

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair

People: but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace;

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1–11

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 12:13–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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 \dagger everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

“ Be Thou My Vision ”

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
 Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
 Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
 Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
 I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
 Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
 Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle Shield, Sword for the fight;
 Be Thou my Dignity, Thou my Delight;
 Thou my soul's Shelter, Thou my high Tower:
 Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
 Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:
 Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
 High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
 May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
 Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

SERMON

“Set Your Sights”

Colossians 3:1-11

HYMN

“ My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

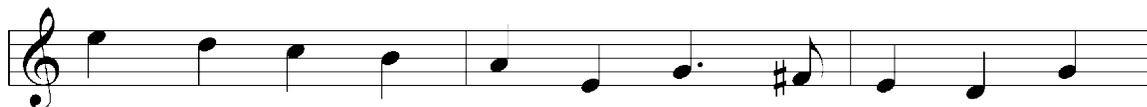
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1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: "One's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions" (Luke 12:15b). For all who are deceived by the world's valuing property over people and power over service, that God would open their eyes that they serve Him above all.

We sing "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus" to guide our prayers to God.

HYMN

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685 verse 1

Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
 am - ple pure, Through a world that would de-ceive us And to
 sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot-steps tread-ing,
 Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
 hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid-ding. Faith - ful
 Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.

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Pastor: For all who focus on themselves, trusting their own efforts rather than relying on the mercy and blessings of our heavenly Father, that God would move them to loving service for the people around them, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Church around the world, wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, calling people to follow our Lord as pilgrims treading toward the gracious and eternal promises of Christ, that God would protect and direct her, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

HYMN

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685 verse 2



2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.

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Pastor: *“I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 2:18). For all who languish, working in joyless jobs, those who are underemployed or unemployed, and each person who awakens to another day of discomfort and pain, that God would provide strength, endurance, and solace, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

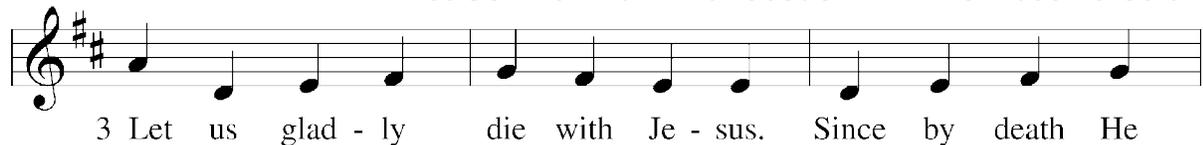
Pastor: *For all who call out to God for relief from illness, pain, or difficult circumstances, [especially . . .], that God would hear their prayers and graciously answer them in His almighty wisdom and love, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

