



"...For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20b

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**The Confession of St. Peter
January 18, 2026**

AS WE GATHER - CALLED TO CONFESS CHRIST

People often talk about a person's calling as though it were something discovered by looking inward; our talents, interests, or natural abilities. But Scripture speaks of calling differently. God's call does not begin with what is found within us. It comes from outside of us, from the living God who creates, redeems, and sustains us by His Word. Today we remember the Confession of St. Peter, when Simon boldly declared of Jesus, "You are the Christ." That confession did not arise from Peter's insight or strength, but from God's gracious revelation. The same Lord who called fishermen from their nets, who set apart His servant from the womb, and who called Saul to be an apostle, now calls us through the Gospel. In Christ, God calls sinners to repentance, faith, and new life. He calls us saints, not because of what we have done, but because of what Christ has done for us. Gathered around Word and Sacrament, we hear again that gracious call and are strengthened to confess Christ faithfully in our lives, trusting not in ourselves, but in the mercy and love of God revealed in Jesus.

+ PREPARATION +

402 THE ONLY SON FROM HEAVEN



1 The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient seers,
2 O time of God ap - point - ed, O bright and ho - ly morn!
3 O Lord, our hearts a - wak - en To know and love You more,
△ 4 O Fa - ther, here be - fore You With God the Ho - ly Ghost



By God the Fa - ther giv - en, In hu - man form ap - pears.
He comes, the king a - noint - ed, The Christ, the vir - gin - born,
In faith to stand un - shak - en, In spir - it to a - dore,
And Je - sus, we a - dore You, O pride of an - gel host:



No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No star so bright - ly
Grim death to van - quish for us, To o - pen heav'n be -
That we, through this world mov - ing, Each glimpse of heav - en
Be - fore You mor - tals low - ly Cry, "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



shin - ing As He, our Morn - ing Star.
fore us And bring us life a - gain.
prov - ing, May reap its full - ness there.
ho - ly, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty!"

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INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 43:4; 1 Corinthians 6:11

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C to God my exceeding joy.

- P** You were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified
C in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 Corinthians 1:2

- P** Called by God “to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”, let us give rightful praise and honor God, who calls sinners to repentance and bestows saving faith in our hearts by His Word and Spirit. Behold, the Lamb of God!
- C** Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, mercifully hear our confession. We are sinners and have sinned against You. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors with our whole heart. We cannot free ourselves from our sin. Hear our prayer of confession and let us hear Your call and gift of forgiveness, salvation, and life.

ABSOLUTION

- P** “Come, follow Me,” the Savior spake, “All in My way abiding; Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding. O bear the cross, whate’er betide, Take My example for your guide.” (LSB 688:1)

Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun.

- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- P** Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

SAVIOR, I FOLLOW ON

st. 1



I Sav - ior, I fol - low on, Guid - ed by Thee,
See - ing not yet the hand That lead - eth me.
Hushed be my heart and still, Fear I no fur - ther ill,
On - ly to meet Thy will My will shall be.

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+ WORD +

SALUTATION

- L** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

PSALM

Psalm 118:19–29

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. ²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success! ²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD. ²⁷The LORD is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar! ²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you. ²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

- L** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C** Thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(Children please come forward for the Children's message)

900 JESUS! NAME OF WONDROUS LOVE

st. 1



1 Je - sus! Name of won-drous love, Name all oth - er names a - bove,



Un - to which must ev - 'ry knee Bow in deep hu - mil - i - ty.

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

900 JESUS! NAME OF WONDROUS LOVE

st. 3



3 Je - sus! Name of price - less worth To the fall - en of the earth



For the prom - ise that it gave, "Je - sus shall His peo - ple save."

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Acts 4:8–13

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

first were laid, gra-cious might, us sup- ply; Fa- ther's name; Come, vis- it ev- 'ry hum- ble mind; Come, Thrice- ho- ly fount, thrice- ho- ly fire, Our Help us e- ter- nal truths re- ceive And The Sav- ior- Son be glo- ri- fied, Who pour Your joys on hu- man- kind; From sin and sor- row hearts with heav'n- ly love in- spire; Your sa- cred, heal- ing prac- tice all that we be- lieve; Give us Your- self that for all hu- man- kind has died; To You, O Par- a- set us free; May we Your liv- ing tem- ples be. mes- sage bring To sanc- ti- fy us as we sing. we may see The glo- ry of the Trin- i- ty. clete, we raise Un- end- ing songs of thanks and praise.

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VERSE

John 1:29b

- P** Alleluia.
- C** Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
- P** Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27–35

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise to You, O Christ.

MUSICAL MEDITATION

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

Apostles' Creed

C 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 AND VIDEO

(At this time, please fill out the attendance sheet in the colored bulletin and place in the offering plate.)

