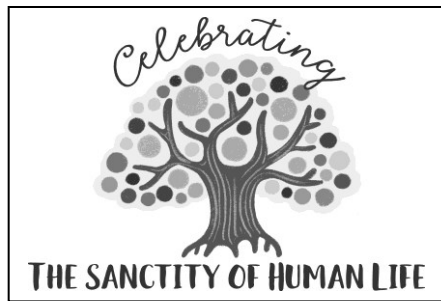


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THE PRELUDE

Introduction – Reading by Stacy Lampe (8am service)

Reading by Magdelene Fett (10:30am service)

OPENING HYMN:

O Christ, Our True and Only Light

LSB#839

****Speak V 1-2, sing vs 3-4-5**



1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
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*THE INVOCATION

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

*RESPONSIVE PSALM: 139

P ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
C ²You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

- P** ³You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
- C** ⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**
- P** ⁵You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
- C** ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**
- P** ⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
- C** ⁸**If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**
- P** ⁹If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- C** ¹⁰**even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.**
- P** ¹¹If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"
- C** ¹²**even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.**
- P** ¹³For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
- C** ¹⁴**I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.**
- P** ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
- C** ¹⁶**Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them.**
- P** ¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- C** ¹⁸**If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.**
- P** ¹⁹Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God! O men of blood, depart from me!
- C** ²⁰**They speak against you with malicious intent; your enemies take your name in vain!**
- P** ²¹Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?
- C** ²²**I hate them with complete hatred; I count them my enemies.**
- P** ²³Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
- C** ²⁴**And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Psalms 71: 5-12*

⁵For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O LORD, from my youth.

⁶Upon you I have leaned from before my birth; you are he who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.

⁷I have been as a portent to many, but you are my strong refuge.

⁸My mouth is filled with your praise, and with your glory all the day.

⁹Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent.

¹⁰For my enemies speak concerning me; those who watch for my life consult together

¹¹and say, "God has forsaken him; pursue and seize him, for there is none to deliver him."

¹²O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me!

SECOND READING: *Genesis 2:1-7*

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. ⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens. ⁵When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, ⁶and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground—⁷then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

O Breath of God (The Risen Christ)

**by Keith Getty &
Phil Madeira**

**1 O breath of God, come fill this place;
revive our hearts to know Your grace;
And from our slumber make us rise
That we may know the Risen Christ.**

**2 O Word of God, so clear and true,
renew our minds to trust in You;
And give to us the Bread of life
That we may know the Risen Christ.**

**3 O love of God, so unrestrained,
refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
Let us reflect Your sacrifice
That we may know the Risen Christ.**

**4 May God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit make us one.
In holiness let us unite
That we may know the Risen Christ.**

***HOLY GOSPEL:** *Matthew 5:11-18*

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fifth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. ¹³"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it

under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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 HYMN

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB#740

**1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.**

**2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.**

SERMON

I Am Jesus' Little Lamb

LSB#740

**3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.**

OFFERING

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*THE LORDS PRAYER

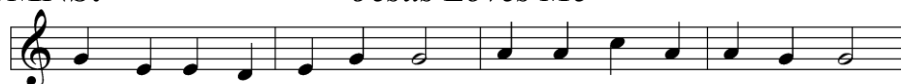
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Jesus Loves Me

LSB#588



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

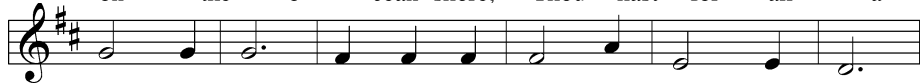
LSB#563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

**5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

**6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.**

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

LSB#611

1 Chief of sinners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in
blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

**5 O my Savior, help afford
By Your Spirit and Your Word!
When my wayward heart would stray,
Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply
While I live and when I die.**

CLOSING SONG:

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

LSB#699

**1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay
down
Thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.
2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and
live.”**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
And now I live in Him.
3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall
rise
And all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk
Till trav’ling days are done.**

*BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.
C Amen.