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Cantate

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YOU HAVE CAST
ALL MY SINS
BEHIND YOUR BACK



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¹ I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" ² Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem! ³ Jerusalem-- built as a city that is bound firmly together, ⁴ to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. ⁵ There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David. ⁶ Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! ⁷ Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" ⁸ For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" ⁹ For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: TLH #5 "Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear"

- 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** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- C** If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- P** Let us pray.
- C** Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.



P Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise 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.**

INTROIT

Ps. 98:1-4

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

P Sing to the LORD a new song, Alleluia, for He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alleluia.

C **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

P He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

C **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth in joyous song and sing praises!**

P Sing to the LORD a new song, Alleluia, for He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations. Alleluia.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

EPISTLE READING – James 1:16-21 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. ¹⁷ Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person

be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

GOSPEL READING – John 16:5-15 But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰ concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹ concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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.

SERMON – Isaiah 38:9-20 A writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, after he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness: ¹⁰ I said, In the middle of my days I must depart; I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years. ¹¹ I said, I shall not see the LORD, the LORD in the land of the living; I shall look on man no more among the inhabitants of the world. ¹² My dwelling is plucked up and removed from me like a shepherd's tent; like a weaver I have rolled up my life; he cuts me off from the loom; from day to night you bring me to an end; ¹³ I calmed myself until morning; like a lion he breaks all my bones; from day to night you bring me to an end. ¹⁴ Like a swallow or a crane I chirp; I moan like a dove. My eyes are weary with looking upward. O Lord, I am oppressed; be my pledge of safety! ¹⁵ What shall I say? For he has spoken to me, and he himself has done it. I walk slowly all my years because of the bitterness of my soul. ¹⁶ O Lord, by these things men live, and in all these is the life of my spirit. Oh restore me to health and make me live! ¹⁷ Behold, it was for my welfare that I had great bitterness; but in love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back. ¹⁸ For Sheol does not thank you; death does not praise you; those who go down to the pit do not hope for your faithfulness. ¹⁹ The living, the living, he thanks you, as I do this day; the father makes known to the children your faithfulness. ²⁰ The LORD will save me, and we will play my music on stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of the LORD.

It's About Time



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.

CLOSING HYMN: TLH #402

"O God, Forsake Me Not"

✠ Announcements ✠

The 2019 Arise and Shine

Retreat is coming quickly! Our theme for this year is "Confidence!" In this post-truth age that we live in, so many have a hard time knowing what to believe. The Lord does not want us to have uncertainty but rather

calls us to be confident in Him and His Word. Presenting this year are Pastor Sam Rodebaugh, Aaron and Shannon Gullerud, Jeremy and Beth Gurgel, Drew Naumann, and Pastor Neal Radichel. If you are in your 20's or 30's and are looking for a relaxing getaway weekend of fun and fellowship, consider signing up for this retreat. The cost is \$140 per adult and \$100 per child. The retreat will be held June 13-16 in Pillager, MN. Be sure to sign up by May 31, and you will receive a retreat t-shirt. For more information, visit our website: <http://ariseandshineretreat.com>.

Looking Ahead...

- ✠ **May 25:** ILS Wiffle Ball Tourney
- ✠ **May 26:** Orlando Service 8 am
- ✠ **May 26:** No Bible Class or SS; Summer Schedule Begins
- ✠ **May 31:** Last Day of School; Party starts 6 pm

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CLC Call News Pastor Michael Wilke, of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw, MI, has been called to Bethel Lutheran, Morris, MN.

New Directories and Yearbooks are in the back of church.

Shut-in/Encouragement List Emily Kuehne suffers from total blindness and severe knee pain when standing or walking. **Patti Meno** continues to receive treatment for her kidney condition and is awaiting a transplant. **Ray Seger** remains shut-in. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound while recovering from several health problems. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound, being no longer able to drive. **Crystal Shaw** has many blood clots in her heart, lungs, and legs, and is receiving treatment to prevent a heart attack. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. Please keep Bill and Liz in your prayers. **Bill Issitt Sr.** has been hospitalized at Celebration Hospital after complications following a surgery to remove a cancerous mass. **Loye Issitt** will begin dialysis tomorrow after a prolonged battle with a kidney condition.

Last Week (5/12) WH – 20 Orlando – 14

General = \$1,098 | Property Improvement = \$10

Building Fund = \$30 | Scholarship = \$100 **Total Offering = \$1,238**

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| **Acolyte (5/26):** Hayden

| **Cleaner (5/25):** Bernthal

CLC Board of Missions Report Lord willing, **one of our five domestic mission congregations** will become self-supporting within the next eighteen months. / The **Committee on Domestic Fields** is working on an evangelism bulletin insert series using the Catechism and a video Bible Class series to assist congregations in their outreach efforts. / The **Traveling Vacation Bible School** has scheduled flyer trips to Detroit, MI and Hales Corners, WI. Teaching trips have been scheduled to Lynnwood, WA; Mountain View, CA; and Valentine, NE. / **Missionary Ohlmann** continues his work as Visiting Foreign Missionary spending approximately six months per year in the US and six months per year traveling overseas visiting our sister church bodies. / **Missionary Evensen's** visa to India was cancelled. The board has assigned him to Togo. / Pastor Michael Gurath

continues to serve as **part-time visiting missionary to Kenya/Uganda**. Pastor John Hein continues to serve as **part-time visiting missionary to Liberia**. / At our last convention, the Board of Missions was authorized to call a **third foreign missionary**. The Board has been working out the details for the third foreign missionary and anticipates issuing that call soon. / **Africa:** Visiting Missionary Mike Gurath is making his annual visit to **Kenya and Uganda** this May. / **Liberia**—Pastor Joseph currently leads classes in Monrovia and Bopolu. / **Tanzania**—Classes have begun at the Wartburg Lutheran Theological Seminary with six students attending classes. / **D. R. Congo**—With elections having taken place in the DRC, things have settled down and communications have opened again. **Zambia**— Land and a building were purchased in Livingstone with a grant from the MDF. This building will be renovated and then serve as a classroom for pastoral training and as a worship facility for a local congregation. The pastoral training classes would involve ten students beginning in August. / **Nigeria**—Our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Nigeria-CLC are facing a variety of challenges as they work together to proclaim the Gospel, care for the sheep of the flocks they serve, provide both spiritual and bodily care for orphaned children, and train men for the Gospel ministry at the NCLC Martin Luther Bible Institute. **Asia:** The 2019 Mission Helper trip that was scheduled to go to **India** has been moved to East Africa due to security concerns. However, Pastors David Pfeiffer and Tim Daub are still planning to travel to India this summer. They will spend three weeks teaching in the BELC and CLCI. / **Nepal**—The Board of Missions has evaluated a proposal from the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession Nepal to buy land and build a building that would become the new site of the Himalayan Bible Institute, its office/library, and classroom. The building would also serve as their worship facility and provide dormitory space for students as well as a home for Raju. This is a large project with an estimated cost of \$150,000.00. The Board of Missions requested a loan of \$120,000.00 from the CEF for this purpose. The Board of Trustees has approved the loan. / In March, Missionary Ohlmann and Chairman Krafft had the first face-to-face meeting with Pastor Monotosh and the **Bangladesh Lutheran Church Mission (BLCM)**. Correspondence will continue and a second visit is planned for early 2020.

