

February 4, 2018

Confirmation Sunday

Organist: Teresa Bernthal

Usher: Joe Ireland

Acolyte: Mason G.



Not by works of righteousness
which we have done,
but according to His Mercy

He saved us,

through the washing of regeneration
and renewing of the Holy Spirit,
whom He poured out on us

abundantly

through Jesus Christ
our Savior.

Titus 3:5-6



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 119:129-136

¹²⁹ Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple. ¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments. ¹³² Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name. ¹³³ Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me. ¹³⁴ Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts. ¹³⁵ Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. ¹³⁶ My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: WS# 774

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

P 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!

INTROIT

Ps. 34:8-11

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P Come, O Children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

C **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!**

P Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!

C The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

P Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

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.

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 - shiped 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 Almighty and eternal God, Your Son, Jesus, triumphed over Satan and freed us from bondage to sin. Help us to stand firm against every assault on our faith, and enable us always to do Your will. through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Deuteronomy 6:4-13 "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶ And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. ¹⁰ "And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you-- with great and good cities that you did not build, ¹¹ and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant-- and when you eat and are full, ¹² then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. ¹³ It is the LORD your God you shall fear. Him you shall serve and by his name you shall swear.

EPISTLE READING – 2 Timothy 3:14-17 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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.

SCHOOL CHILDREN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

SERMON – Luke 2:40-52 And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹ Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³ And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴ but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵ and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹ And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹ And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

“Jesus Christ – The Atypical Teenager”

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: *Back Page*

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

TRIO

“I am Jesus Little Lamb”

PRAYER and the LORD’S PRAYER



The Rite of Confirmation

Joel Callan Bernthal



CONFIRMATION HYMN: WS #776 (*See Note*)

“Lord, ‘Tis Not...”

Verses 1-2 sung as a duet; Verse 3 sung by Congregation



The Christian Questions

Order of Holy Communion

pg. 17-21 in tan Worship Supplement



Please Note: The Lord's Supper is described in I Corinthians 11:23-32 as a most precious medicine for the soul. Like all medicines, of course, it must be used at the right time for the right purpose by the right person, lest it do more harm than good. That is one reason we ask our visitors...please speak to the pastor before you commune with us. Thank you!

THE BENEDICTION:

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

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.

C Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #653

“Now the Light has Gone Away”

✝ Announcements ✝

Confirmation Today we were given the joyful privilege to witness as Joel Bernthal confirmed his faith before the congregation. At his baptism, Joel was not able to confess the faith into which he was baptized, though we trust what God’s word says, that this washing of regeneration did indeed save him. But today, Joel made that confession of faith, and we joyfully welcome him as a full member of the congregation! May we all take this moment as an opportunity to reflect with confidence upon the truth God’s Word and confess again our belief in what it says— “According to His mercy He saved us.”

Looking Ahead...

✝ **Today:** Fellowship Snack

✝ **Feb. 14:** Ash Wednesday 6:30
(Beginning of Mid-week
Lenten Services)

Lenten Season begins in a week and a half with Ash Wednesday. From February 14th to March 30th, we will be remembering our Savior’s suffering and death for our sins. And finally, on April 1, we will celebrate the joyful victory won for us as Christ was raised from the dead. Please consider joining us for the next month and a half as we gather around God’s Word in worship each Wednesday at 6:30pm. Our theme for this season is, “Keep your Eyes on Jesus, who endured the cross.”

Last Week (1/28) Attendance: Winter Haven – 23 Orlando - 14
General = \$713 | CLC Missions = \$10

Total Offering = \$723

February Usher: Ireland | **Acolyte (2/11):** Grant R.
| **Cleaner (2/10):** Ream

Great is Thy Faithfulness

T. O. CHISHOLM

WILLIAM M. RUNYAN

1. "Great is Thy faith-ful-ness," O God my Fa-ther, There is no shad-ow of
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thy own dear presence to

turn-ing with Thee; Thou chang-est not, Thy com-pas-sions, they fail not;
 cours-es a-bove, Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness,
 cheer and to guide; Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

CHORUS

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love. "Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!
 Blessings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is Thy faithfulness!" Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have

need-ed Thy hand hath provided—"Great is Thy faithfulness," Lord, un-to me!