



Do not be conformed to
this world, but be

transformed

by the renewal of
your mind

Romans 12:2

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Meditation: Psalm 138 p. 154

OPENING PRAYER

P But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD!

C **As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.**

P I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

C **Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!**

P For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

C **Glorify 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 But we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD! Amen.

HYMN: TLH #402:1-3

"O God, Forsake Me Not"

P We begin our Savior's worship service today in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and

deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from *conception*. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will! **C** Amen!

LORD, HAVE MERCY and GLORY TO GOD



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.



C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P Let us pray . . . through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 51:1-6 "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. ³ For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ "Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

EPISTLE READING – Matthew 16:13-20 Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴ And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰ Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles. We boldly confess what God has taught us to believe.

I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

PRE-SERMON HYMN: TLH #467:1, 4, 7

"Built on the Rock"

SERMON – Romans 11:33-12:8 Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵ "Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. ¹ I appeal to you

therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

“Me” to “He”—Transformed by Christ

Misinformed → Transformed → Conformed



OFFERTORY

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 Your pres - ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
 Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
 Your sal - va - tion. Up - hold with Your Spir - it free.

SERMON HYMN: TLH #409

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #438:4

4. We, Lord, would lay at Thy behest
The costliest offerings on Thy shrine;
But when we give, and give our best,
We give Thee only what is Thine.

PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace.

G Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #402:4-5

“O God, Forsake Me Not”

✠ Announcements ✠

Sunday School and Bible Class Begin next week Sunday starting at 9:15 am. Please consider joining with us for an extra hour of fellowship and God’s Word!

You’re invited! to a baby shower for Pastor and Mrs. Rodebaugh on Sunday, September 3rd after church. Many of the big items they already have, but there are a few things they still need including, but not limited to, diapers. Feel free to talk to Jess or Teresa if you have any questions. The couple also has some remaining items on a registry at Target if you are looking for specific ideas.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Sept. 3:** S.S. and Bible Class
- ✠ **Sept. 3:** Fellowship Snack after Church w/ Baby Shower
- ✠ **Sept. 11:** Ladies meet 3:30p
- ✠ **Sept. 17:** Mission Sunday (children sing & potluck)

2017 South Eastern Delegates Conference is being held Monday, October 9th through Tuesday, October 10th. Pastor Rodebaugh will likely be unable to attend due to the expected arrival of his twins. If you are interested in representing our congregation as a delegate, speak to Ed Morris or Pastor for more information.

KINSHIP Sponsors Needed - CLC Project KINSHIP provides for orphans and seminary students in India, Nepal and Africa through the kind sponsorship of stateside CLC members. Two new Bible Schools/Seminaries are opening in Togo and the Democratic Republic of Congo this year, and so there is a new need for sponsors right now. You can sponsor Togo students at \$30 per month or Congo students at \$40 per month. In India sponsorships are needed for BELC students at \$35 per month and CLCI students at \$40 per month. Consider supporting a student with family members or other families. If you are interested in sponsoring a man who is preparing for the Lutheran ministry in India or Africa, please contact KINSHIP Committee member Pastor David Fuerstenau, 426 Buren Road, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901; [\(907\) 225-2842](tel:9072252842); djfuerstenau@kpunet.net.

CLC Call News - The Rev. John Schierenbeck (em.) has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN, to serve as part-time interim pastor. <> Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI, has issued a 1-year interim call to several local, part-time teachers in order to staff its classroom for grades 3-4. The ladies who have accepted this call are Barbara Gurgel, Lynette Roehl, Kelly Beekman, and Valerie Hammett, who had returned the full-time call. <> Eric Libby has returned the call to teach 11/12 Religion at Immanuel Lutheran High School, Mankato, MN for the fall semester of 2017; the congregation has now called the Rev. Douglas Libby to the same position, and he has accepted.

Christian Women's Retreat - The Southeast congregations of the CLC are organizing the Fourth Annual Southeastern Women's Retreat for women of the CLC. It will be held November 10-12, 2017 in Savannah, Georgia. While hosted by the congregations of Southeastern CLC, all are invited to join us! Last year a strong number of women from across the CLC attended, ranging from South Carolina, to Georgia, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Texas and Washington. The estimated cost for the retreat is between \$158 - \$371 for the weekend (depending on how many you share your room with) and includes food and lodging. More details are available in the separate Registration Form (will be soon available through your pastor). If you have any questions please contact: Amy Osborne - [\(651-329-3662\)](tel:6513293662) - newyorker13@hotmail.com) or Pastor Matthew Hanel [\(972-733-4535\)](tel:9727334535) - hanel95@hotmail.com). Consider some time this fall to attend the retreat in beautiful Savannah, Georgia where you will be encouraged and strengthened in Christ.

Last Week

Attendance — 81

General = \$2375 | Property Improv. = \$10 | Building Fund = \$55 |
Transition = \$10 | **Total Offering** = \$2450

Usher: Sheffield | **Acolyte (9/3):** Mason K. | **Cleaner (9/2):** Bernthal