

Sanctity of Life

January 12 & 13, 2019
5:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

As we celebrate the sanctity of life this weekend we remember that our God and His promises are from age to age the same. He promises that you “have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am He, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.”

(Isaiah 46:3b-4)

PRELUDE

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

setting by Ryan Meyer

The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Please stand

ENTRANCE HYMN

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: **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.**

Pastor: 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (*verse 1*)

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
Has redeemed us by His blood."**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Gracious God, our Heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your salvation, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

During this cold and flu season, it is important to recognize that some people are especially susceptible to the viruses that can be spread by contact and that some immune systems are very sensitive. Please understand that some people may choose not to shake hands during the Exchange of Peace, but might simply greet you with a verbal greeting, a wave, or a smile.

WELCOME

✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 46:3-4, 8-10

³ "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all you who remain of the house of Israel, you whom I have upheld since you were conceived, and have carried since your birth. ⁴ Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you

⁸ "Remember this, fix it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels. ⁹ Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. ¹⁰ I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 139:1, 13-24

- Pastor: O LORD, you have searched me and you know me. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
- People: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**
- Pastor: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,
- People: your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**
- Pastor: How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!
- People: Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with you.**
- Pastor: If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!
- People: They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.**
- Pastor: Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD, and abhor those who rise up against you?
- People: I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.**
- Pastor: Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- People: See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

EPISTLE

James 1:17-27

¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

¹⁹ My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, ²⁰ for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. ²¹ Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

²³ Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror ²⁴ and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. ²⁵ But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it-- he will be blessed in what he does.

²⁶ If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:1-5, 9-14

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

² He was with God in the beginning.

³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

⁹ The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

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¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE WORD

728 How Firm a Foundation

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Please stand

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.

OFFERING

“How Firm a Foundation”

setting by John Eggert

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For all the children of God, born into His own household by baptismal grace to share in His Son's inheritance, that we may rejoice to speak His truth and delight to show His love, until every human being has life and has it to the full, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For pregnant women and the little ones they carry, for newborns and infants, that our Maker and Father lends us His courage to protect them from every danger, and His compassion to provide for all their needs, while gathering them into His family, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For those who grieve pregnancy loss or struggle with infertility, that our Savior comforts them with the peace of His forgiving care and the promise of resurrection and reward, and that sisters and brothers in Christ share their sorrows and their joys, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For children awaiting adoption, and for little ones held in laboratories or scheduled for abortion, that Almighty God spares their lives, and that the Holy Spirit moves us to open our ears and our mouths, our hearts and hands and homes, to embrace them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the ministry of Lutherans for Life, that those who lead and work within this ministry would be encouraged and strengthened to continue equipping Lutherans to be Gospel-motivated voices for life, let us pray to the Lord:

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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Pastor: For the aged, the ill, and the infirm, especially... We also pray for the abandoned and the bereaved, and for those suffering with the guilt of taking part in ending life, that our Lord delivers them out of their sufferings and heals them with forgiveness for their sins and everlasting restoration for their bodies, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those celebrating the blessings of abundant life, including birthdays and anniversaries. We give thanks and praise with them to God Who has affirmed how precious they are by giving His rich mercies, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

791 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

POSTLUDE

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

setting by Johann Pachelbel

Life Thought from Lutherans For Life

With this One, His Son veiled in frail human flesh, the heart of Almighty God is well-pleased (*Luke 3:22*). Through the same Jesus Christ, He creates, redeems, and calls (*Isaiah 43:1-2*) every member of our race to be His own beloved child. Since He stands in our place, even our sicknesses and sorrows do not represent punishments but rather opportunities for Him to shower blessing.

The month of January is when we focus on and celebrate the sanctity of human life.

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:
Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher: Michael Salemink,
Executive Director of Lutherans for Life

Liturgist: Theodore Laesch

Lectors: 8:30 a.m. Kirk Mueller
11:00 a.m. Rachel Alcozer

Acolytes: 5:00 p.m. Courtnee Martin
8:30 a.m. Cassie Dunn
11:00 a.m. Diego Dominguez

Organist: Ryan Meyer

Radio Announcer: Steve Brutlag

Elder of the Week: Rich Langefeld