers

Stuart and Mary Saatkamp (57th), Mike and Noreen Lorette (66th)

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

In our labor and in our laughter, O Lord, in our work and in our rest, pour out on us
the blessings of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

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.

Amen.

Hymn 861 – Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Church's head, you are her one foun -
2 O Lord, let this your lit - tle flock, your name a - lone con -
3 Help us to serve you ev - er - more with hearts both pure and
4 And for your gos - pel let us dare to sac - ri - fice all



da - tion; in you she trusts, be - fore you bows, and waits for
fess - ing, con - tin - ue in your lov - ing care, true u - ni -
low - ly; and may your Word, that light di - vine, shine on in
trea - sure; teach us to bear your bless - ed cross, to find in



your sal - va - tion. Built on this rock se - cure, your Church
ty pos - sess - ing. Your sac - ra - ments, O Lord, and your
splen - dor ho - ly that we re - pent - ance show, in faith
you all plea - sure. O grant us stead - fast - ness in joy



shall en - dure though all the world de - cay and all things
sav - ing Word to us e'er pure re - tain; grant that they
ev - er grow; the pow'r of sin de - stroy and e - vils
and dis - tress. Lord, for your mer - cy's sake, let us by



pass a - way. O hear, O hear us, Je - sus!
may re - main our on - ly strength and com - fort.
that an - noy. O make us faith - ful Chris - tians.
grace par - take of end - less joy and glo - ry.

Preacher: Pastor David Maertz

Accompanist: Henry Doviak

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Sunday education

Sunday education for adults begins at 9:15 a.m.

Voters' meeting

The next voters' meeting will be held on Sunday, September 13, at 9:15 a.m.

Ladies Bible study

Ladies Bible class will start up again on Wednesday, September 9, in the fellowship hall from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

This week at Holy Trinity

Tuesday6:30 p.m. Bible information class

Wednesday9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible class

Sunday.....9:15 a.m. Voters' meeting

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