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## **LORD, I NEED YOU**

### **NOT TO DESPISE ME!**

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*Whatever type of rejection we are experiencing, whether it is rejection from the people we love, alienation because of our values and beliefs, or the loneliness we feel because of personal shame and self-deprecation, we have a Savior who loves us, who longs to be in relationship with us, and who knows how strongly we desire to connect with others around us.*



#### **WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S**

Thank you for joining us in worship. Please complete a Connection Card so we can provide God's people here at St. Paul's with the best spiritual care. You can also fill out the card online by scanning the QR Code on the left.

#### **BELLS AND WELCOME**

#### **OPENING HYMN 90, vv. 1-3, 5**

**The people that in darkness sat  
A glorious light have seen;  
The light has shone on them who long  
In shades of death have been  
In shades of death have been.**

**His name shall be the Prince of Peace,  
The Everlasting Lord,  
The Wonderful, the Counselor,  
The God by all adored  
The God by all adored.**

#### **The People that in Darkness Sat**

**To us a child of hope is born,  
To us a son is giv'n,  
And on his shoulders ever rests  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n  
All pow'r in earth and heav'n.**

**Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us yours alone,  
For you are with the Father and  
The Spirit ever one  
The Spirit ever one**

**M In the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.**

**M Brothers and sisters in Christ, the Scriptures remind us that we were bought at a price. We belong to God.**

**C And the Lord promises that he will fight for his own.**

M Yet Satan finds so many ways to rob us of this comfort. We look at our many sins, and shame fills us with doubt that God can and does truly love us. We see ourselves as unworthy and unacceptable, which is what we are apart from Christ. But we are in Christ. We are covered in his righteousness. We live with the status of forgiven children of God. Our sin does not change that. Confident of God's acceptance and forgiveness in Christ, we come before him and confess:

All **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*



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 **Amen.**

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

## GLORY TO GOD

*Gloria in Excelsis*





Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us.

You are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re -

ceive our prayer. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, God of our salvation, you have brought us into your family through the power of water and your Word.

C **You have promised never to leave or forsake us. Renew us today through the power of your Word and Sacrament, that we may leave confident that whatever trial or struggle comes our way, you will give us strength to stand up under it.**

M We pray in Jesus' name. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

C **and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON**

**Jeremiah 1:4-10, 17-19, Bible page 751**

*The Prophet Jeremiah was despised by the people, but loved by LORD and strengthened by him to stand up for the truth.*

**ANTHEM** (*Sunday 8:00 am*)

**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

*Words: Joseph M Scriven*

*Music: Charles C Converse*

*LES Grades 2 and 3*

**SECOND LESSON**

**1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Bible page 1152**

*Christian love is a gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the greatest gift because it enables us to serve others, especially those who feel despised and rejected.*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**The Nicene Creed**

**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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

HYMN OF THE DAY 418, vv. 1-3

My God Will Never Leave Me

My God will never leave me, And I will not leave him;  
A light my God will give me In pathways dark and grim.  
He reaches out his hand, His mighty power sharing,  
My burdens ever bearing Wherever I may stand.

When human thought and action Shall unavailing prove,  
God grants me his protection And shows his pow'r and love.  
He helps in ev'ry need, From sin and shame redeems me,  
From chains and bonds reclaims me; From death I, too, am freed.

God shall be my reliance In sorrow's darkest night;  
Its dread I bid defiance When he is at my right.  
I unto him commend My body, soul, and spirit --  
They are his own by merit -- All's well, then, at the end.

SERMON

Luke 4:20-32, Bible page 1030

*Pastor Pete Panitzke*

*After the sermon, the congregation sings:*

And when the world will perish With all its pride and pow'r,  
All that the world may cherish Will vanish in that hour.  
But though in death they make The deepest grave our cover,  
When there our sleep is over, Our God will us awake.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

DISMISSAL OF ONLINE WORSHIPERS (*Sunday 9:30 am*)

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'Holy, Holy, Holy'. It consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry. You are my God, and I will ex - alt you. I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal - va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.'

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C Amen.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of

God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

Detailed description: This is a musical score for the hymn 'O Christ, Lamb of God'. It consists of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.'

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

### Our Communion Practice

*We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive Holy Communion is a testimony of the confession and commitment we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with one of the pastors before joining us at the altar so that all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice. Thank you.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN 770

### O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

**O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow you,  
Forsaking old, familiar ways For ventures bold and new:  
Grant us to hear your call To risk security  
And, bound in heart and will to you, Find perfect liberty.**

**O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed,  
Whose words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed:  
Instruct us now, we pray, By your empow'ring Word.  
True teacher, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.**

**O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd never trod  
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The nearer reign of God:  
Send us on ways where faith Transcends timidity,  
Where love informs and hope sustains Both life and ministry.**

**O Christ, th'apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song,  
The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong:  
Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring,  
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.**

## CLOSING PRAYER

**M** Jesus, you came to us today and poured out the riches of your love and grace in your Word and Sacrament.

**C** In you we truly have all that we need, and more.

**M** As we go out into the world, empower us as your forgiven children to be instruments of your healing.

**C** May the light of your love shine in us and through us.

**M** We bless you now and forevermore.

**C** Amen.

## BLESSING

**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.

**C** Amen.

## ST. PAUL'S CONNECTION

*Thank you to the Wisconsin Lutheran High School Woodwind Ensemble for sharing their musical gifts with us. They are under the direction of Mr. Quinten Petersen.*