



CHRIST ALONE – SOLA CHRISTUS

Our churches unanimously confess on the basis of God's Word and in accord with the content of the Augsburg Confession that we poor sinners become righteous before God and are saved only through faith in Christ, and that therefore Christ alone is our righteousness.

[Formula of Concord, Epitome, III.1]

Midweek Lenten Services 2024

6:30 p.m.

OPENING

P: Behold, now is the acceptable time;

C: now is the day of salvation.

P: Turn us again, O God of our salvation,

C: that the light of your face may shine on us.

P: May your justice shine like the sun;

C: and may the poor be lifted up.

READINGS

John 14:1-6

¹Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:

³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

REFLECTION

P: Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

C: but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

SONG

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ELW #634

- 1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.**

**2. O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace
and crown him Lord of all.**

**3. Hail him, you heirs of David's line,
whom David Lord did call
the God incarnate, man divine
and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine
and crown him Lord of all.**

**4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.**

**5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.
To him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.**

**6. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.**

PRAYERS

P: O God our help,
you walk with us through all of life's changes.

C: Grant us strength, patience, wisdom, and understanding.

P: O God our hope, you come to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ.

C: Show us your salvation, and lead us in the way of the cross.

P: O God our shelter, you enfold us like a mother hen gathering her chicks.

C: Watch over all who are sick, grieving, lonely, and in need this day.

P: O God our home,
you claim us as your beloved children.

C: Lord, remember us when you come into your kingdom.

P: All this we ask through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

We come forward with our offering to the altar of the Lord. When all are seated again we speak hymn 686:

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.

May we thy bounties thus as stewards true receive, and gladly, as thou blessest us, to thee our first fruits give.

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

C: We go now in peace, for nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The greeting of peace may be shared by all.

✠In Our Thoughts and Prayers✠

Prayers for healing: **David Ott** (heart problems—Pastor Kathy's uncle), **Jack Martin** (gallbladder surgery), **Sherrill Miller** (cancer treatment—Travis Miller family) **Butch Feil** (recovering from surgery—Guerrero family), **Leah Nikont** (recovering from surgery), **Mary Jo Huelle** (recovering from surgery), **Drew Selck** (Cancer), **LuVerne Knoedler** (recovering from surgery), **Joni** (stage 4 cancer), **Kathy Johnson** (health issues), **William Gibbs** (Cancer— Larry Gibbs' brother), **Vicki Schmidt** (cancer treatment), **Patty** (cancer—Jim Dorn's sister-in-law).

Prayers for comfort and safety: **Zeke Chilcott** (deployed—friend of Marissa Wright), **Jeffery Christeleit** (deployed—Brian & Jodi Christeleit's son and Jim & Sheila Miller's grandson).



March 6th, the meal is @ 5:30 pm with worship to follow @ 6:30 pm. The meal will be Mini Runzas & Hot Dogs sponsored by the Youth Gathering Participants.