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WATCH WORD FOR THE WEEK:

*Trust in him at all times, pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.*

Psalm 62:8

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. ¹⁶ They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. “Teacher,” they said, “we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren’t swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. ¹⁷ Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax¹ to Caesar or not?”

¹⁸ But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, ²⁰ and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

²¹ “Caesar’s,” they replied.

Then he said to them, “So give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”

²² When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

ARDMORE MORAVIAN CHURCH

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

PRELUDE

“Land Of Rest”

GREETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

(MBW 785)

Where charity and love prevail,
there God is ever found;
brought here together by Christ's love
by love we thus are bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear,
God's charity we learn;
let us with heart and mind and soul
now love God in return.

Let us recall that in our midst,
dwells Christ, God's holy Son;
as members of each body joined,
in him we are made one.

Let strife among us be unknown;
let all contentions cease.

Be God's the glory that we seek;
be his our only peace.

For love excludes no race or clan
that names the Savior's name;
his family embraces all
whose Father is the same.

We now forgive each other's faults
as we our own confess,
that we may love each other well
in Christian gentleness.

LITURGY

Grace
(Standing)

(MBW 31)

We worship you, Lord God, the high and lofty one, who inhabits eternity, whose name is holy. You dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit.

Give us grace to bring you the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart, which you, O God, will not despise.

Lord God of hosts! O may our praise your courts with

grate - ful in - cense fill; still may we stand be -

fore your face, still hear and do your sov - ereign will.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

God spoke these words, saying:

You shall have no other gods besides me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

SOUTHAMPTON (14 F)

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Lord God, with shame I now con-fess I've turned a-way from you; for-give me all my sin to-day, my heart and soul re-new.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the Soprano and Alto parts often moving in parallel motion.

Lord God, with shame I now con-fess I've turned a-way from you;

for-give me all my sin to-day, my heart and soul re-new.

(Kneeling or sitting)

Lord God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and sin, yet by no means clearing the unrepentant; incline your ear and hear, for we do not present our supplications before you on the ground of our righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercies.

(Silent confession)

Create in us a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence and do not take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Have mercy upon us according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Amen.

Thus says the Lord: I will forgive your iniquity and remember your sin no more. Peace be with you.

(Standing)

The peace which God a - lone re - veals and by his word of grace im - parts,

which on - ly the be - liev - er feels, di - rect, and keep, and cheer our hearts!

And may the ho - ly Three - in - One, the Fa - ther, Word, and Com - fort - er,

pour an a - bun - dant bless - ing down on ev - 'ry soul as - sem - bled here!

In the peace of God, let us join in professing our faith:

With the whole of Christendom, we share faith in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe and confess that God has revealed himself once for all in Jesus Christ; that our Lord has redeemed us with the whole of humanity by his death and resurrection; and that there is no salvation apart from him.

We believe that Christ is present with us in the word and the sacrament; that he directs us through the Spirit and thus forms us into a church. We hear him summoning us to follow him, and ask him to use us in his service. Christ joins us together mutually, so that knowing ourselves to be members of his body, we become willing to serve each other.

In this spirit we await the appearing of Jesus Christ, go forward to meet our Lord with joy, and pray to be found ready when he comes.

(Sitting)

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.**

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercessions for church, nation, and world, the afflicted, and the coming of God's kingdom may be offered. These prayers may close with the following:)

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to make our common intercession to you, and you have promised through your beloved Son that where two or three are gathered together in his name you will be in the midst of them. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

(The prayers may close with the following stanza:)

(Standing)

Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's joy - ful sound;

may the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound;

may your pres - ence, may your pres - ence, with us ev - er - more be found.

THE WORD OF GOD

Matthew 22:15-22

SERMON

A Denarius For Your Thoughts

Rev. Robert Wolfe

HYMN

“Blessed Be The Tie That Binds” (MBW 680)

Blessed be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds

is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.


We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.


POSTLUDE

“Allegro”


C. Calegari



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this morning to the glory of God and in honor of Kay Mansfield's birthday by Circle # 5.



We thank Rev. Robert Wolfe for being our guest speaker and delivering the message this morning.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Today, Sunday, January 21 – Third Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00 AM Prayer in Church Parlor
 - 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
 - 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Robert Wolfe
- Immediately after the worship service, the Board of Elders and the Board of Trustees will meet for their regular monthly meeting. Then the Joint Board will meet.

Sunday, January 28 – Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

- 9:00 AM Prayer in Church Parlor
- 9:30 AM Sunday School Classes
- 10:30 AM Worship Service – Rev. Scott Venable

PEOPLE FOR WHOM WE ARE PRAYING



Members

Marie Adams
Amanda Bowles
Cindy Clore
Lee Ebert
Fanchon Funk

Adam Lefevre
Ruth Long
Alice Pierce
Frances and Gerald Walker
Donna Ebert Williams

Friends

Brad Brookshire
Don & Dot Hill
Dwayne Jones

Mary Matthews
Ray Shelton
Rev. Sandra Thigpen

Please remember in prayer the family of Rev. Sandra Thigpen. Rev. Thigpen entered the more immediate presence of her Lord and Savior on Monday, January 15th.

I thank all for the PRAYERS, cards, food, visits gifts and help during the healing of my knee. These were very encouraging and to publicly thank JoAnn for the wonderful care of me and I thank the triune God for being with me during this time. Thanks again and God Bless each of you. Clive

****Please contact the church office to add or remove individuals from the prayer list.***

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.



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