

Celebrations!

Sunday, October 7, 2018 - 10:45 a.m.

As We Gather

"Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it" (Hebrews 2:1). These words are spot-on. The devil will take any chance he can get to make us "drift away." It's imperative for us, as the people of God, to hold firmly to the Word we have heard. Today as we gather to hear that Word and receive His gifts of grace, we are drawn close to the Redeemer, who has given His life in exchange for ours. Only in our relationship with Christ will we ever be made complete—members of His eternal kingdom, sons and daughters of our King. Once we see how our true identity is found in Jesus, we better understand our unique roles in the relationships with one another that He has given to us.

Welcome & Community Greeting

Opening Song (Remain standing)

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

1. Come set Your rule and reign in our hearts a gain In
2(. We) seek Your king - dom first We hun - ger and we thirst Ref -

crease in us we pray un veil why we're made Come set our hearts a -
use to waste our lives for You're our joy and prize To see the cap - tive

blaze with hope like wild - fire in our ver - y souls Ho - ly Spir - it come in - vade us
hearts re - leased the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace We lay down our lives for heav - en's

now _____ We are Your church We need Your pow'r in us
cause _____ We are Your church We pray "Re vive this _____ 2. We

earth. Build Your king - dom here let the dark - ness fear Show Your

might - y hand heal our streets and land Set Your church on fire win this na - tion

back Change the at - mos - phere build Your king - dom here we pray.

3. Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, reaching the near and far
 No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
 You made us for much more than this, awake the kingdom seed in us
 Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
 We are Your church, We are the hope on earth

Build Your kingdom here, let the darkness fear Show Your mighty hand heal our streets and land
 Set Your church on fire win this nation back, Change the atmosphere, build Your kingdom here, we pray *(repeat)*

Invocation

L: In the name of the Father, C: who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing,
 L: in the name of the Son, C: in whom we have redemption through His blood,
 L: in the name of the Spirit, C: who is the guarantee of our eternal inheritance. Amen.

Gathering Prayer

Special Music *(Please be seated)* "My God is so Great" & "Someone Special" Calvary PS 4/5's

Note: To provide an atmosphere of worship, we kindly ask that you refrain from taking photographs or video during the service. Photographs are welcome after the service.

Song

"God's Word is Our Great Heritage"

God's Word is our great her i tage And shall be ours for - e ver.

To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief en - dea - vor Through

life it guides our way in death it is our stay Lord, grant while worlds en - dure We

keep its teach - ing pure Through out all gen - e - ra tions.

A migh - ty for - tress is our God - A trust - y shield and wea - pon

He helps us free from ev - 'ry need That hath us now o'er ta - ken.

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✝ God's Word for Us ✝

Old Testament

"It is not good for man to be alone"

Genesis 2:18-25

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel (*Please stand*)

"Jesus takes them up in his arms"

Mark 10:2-16

² Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." ¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." ¹³And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." ¹⁶And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Our Shared Confession of God

The 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.

Children's Message (*Please be seated*)

Song

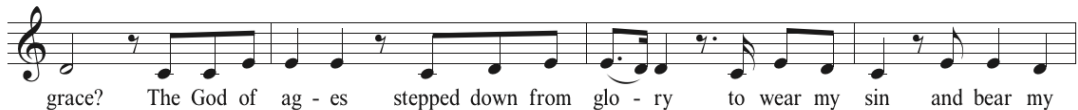
“Living Hope”

Worship leader sings:

1. How great the chas-m that lay be-tween us How high the moun-tain I could not climb.
In des-per-a-tion I turned to heav-en and spoke Your name in-to the night.
Then thru the dark-ness Your lov-ing kind-ness tore thru the shad-ows of my soul.
The work is fin-ished the end is writ-ten Je-sus Christ, my liv-ing hope.



All sing: 2. Who could im - ag - ine so great a mer - cy? What heart could fath-om such bound-less



grace? The God of ag - es stepped down from glo - ry to wear my sin and bear my



shame. The cross has spok-en I am for - giv-en The King of Kings calls me His own. Beau-ti-ful



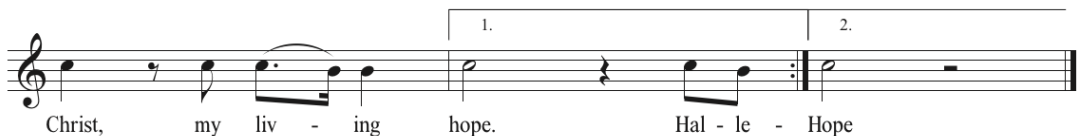
Sav - ior, I'm Yours for - ev - er Je-sus Christ my liv - ing hope. Hal-le



lu - jah praise the One who set me free Hal - le - lu - jah death has



lost its grip on me! You have bro-ken ev-'ry chain. There's sal va-tion in Your name Je - sus



Christ, my liv - ing hope. Hal - le - Hope

3. Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me
Then came the morning that sealed the promise Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me
Hallelujah praise the One who set me free Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken ev'ry chain. There's salvation in Your name Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Repeat Chorus

ending: Jesus Christ, my living hope.

- 1) **Have you ever said, “I just need to cut them out of my life,” about someone? Why?**

- 2) **Has your faith ever led you to seek out relationship? Repair a broken one?**

- 3) **Are you struggling with personal sins which you blame on others?**
Private sins which others could help with?
Relational sins?

¹² Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³ “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed. ¹⁴ Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

-Hebrews 12:12-15

- 4) **Think of a broken relationship in your life. Are there any concrete ways you can work to restore it? What might happen when you do?**

¹ We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. ² Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. ³ For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me.” ⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

-Romans 15:1-7

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✝ Thanking Him with Our Lives ✝

Pastoral Greeting & Rite of Fellowship

(Welcome! Please add your name to the fellowship pad.)

Presentation & Blessing of LWML Mites & Mite Box

⁴² *A poor widow came to the Temple and put in two small copper coins.*

⁴³ *And Jesus said, "This poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing.*

⁴⁴ *For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." (Mark 4:42-44)*

Gathering of Offerings

(As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our lives, time, talents and financial gifts.

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Special Music "Our Father, By Whose Name" Laura Reifsteck- Flute, Sandra Wilson- Clarinet

✝ Calling Upon Him in Confession and Prayer ✝

Confession & Absolution *(Please stand)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! Against you have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

P: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

C: The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

P: Almighty God, in His kindness, has given His Son to redeem you through Jesus' death and resurrection! In the waters of Baptism, He has washed you of your sin and even now calls you to return anew to His mercies. As a 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: Amen.

Prayers of the Church & the Lord's Prayer

L: 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.

✝ Sent with His Blessing ✝

Blessing

L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **May the name of the Lord be praised!**

L: The blessing of almighty God—Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit—remain with you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

“Jesus Shall Reign”

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| 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does its successive journeys run,
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more. | 3 People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name. |
| 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise
With every morning sacrifice. | 4 Let every creature rise and bring
Honor and Glory to our King,
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud amen.
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Next week Marv Hansen will be sharing with us a Ministry Moment about India Mission & Sending. A special door offering will also be gathered. Thank you for your generous support of this mission opportunity.

