

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### MESSAGE SONG "Have Thine Own Way"

1. Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.  
Mould me and make me After Thy will,  
While I am waiting, Yielded and still.

2. Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Master, today!  
Whiter than snow, Lord, Wash me just now,  
As in Thy presence Humbly I bow.

3. Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, Help me, I pray!  
Power, all power, Surely is Thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

4. Have Thine own way, Lord, have Thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being, Absolute sway!  
Fill with Thy Spirit, Till all shall see  
Christ only, always, Living in me!

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## MESSAGE OF THE DAY

### "BEYOND OBEDIENCE"

*The Rev. Larry Wesolik, Vacancy Pastor*

**(Please stand)**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

### 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**

## BENEDICTION

**(Please sit)**

## CLOSING SONG

**"On What Has Now Been Sown" LSB 921**

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

\* \* \* **To God be the Glory** \* \* \*

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## THE CONNECTION

February 12, 2023  
10:30am

## WELCOME

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(please fill out Friendship Pads)*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING

"Hello - God Loves You" & "Luke 6:31"

## WORSHIP SONG "Seek Ye First"

1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

2. Ask and it shall be giv'n unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

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**(Please stand)**

## INVOCATION

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

**C. Amen**

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.

**C. Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.**

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen. (Please sit)**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

<sup>15</sup>"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil.

<sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his just decrees then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

<sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING 1 *Corinthians 3:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. <sup>2</sup>I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, <sup>3</sup>for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way?

<sup>4</sup>For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human?

<sup>5</sup>What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. <sup>7</sup>So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. <sup>8</sup>He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

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## GOSPEL READING *Matthew 5:21-37*

<sup>21</sup>"You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' <sup>22</sup>But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. <sup>23</sup>So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, <sup>24</sup>leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup>Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. <sup>26</sup>Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

<sup>27</sup>"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' <sup>28</sup>But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup>If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away.

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For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup>And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell.

<sup>31</sup>"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' <sup>32</sup>But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery. And whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

<sup>33</sup>"Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.' <sup>34</sup>But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, <sup>35</sup>or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup>And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup>Let what you say be simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything more than this comes from evil."

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## STATEMENT OF FAITH *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 everlasting. Amen**

**(Please sit)**

## TITHES & OFFERING