



HYMN # 12

This Day at Thy Creating Word

THE INVOCATION and CONFESSION

P: We begin this worship service in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P/C: Merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like wandering sheep. Too often we have followed the desires of our own hearts. Too often we have failed to do Your Will. Be merciful unto us, gracious Lord. Restore the repentant, O Lord, according to Your promises spoken to humanity in Jesus Christ our Savior. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit that we may live godly and righteous lives of faithful service, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

INTROIT (*Psalm 33 selected verses*)

Pastor: Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous! For the word of the LORD is right.

Cong: And all His work is done in truth.

P: Our soul waits for the LORD

C: He is our help and our shield.

P: Our heart shall rejoice in Him,

C: Because we have trusted in His holy name.

P: Let Your mercy, Lord, be upon us,

C: Just as we hope in You.

P: Glory be to God

Hymn # 568

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

O Lord, I am here today both to hear and learn from Your Word. Enlighten my mind with instruction from Your truths. Fill my heart with a desire to live in accordance with those truths, so that I might experience freedom from guilt, fear, and the control of Satan. Help me always to be faithful until the day in which You call me home. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

EPISTLE READING (Join in with the bold words)

EPHESIANS 2: 19-22 Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

P: Let us praise the Lord for giving us His Word.

C: Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

BIBLE MEMORY PASSAGE

PHILIPPIANS 3:21 “Christ will transform our lowly body, that it may be transformed to His glorious body.”

GOSPEL READING

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

MATTHEW 10:16-22 “Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.¹⁷ But beware of men, for they will deliver you up to councils and scourge

you in their synagogues. ¹⁸ You will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, as a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ **But when they deliver you up, do not worry about how or what you should speak. For it will be given to you in that hour what you should speak;** ²⁰ **for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you.** ²¹ “Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ²² And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved.
P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it.
C: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

CONFESSION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed TLH p. 22)

HYMN # 786

Take My Life and Let It Be

THE SERMON

PROVERBS 4:14-27 (NIV)

Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evildoers. ¹⁵ Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way. ¹⁶ For they cannot rest until they do evil; they are robbed of sleep till they make someone stumble. ¹⁷ They eat the bread of wickedness and drink the wine of violence. ¹⁸ The path of the righteous is like the morning sun, shining ever brighter till the full light of day. ¹⁹ But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble. ²⁰ My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. ²¹ Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; ²² for they are life to those who find them and health to one’s whole body. ²³ Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. ²⁴ Keep your mouth free of perversity; keep corrupt talk far from your lips. ²⁵ Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. ²⁶ Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. ²⁷ Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

THE OFFERTORY (sung) *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

Hymn: “You Have Changed Me, Lord”
Text by Pastor Bruce Naumann
ung to the tune of TLH #390 (“Drawn to the Cross”)
Subject: JUSTIFICATION

1) The good I seek, I do not do The evil I would shun, I do

I find corruption through and through But You can change me, Lord.

**2) Only God's Spirit from within Can heal this helpless heart of sin
And make me wholly new within Yes, You can change me, Lord.**

**3) This change, I find, is not from me It was my Lord who set me free
My sins were paid on Calvary So You can change me, Lord.**

**4) With daily sins I struggle on But sin no more my soul has won
Its pow'r by Christ has been undone For You have changed me, Lord.**

**5) The joy of hea-ven I shall see From all sin's troubles I'll be free
All on account of CHRIST FOR ME Thus You will change me, Lord!**

OFFERING – PRAYER – LORD'S PRAYER COMMUNION

The Bible teaches what we call "Close Communion," that is: God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible's teachings. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you'll want to find out all that we teach since communion is such an intimate sacrament. The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE INDIVIDUAL PRAYER after receiving the Sacrament (TLH p. 118)

OUR PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Sung to tune of Hymn 473)

*The good Lord bless and keep us, Lift up His shining face,
With favor look upon us, And grant eternal peace.*

*God – Father, Son and Spirit, Most gracious One-in-Three,
Be praised throughout creation And to eternity!*

THE BENEDICTION

HYMN # 54

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Announcements

Pastor James Albrecht of St. John's Ev. Lutheran in Okabena MN, has returned the call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN. The congregation has now called Pastor Michael Wilke of Saginaw, Mich. <> Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck, member at Living Word in Blue Springs, MO, has accepted the call to serve as Professor at ILC, Eau Claire, WI.