



"I will sprinkle
clean water on you
and you shall be clean...

And I will give you a **NEW HEART,**
and a **NEW SPIRIT**
I will put within you."

Ezekiel 36:25-26

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✠ **Order of Divine Worship** ✠

OPENING RESPONSIVE PSALM (Ps. 23)

- P** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
- C** He makes me to lie down in green pastures.
- P** He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul.
- C** He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- P** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,
- C** For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
- 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** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Amen.

HYMN: TLH #279

"Today Thy Mercy Calls Us"

- 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** ♪ **A - - - men.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C *♩* **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C *♩* **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C *♩* **A - - - men.**

THE GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory to the Father"

C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord." We approach our Lord with a cry for help in all the needs of our life.

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

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

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The first system contains the lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -'. The second system contains the lyrics 'on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.' The music is primarily homophonic, with block chords in the bass line and single notes or simple intervals in the treble line.

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.

C A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Ezekiel 36:22-29 "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. ²³ And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. ²⁴ I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. ²⁸ You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you.

GOSPEL READING – John 3:1-17 Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ² This man came to

Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³ Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴ Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶ That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷ Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹ Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰ Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹ Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹² If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶ "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

P This is the Word of the LORD.

The Baptism of
Matthew David Rodebaugh
and
Levi Andrew Rodebaugh

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.

BAPTISM HYMN: TLH #750

“See This Wonder in the Making”

SERMON – Galatians 3:23-27 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Baptized into the Family of Faith

I. A faith which frees us from the Law

II. A faith which clothes us in Christ

OFFERTORY

In this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit.

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.

SERMON HYMN: WS #751 "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #442:2

- Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own;
 With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
 Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe
 That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

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 lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G Amen, amen, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #463:1,2,5,8 "For All the Saints Who..."

✠ Announcements ✠

After-Word devotions will not be sent out for the next two months or so as Pastor Weis moves and gets settled in to his new congregation in Lemmon, SD. Once he is settled, he plans on resuming his devotion series.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **Today:** Board of Trustees
- ✠ **Oct. 9:** Ladies' Meet 3:30 pm
- ✠ **Oct. 9-10:** Delegates' Conf.
- ✠ **Oct. 15:** Bds. of Ed and Elders

Pastor will be out of town this evening through Tuesday evening, as He will be at Delegate's Conference at our sister congregation in Dallas, TX. If you need to reach him, call or text him at 414-534-7279. He can also be reached by email.

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers for Jess and Matthew and Levi. Prayers were answered this past Tuesday afternoon when two healthy baby boys were born at 4:00 and 4:43 pm. Matthew was 20 ¾ in. and 6 lbs 13 oz. Levi was 20 ½ in. and 6 lbs 11 oz. We praise the Lord for his protective hand throughout the entire pregnancy and labor process!

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.

Last Week (10/01) Attendance: Winter Haven – 50

General = \$1900.75 | CLC Missions = \$230 | Tuition = \$1275 | Property Improvement = \$10 | Building Fund = \$140 | Transition Fund = \$100 | Tuition Aid = \$25 | Basketball Fund = \$85 | **Total Offering** = \$3765.75

Usher: Moorehead | **Acolyte (10/15):** Mason K.

Cleaner (10/14): Bernthal

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If you are curious about what we believe and teach... At your convenience the Pastor is ready to arrange free Bible instruction classes at your home or at church for you and your family so that you may be sure of eternal life.

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