

## Today's Theme: Tell the Next Generation

God has given us a treasure, not one to hoard, but one to pass on. We preach, we instruct, we teach, we share the treasure of the Gospel with the next generation.

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### The Common Service

*If you would like to follow along with the music for this liturgy, it begins on page 15 in the front of the hymnal. Today's opening litany is slightly modified, but will continue as on page 16 in the hymnal.*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC:** *Please use this time in quiet preparation for worship.*



- ✦ *The bell rings announcing that Christians are gathering around the Word.*
- ✦ *The minister processes with the acolyte who carries a flame symbolizing that the light of Jesus is with us, and the candles are lit.*
- ✦ *As the acolyte and minister enter, **please stand** to sing the opening hymn.*

#### OPENING HYMN

#### From All that Dwell below the Skies #250

- 1 From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Eternal are your mercies, Lord; Eternal is your glorious Word.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## WORDS OF PRAISE

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.** (*spoken*)

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing!

**C: At just the right time, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive full rights as sons.**

M: He made his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sin, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

**C: He then raised Christ from the dead, and seated him at his right hand, and placed all things under his feet, for the benefit of his Church.**

M: He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children, to strengthen us when we are weak, and to comfort us when we grieve.

**C: In perfect unity with his Son and the Holy Spirit, he is the source, guide, and goal of our lives now and always.**

M: May our God inspire us to give thanks for all of his marvelous blessings!

**C: And make us able to serve him willingly throughout our lives!**

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## CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION

M: Today's worship focuses on our duty and delight to educate God's children that are entrusted to us as parents, as members, and as stewards of God's kingdom. But we know that we have not always carried out our responsibilities with perfect faithfulness as God requires from us. Therefore, let us draw near to God with a true heart and confess our sins to him, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for reflection*

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

### GLORY BE TO GOD *(Gloria in Excelsis)*

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sung)* **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## The Word

### FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (NIV)

These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, <sup>2</sup>so

that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life. <sup>3</sup>Hear, Israel, and be careful to obey so that it may go well with you and that you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you.

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>8</sup>Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>9</sup>Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## Psalm 146

*Page 120 in the front of the hymnal*

***Refrain: I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.***

Praise the LORD, O my soul.\*

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,\*  
in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,\*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

***Refrain: I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.***

The LORD gives food to the hungry,\*  
the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,\*  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast\*  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.\*  
He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

**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.**

*Refrain: I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.*

## SECOND LESSON

**2 Timothy 1:3-7 (NIV)**

<sup>3</sup>I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

<sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. <sup>7</sup>For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**Philippians 4:4 (NIV)**

M: Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.

C: *(sung)* Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 7:24-29 (NIV)**

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

C: *(sung)* **Glory be to you, O Lord!**

<sup>24</sup>“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. <sup>26</sup>But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup>The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

<sup>28</sup>When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his

teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (*sung*) **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

### **CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

*Be seated*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

#### **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less #382**

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare to make no other claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

- 2 When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
- 3 His oath, his covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
- 4 When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before his throne.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

## SERMON

Text: 2 Timothy 1:3-7

Theme: "An Unforgettable Legacy"

*Please stand*

## CREATE IN ME

**C: (sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.  
Amen.**

*Be seated*

## OFFERING

*The members of St. Mark have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. You are our guests, and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to share God's Word with you! Those who wish to give an offering may give electronically through our website, scan this QR code, or mail a check to church. Website and mailing addresses are listed at the top of page 1.*



*Please stand*

## INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Rachelle Barckholtz—Preschool

Isaiah Bitter— Grades 5 & 6

Jeannie Konecne—Kindergarten

Kari Ekhoﬀ— Grades 7 & 8

Rachel Johnson—Grades 1 & 2

Erin Riess—Music

Paige Holderbecker— Grades 3 & 4

*Please stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD’S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## HYMN

### For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray #500

- 1 For Christian homes, O Lord, we pray,  
That you might dwell with us each day.  
Make ours a place where you are Lord,  
Where all is governed by your Word.
- 2 We are the children of your grace;  
Our homes are now your dwelling-place.  
In you we trust and daily live;  
Teach us to serve and to forgive.
- 3 United in a bond of love,  
We lift our eyes to you above.  
From you we gain the strength to live,  
The wish to share, the joy to give.

- 4 Protect us and our loved ones dear  
From pain and sorrow, want and fear;  
Yet when we must our burdens bear,  
"Your will be done" shall be our prayer.
- 5 And when you call us all to rest,  
Then will we have a home more blest,  
See all our care and sorrow cease,  
And find with Christ eternal peace.

*Please stand*

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sung)* **Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

M: 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: *(sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

### **Let Me Be Yours Forever #596**

- 1 Let me be yours forever, My faithful God and Lord;  
Let me forsake you never Nor wander from your Word.  
Lord, do not let me waver But give me steadfastness,  
And for such grace and favor Your holy name I'll bless.
- 2 Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,  
My only consolation, To you I all resign,  
For you have dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.  
Let me, since you have sought me, Eternal life obtain.

- 3 O gracious Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide,  
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,  
Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith.  
Give me your constant blessing And grant a Christian death.



*At the end of the service, the acolyte extinguishes the candles and carries the flame out of church to symbolize that the light of Jesus goes with us into the world.*



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