



St. Mark

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

Victory for All Nations

HYMN: CW 404 **Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven**

OPENING DIALOGUE

based on Psalm 96

- M:** Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
C: **proclaim his salvation day after day.**
- M:** Declare his glory among the nations,
C: **His marvelous deeds among all peoples.**
- M:** For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;
C: **He is to be feared above all gods.**
- M:** For all the gods of the nations are idols,
C: **But the LORD made the heavens.**
- M:** Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."
C: **May he reign in our hearts as we proclaim Jesus as Savior to the world!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M:** As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, "Confess your sins to each other and pray for one another so that you may be healed." As the body of Christ we unite our hearts in prayer:
C: **Heavenly Father, I pray to you because I am hurting. I have cut myself off from you and others by the sins in my life. I need your forgiveness so that I may find healing for my wounded life and for the wounds I have caused others. Today in the name of Jesus I pray: Forgive me and by the power of your Holy Spirit renew my heart to live for you and others. Amen.**

Silence for personal confession

HYMN

Beneath the Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy
That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus
His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams,
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus
See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus—
The path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus
We will gladly live our lives.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith and made me God's child and an heir of eternal life. Now he pleads to the Father on my behalf, strengthens me when I am spiritually weak and empowers me for service to my loving Savior, Jesus. All this he does through God's Word and sacraments.

God's Word points me to my need for a Savior, and to his saving love for me. I believe the Bible is the true Word of God which teaches and guides me to live for him and love my neighbor because of all the things my God has done for me. Amen.

CLOSING DIALOGUE

M: We leave God's house strengthened once again to worship him throughout the week until we meet here again. We continually reflect on the ultimate sacrifice that God's Son made for us.

C: **By his wounds, we are healed!**

M: Confident of our forgiveness and God's power working in us, our mission is clear: We dedicate ourselves...

C: **to REACH all the world with the Gospel of Jesus, to TEACH all according to His saving Word, and to REJOICE in the salvation that Christ has won for us all.**

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

WORD OF FORGIVENESS

M: Hear the wonderful words of our God, spoken through His prophet Isaiah. *"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all."* All our sins were laid on Jesus. Our punishment was paid by Him. You are no longer condemned! On the basis of this fact, and by the command of our God and King, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN: CW 106

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-8

PSALM 121

Sung responsively with the pastor

SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

HYMN: CW 128 (verses 1,2,5)

Not All the Blood of Beasts

GOSPEL

John 4:5-26

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN: CW 391 (verses 1-4) God Loved the World So that He Gave

SERMON

HYMN: CW 391 (verses 5-6) God Loved the World So that He Gave

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

M: O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...

C: **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.**

HYMN: CW 338

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Confession of Faith

C: **I believe in the one true God, who reveals himself as three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He created everything that exists out of nothing in six days. He sustains and provides for his created world.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son, who came to earth to live the perfect life that I could not. I know that he was the complete sacrifice for my sin. He died so that I might live. He rose from the grave victorious over sin and death, guaranteeing that all my sins are forgiven. He left this earth visibly, went up into heaven and now rules with all power and authority because he is God and his work on this earth is finished. He will come again one day as Judge, to finally defeat his enemies and to bring believers to live with him forever in heaven.