

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 “I Love to Tell the Story”

1. I love to tell the story, Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know it’s true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else could do.

Chorus: I love to tell the story; ‘Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

2. I love to tell the story, ‘Tis pleasant to repeat,
What seems, each time I tell it, More wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation From God’s own holy Word.

Chorus: I love to tell the story; ‘Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

3. I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
‘Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.

Chorus: I love to tell the story; ‘Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!
C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

* * * To GOD BE THE GLORY * * *

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THE CONNECTION

January 14, 2024
10:30am

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please fill out Friendship Pads)*

WORSHIP SONG “This Is My Commandment”

1. This is my commandment,
That you love one another,
That your joy may be full.
This is my commandment,
That you love one another,
That your joy may be full.

That your joy may be full.
That your joy may be full.
This is my commandment,
That you love one another,
That your joy may be full.

2. This is my commandment,
That you trust one another...

3. This is my commandment,
That you serve one another...

Text: John 15:11-12, Tune: unknown

(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)

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.
²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.
⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” ⁵and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.
⁶And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.”
⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.
⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.
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¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!”
And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”
L. Here ends the first reading.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her?
For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING John 1:43-51

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.”
⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?” Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.”
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⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”
⁵¹And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

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

(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG

“‘Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake’” LSB 688

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

The Rev. Hal Rex Longshore

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH