



**Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Saturday, February 10, 2018



**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

**GATHERING SONG      “Wings of a Dove”**  
**When troubles surround us, when evils come**  
**The body grows weak and the spirit grows numb**  
**When these things beset us, He doesn't forget us**  
**He sends down His love on the wings of a dove**

*Refrain*

**On the wings of a snow-white dove**  
**He sends His pure sweet love**  
**A sign from above**  
**On the wings of a dove**  
**When Noah had drifted on the flood many days**  
**He searched for land in various ways**  
**Troubles, he had some, but he was not forgotten**  
**He sent down His love on the wings of a dove**

*Refrain*

**When Jesus went down to the water that day**  
**He was baptized in the usual way**  
**And when it was done, God blessed his son**  
**He sent down his love on the wings of dove**

*Refrain*

**‘Twas a sign from above**  
**On the wings of a dove**

Bob Ferguson

**INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who stretches out the heavens, who sends light to the nations, who gives breath to us all.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P: Loving God,

**C: We confess that we have turned from your way to follow our own ways. Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted too quickly; we have not spoken or acted at all; we have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt those we have yet to know; we have thought more about ourselves than others; we have thought less of ourselves than we ought. Turn us around, and give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**

P: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us right. Even when we have messed up, God puts us together. God's love never runs out. God never tires of calling us beloved children. Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven, for the sake of  
✠ Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**SONG** "Power in the Blood"

**Would you be free from the burdens of sin?  
There's pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Would you o'er evil a victory win?  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood**

*Refrain*

**There is pow'r, pow'r, wonderworking pow'r  
in the blood of the lamb  
There is pow'r, pow'r, wonderworking pow'r  
in the precious blood of the lamb**

**Would you be free from your passion and pride?  
There is pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Come for cleansing to Calvary's tide?  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood**

*Refrain*

**Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?  
There is pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Sin stains are lost in its life giving flow?  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood**

*Refrain*

**Would you service for Jesus your king?  
There is pow'r in the blood, pow'r in the blood;  
Would you live daily his praises to sing?  
There's wonderful pow'r in the blood**

*Refrain*

## **GREETING**

**ELW pg. 147**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**see insert**

P: Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*The congregation is invited to sit*

## **READING**

**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

**see insert**

P: The lesson is from 2 Corinthians, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

P: The word of the Lord!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

## **GOSPEL**

**Mark 9:2-9**

**see insert**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked

around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. <sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

P: The gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Jeff Steeber**

*The congregation is invited to stand*

**SONG OF THE DAY “What Would You Give in Exchange for Your Soul?”**

**Brother, afar from your Savior today**

**Risking your soul for the things that decay**

**What if today, God should call you away?**

**What would you give, in exchange for your soul?**

*Refrain*

**What would you give, what would you give,**

**What would you give, in exchange for your soul?**

**What if today, God should call you away?**

**What would you give, in exchange for your soul?**

**Mercy is calling you, won't you give heed?**

**Must the dear Savior still tenderly plead?**

**Risk not your soul, it is precious indeed.**

**What would you give, in exchange for your soul?**

*Refrain*

**More than all silver and gold of the earth.**

**More than all jewels, your spirit is worth.**

**God the Creator has given it birth.**

**What would you give, in exchange for your soul?**

*Refrain*

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## **NICENE CREED**

**ELW pg. 104**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** And also with you.

*Everyone is invited to gather around the altar for the remainder of the service. As you come forward, you may place your offering in the offering plate on the stand. After the singing of "Jesus, Lamb of God," those receiving communion will be invited to kneel or stand next to the communion railing. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Communion is by intinction: receive the bread, dip the bread into the cup, then consume the body and blood of Christ. If you are unable to come forward, Holy Communion can be brought to you.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**ELW pg.152**

**P:** Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence*

**P:** For the ministry of the gospel proclaimed in word and deed, for congregations near and far, and for all who show the face of Christ throughout the world, let us pray.

**C:** Have mercy, O God.

P: For the well-being of creation, for plants and animals, seas and skies, and creatures seen and unseen, that all may be guided by your Holy Spirit to be stewards of our earth, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For firefighters and police officers, attorneys and advocates, civil servants and corporate executives, and leaders of governments, that through their insight and patience, peace and justice prevail throughout the world, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit *especially*... that as Christ was transfigured on the mountaintop, sickness will be turned into health, loneliness into companionship, bereavement into consolation, and suffering into assurance, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: For companions who accompany us on our journeys through life, for this community of faith that supports us, and for guidance during difficult times, that we see the glory of God revealed around us, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: In thanksgiving for the faithful departed who now rest from their earthly pilgrimage, that their lives of service and prayer inspire us in our days, let us pray.

**C: Have mercy, O God.**

P: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: As we gather around this table tonight, we remember how in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**ELW pg.154**

**C: 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.**

**LAMB OF GOD**                      **“Jesus, Lamb of God”**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is your name;  
Jesus, Lamb of God,  
Worthy is your name.    *Repeat***

**COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**ELW pg.155**

**P:** O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day— that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

**ELW pg.155**

**P:** The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**                      **“Somebody Touched Me”**

**While I was praying, somebody touched me  
While I was praying, somebody touched me  
While I was praying, somebody touched me  
It must've been the hand of the Lord.**

**While I was singing, somebody touched me  
While I was singing, somebody touched me  
While I was singing, somebody touched me  
It must've been the hand of the Lord.**

***Refrain***

**Glory, glory, glory, somebody touched me  
Glory, glory, glory, somebody touched me  
Glory, glory, glory, somebody touched me  
It must've been the hand of the Lord.**

**While I was kneeling, somebody touched me  
While I was kneeling, somebody touched me  
While I was kneeling, somebody touched me  
It must've been the hand of the Lord.**

**While I was preaching, somebody touched me  
While I was preaching, somebody touched me  
While I was preaching, somebody touched me  
It must have been the hand of the Lord**

*Refrain*

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## **DISMISSAL**

**ELW pg.155**

**P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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