

February 16, 2020

**Sexagesima Sunday**

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Spread  
oh  
Spread  
Thou  
Mighty Word



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## PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

*Psalm 63:1-8*

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. <sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. <sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. <sup>5</sup> My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, <sup>6</sup> when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; <sup>7</sup> for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. <sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

## ✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

### OPENING PRAYER

**HYMN: TLH #574**

**“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

**P** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** ♪ A - - - men.

**P** Pastor

### CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION:

**C** Congregation

*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. 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.**

## INTROIT

*1 Pt. 1:24-25; Ps. 33:3-4, 6*

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

**P** The grass withers and the flower falls, but the Word of the Lord remains forever.

**C** **Sing to the LORD a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

**P** For the Word of the LORD is upright, and all His work is done in faithfulness.

**C** **By the Word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of His mouth all their host.**

**P** The grass withers and the flower falls, but the Word of the Lord remains forever.

**MY  
WORDS  
WILL NEVER  
PASS  
AWAY.**  
MARK 13:31, NIV



## GLORIA PATRI

*Latin for "Glory be 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.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Mt. 24:35*

**P** Alleluia. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away." Alleluia.

## THE KYRIE

Latin for "O Lord"

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

## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

**C** *♩* All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

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

**C** *♩* A - - - men.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 55:10-13** "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup> "For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

**EPISTLE READING – 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5** "For You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my

patience, my love, my steadfastness, <sup>11</sup> my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra-- which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. <sup>12</sup> Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, <sup>13</sup> while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. <sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. <sup>1</sup> I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup> preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup> For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup> and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup> As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*The Apostles' Creed*

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*The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.*

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**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 – Mark 4:26-32** And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup> He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup> And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

### How does Thy Kingdom Grow?

- I. It grows *inside* by the Word of God
- II. It grows *outside* by the Word of God


### OFFERTORY

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


- C**  **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.**


### - OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS –

*Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:*

- C**  **We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

### PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEEDICTION

- 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, amen, a – men.**



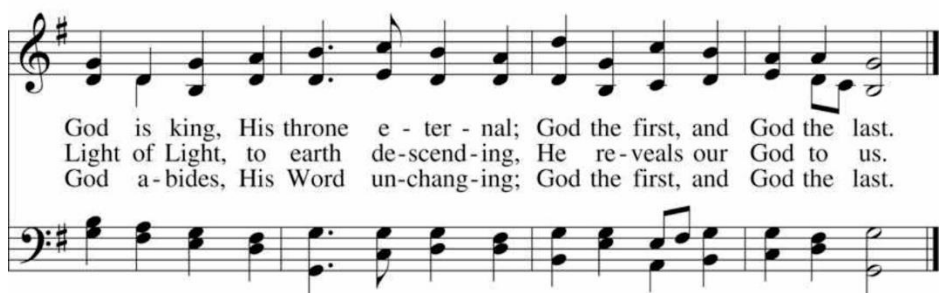
1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;  
 2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
 3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.  
 Bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, With the Fa - ther ev - er one;  
 In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spir and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:  
 Spo - ken by the Word In - car - nate, God of God, be - fore time was;  
 Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.  
 Light of Light, to earth de - scend - ing, He re - veals our God to us.  
 God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

## ✝ Announcements ✝

**Lent Begins** later this month with Ash Wednesday on February 26<sup>th</sup>. Lent is a 40 day period of time in which we mourn our sins, preparing our heart for the events

of Holy Week. To help you adequately prepare, we hold Wednesday night services for the 6 weeks of Lent. At 6:30 each Wednesday night, we will be meditatively reading the events of Holy Week, focusing in on what Christ did to win our salvation. Please take time out of your busy schedules and make time for your Lord's passion. Our Lenten theme this year is "Drawn to the Cross."

### **Looking Ahead...**

- ✝ **Feb. 22:** Orlando Service
- ✝ **Feb. 26:** Ash Wednesday 6:30
- ✝ **Mar. 1:** Communion & Snack

**The 2020 ManUp! Men's Retreat** will be held September 24-27, 2020, at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI, about an hour south of La Crosse. *ManUp!* offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. The cost is \$75, including lodging and meals. You can register at this link: [www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020](http://www.tinyurl.com/manup-2020). Visit our website, [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org), for more information, pictures of previous "ManUp" weekends, and reviews of those who have attended in the past. You may contact Phil Strike at [plstrike7@aol.com](mailto:plstrike7@aol.com) with any questions. We look forward to seeing you in September!

**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. **Bill Issitt III** remains mostly housebound due to poor health. **Johanna Jaehnigen** remains mostly housebound. **Crystal Shaw** has recently received a positive diagnosis and is awaiting more doctor analysis. **Bill Hartmann's** health is deteriorating. **Loye Issitt** is receiving regular dialysis. **Bob Doriot** is undergoing hip replacement surgery very soon.

**Last Week (2/9)** WH – 30 Orlando – 15

General = \$2,691 | ILC Scholarship = \$25 | CLC Missions = \$25

**Total = \$2,741**

**February Usher:** Joe Ireland

| **Cleaning (2/22):** Sedberry

| **Acolyte (2/23):** Hayden