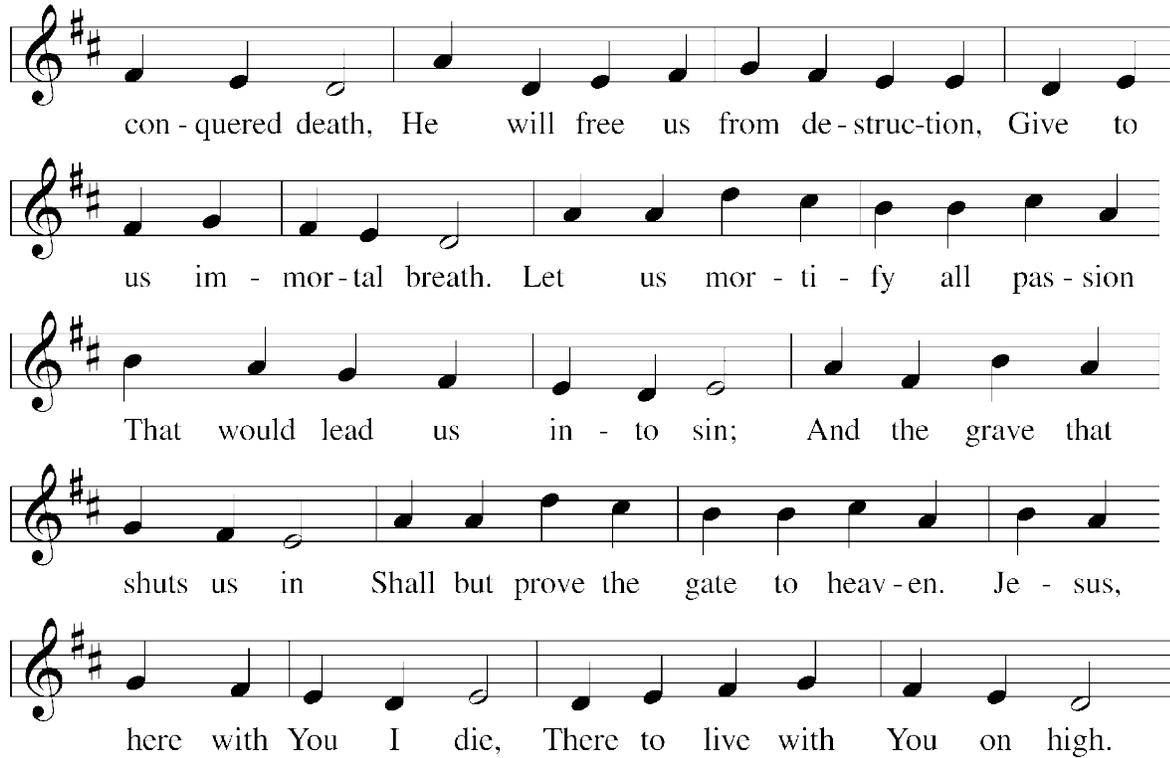
Pastor: *For the leaders of the nations, that God would guide them to provide decent food, clothing, and shelter for their citizens and protection both from enemies outside their borders and from lawlessness within, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

HYMN **“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”** **LSB 685 verse 3**



3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death He



con - quered death, He will free us from de - struc - tion, Give to
 us im - mor - tal breath. Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion
 That would lead us in - to sin; And the grave that
 shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heav - en. Je - sus,
 here with You I die, There to live with You on high.

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Pastor: *“Apart from [God] who can eat or who can have enjoyment?” (Ecclesiastes 2:25). For all who do not know Christ’s resurrection, but see the grave as the end of life, that the Holy Spirit would grant them faith to trust in our Lord’s victory, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: *For health care workers, first responders, and all who minister to people nearing the end of this mortal life, that God would sustain them in their ministry and use them as His instruments for Jesus’ sake, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: *For ourselves, that we look beyond the grave in our daily living, anticipating our entry into heaven and living in the light of God’s love, let us pray to the Lord:*

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

SPECIAL PETITIONS

Pastor: *Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

People: **Amen.**

HYMN

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

LSB 685 verse 4



4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en

from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,
 You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;
 Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence
 con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,
 let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

*Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.*

People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG

♪ **Every Praise** ♪

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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LA County has lifted the Mask Requirement. We all need to Remember: Everyone has a different comfort level and tolerance, so we need to be compassionate towards others. If you still feel more comfortable and safe wearing a mask into and during church - please go ahead and do so. We offer in-person Worship Sundays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.

(Holy Communion is offered the first and third Sunday of each month; and also by appointment with Pastor Tim during the week.)

This Worship is a combined Worship and is recorded and uploaded to our website so other members and folks all around the world are able to Worship with us! (Note - we get anywhere from 1,000-2,000 watches per month! All praise to God for this marvelous outreach of His Good News!) If you can't be with us in-person Sunday mornings, please Worship along with us online. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

In HIS service & love - Pastor Tim



TITHES AND OFFERINGS We offer two ways to give to CPLC, through our Facebook page or on the church website. Also, you may continue to mail your tithes and offerings to the church: Canoga Park Lutheran Church, 7357 Jordan Ave. Canoga Park, CA 91303.

WHAT'S YOUR 80? IN CELEBRATION OF THE 80TH BIRTHDAY OF THE LWML, each group, zone or district of the LWML was encouraged to reflect God's love by blessing others with 80 of something. Our local LWML pledged to collect 80 cans of food to donate to Our Redeemer Lutheran's Food Pantry. The count is **IN** and we have collected **OVER 120 CANS** of food for the pantry. Thank you to all who donated to this cause. Thanks also to Christa and Manfred Richter for delivering all the cans to Our Redeemer.