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

LSB 192

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- L** Let us pray. Almighty God, we give You praise and thanks for all Your mercies to us and the whole world, especially for salvation and the call to restored holiness through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Make Your Gospel to sound forth throughout the world, causing many to turn to You in true repentance and faith for their eternal salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Bless and defend Your whole church, providing pastors and ministers according to Your will, and make it perfect in love and all good works, established in the faith delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Preserve our nation in spiritual righteousness and honor. Grant health and protection to all who bear office in our land, that they may know and obey Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Guard and defend those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Give consolation to those who mourn. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Gracious Lord, we commend to You the ongoing work of our congregation as we seek to be faithful stewards of the resources You have entrusted to us. We pray for the sale of our current property, that it may proceed according to Your will, and that all decisions may be guided by wisdom, patience, and trust in Your provision. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** We also pray for our Early Childhood Education Committee and Building Committee. Grant them clarity, unity, and discernment as they plan and prepare for future ministry, that all their work may serve the sharing of the Gospel and the care of families in our community. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Preserve our nation in spiritual righteousness and honor. Grant health and protection to all who bear office in our land, that they may know and obey Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** We lift up before You our friends and partners at The Summit. Bless their ministry, guide their leadership, and strengthen the work they do among the people they serve. Grant that our shared efforts may reflect Your love and mercy in our community. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Remembering those who have served You in years past and who now rest from their labors, keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your eternal kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

+ SACRAMENT +

632 O JESUS, BLESSED LORD, TO THEE

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
 thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
 ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 161

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

+ DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

GOODBYE YESTERDAY *(video)*

Elevation Rhythm & Gracie Binion

Goodbye, yesterday, I'm livin' in the light of a new day.
I won't waste another minute in my old ways.
Praise the Lord, I've been born again.
(repeat above)
(yeah) Oh, I've been born again.

Again and again and again and again You rescued me out of the mess I was in.
You traded my sorrow for something to sing.
Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.

Goodbye, yesterday, I'm livin' in the light of a new day.
I won't waste another minute in my old ways.
Praise the Lord, I've been born again.
Goodbye, yesterday, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me.
I've got resurrection in my veins.
Praise the Lord, I've been born.
Again and again and again and again, You rescued me out of the mess I was in.
You traded my sorrow for something to sing.
Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.
(repeat above)

I have decided to follow Jesus;
The world behind, the Cross before, And I won't turn back. *(repeat section)*

I have decided (I have decided), To follow Jesus (to follow Jesus).
I'm gonna leave the world behind, The world behind, the Cross before me
(And I won't turn back).
I have decided (I have decided), To follow Jesus (to follow Jesus);
(The world behind) the world behind, the Cross before, And I won't turn back.

I won't turn back (I won't turn back).
And I won't turn back (and I won't turn back) No-no, no-no, no,
The world behind and the Cross before And I won't turn back.
I won't turn back (I won't turn back).
And I won't turn back (I won't turn back) No-no, no-no, no-no,
The world behind and the Cross before me. (And I won't turn back).

Again and again and again and again, You rescued me out of the mess I was in.
You traded my sorrow for something to sing.
Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in. *(repeat section)*
Praise the Lord, I've been born again, Praise the Lord, I've been born again.

I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.
I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.
I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.
You ought to dance for the Lord, Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.
I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.
Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.
Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.
(Ohh, hey) dancin' on the grave,
Now, I'm dancin' on the grave that I once lived in.
Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in,
Dancin' on the grave that I once lived in,
Oh, praise the Lord, I've been born again.

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THE FATHER'S HOUSE (video)

Cory Ashbury

Sometimes on this journey, I get lost in my mistakes.
What looks to me like weakness is a canvas for Your strength.
And my story isn't over, my story's just begun.
And failure won't define me 'cause that's what my Father does.
Failure won't define me 'cause that's what my Father does.

Ooh, lay your burdens down, Ooh, here in the Father's house.
Check your shame at the door, It ain't welcome anymore.
Ooh, you're in the Father's house. Yeah, you're in the Father's house.

Arrival's not the end game, the journey's where You are.
 You never wanted perfect, You just wanted my heart.
 And the story isn't over, if the story isn't good.
 And failure's never final when the Father is in the room.
 Failure's never final when the Father is in the room.

Ooh, lay your burdens down, Ooh, here in the Father's house.
 Check your shame at the door, 'Cause it ain't welcome anymore.
 Ooh, you're in the Father's house.

(You're in the Father's house, in the Father's arms)?

Prodigals come home. The helpless find hope.
 Love is on the move When the Father's in the room.
 Prison doors fling wide. The dead come to life.
 Love is on the move When the Father's in the room.

Miracles take place. The cynical find faith.
 And love is breaking through When the Father's in the room.

The Jericho walls are quakin'. Strongholds now are shakin'.
 Love is breaking through When the Father's in the room.
 Love is breaking through When the Father's in the room.

Ooh, lay your burdens down, Ooh, here in the Father's house.
 Check your shame at the door, it ain't welcome anymore.
 Ooh, you're in the Father's house,

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace. **C** Amen.

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

737 REJOICE, MY HEART, BE GLAD AND SING

sts. 1–2, 4, 6



1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, A
2 He is your trea - sure, He your joy, Your
4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard
6 His wis - dom nev - er plans in vain Nor



cheer - ful trust main - tain; For God, the source of
life and light and Lord, Your coun - sel - or when
ev - 'ry child - hood day? And did He not in
fal - ters nor mis - takes. All that His coun - sels



ev - 'ry - thing, Your por - tion shall re - main.
doubts an - noy, Your shield and great re - ward.
threat - 'ning hour Turn dread - ed ills a - way?
may or - dain A bless - ed end - ing makes.

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L Go in Peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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