

For what shall it profit a man,
if he shall gain the whole world,



and lose his own soul?

~Mark 8:36

Postlude

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Every worship service opens by invoking the name, the presence, and the power of the one true God, the God in whose name and by whose power we became members of the Holy Christian Church in our Baptism.

(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Everyone) Amen.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

We pray to confess our sin to God and ask His forgiveness to remain humble before Him.

(Everyone) Gracious Heavenly Father, we come before you now in confession of our sins. We sought only to serve You in faith this past week, but we failed to follow Your will and instead went our own selfish way. We realize that we are poor sinners in desperate need of Your mercy and grace. Please forgive our many sins for Jesus' sake, as we look to His suffering and death for mercy and pardon. Give us the strength and spiritual stamina to follow Your guidance in our lives, as we plead the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ for forgiveness. In His Name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

We remember the Good News that God forgives our sin because of Jesus.

(Pastor) If this be your sincere confession, and if with contrite hearts you earnestly desire the forgiveness of your sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, God, according to His promise, pardons the sins of the penitent in faith. Thus, by the authority of God's Word and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you that God, through His grace, has forgiven all your sins' in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded # 178

Pianist: Aretta Engelhardt

We Worship Through Our Giving

We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus. Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.

Offertory

We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God

We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.

Old Testament Lesson for the Day

Genesis 17:1-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am El-Shaddai—'God Almighty.' Serve me faithfully and live a blameless life. ²I will make a covenant with you, by which I will guarantee to give you countless descendants."³ At this, Abram fell face down on the ground. Then God said to him, ⁴"This is my covenant with you: I will make you the father of a multitude of nations! ⁵What's more, I am changing your name. It will no longer be Abram. Instead, you will be called Abraham, for you will be the father of many nations. ⁶I will make you extremely fruitful. Your descendants will become many nations, and kings will be among them! ⁷"I will confirm my covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation. This is the everlasting covenant: I will always be your God and the God of your descendants after you. ⁸And I will give the entire land of Canaan, where you now live as a foreigner, to you and your descendants. It will be their possession forever, and I will be their God."⁹ Then God said to Abraham, "Your responsibility is to obey the terms of the covenant. You and all your descendants have this continual responsibility. ¹⁰This is the covenant that you and your descendants must keep: Each male among you must be circumcised. ¹¹You must cut off the flesh of your foreskin as a sign of the covenant between me and you. ¹²From generation to generation, every male child must be circumcised on the eighth day after his birth. This applies not only to members of your family but also to the servants born in your household and the foreign-born servants whom you have purchased. ¹³All must be circumcised. Your bodies will bear the mark of my everlasting covenant. ¹⁴Any male who fails to be circumcised will be cut off from the covenant family for breaking the covenant."¹⁵ Then God said to Abraham, "Regarding Sarai, your wife—her name will no longer be Sarai. From now on her name will be Sarah. ¹⁶And I will bless her and give you a son from her! Yes, I will bless her richly, and she will become the mother of many nations. Kings of nations will be among her descendants."

Epistle

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ²Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory. ³We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. ⁴And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. ⁵And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. ⁶When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. ⁷Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation. ¹⁰For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. ¹¹So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-38

²⁷ Jesus and his disciples left Galilee and went up to the villages near Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, "Who do people say I am?" ²⁸"Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say you are one of the other prophets." ²⁹ Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" Peter replied, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰ But Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him. ³¹ Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. ³² As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things. ³³ Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." ³⁴ Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ³⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it. ³⁶ And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? ³⁷ Is anything worth more than your soul? ³⁸ If anyone is ashamed of me and my message in these adulterous and sinful days, the Son of Man will be ashamed of that person when he returns in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

We Respond to God's Word by Confessing Our Faith

As we recite together the words of the Apostles' Creed, we join the worldwide chorus of followers of Jesus, who, for centuries, have confessed their faith through this simple declaration.

(Everyone) 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, dead, and 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 shall 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.

Sermon Hymn

In the Cross of Christ I Glory # 184

Sermon

Pastor Ralph Buchhorn

"Is That Your Final Answer?"

General Prayer

Communion Hymn

Softly and Tenderly # 326

We Worship at the table of the Lord's Supper

Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.

Everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is welcome and invited to join us. Together we receive anew the love and grace that God pours out to us through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Come hold in your hands and taste on your lips the love He poured out for you.

Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)

(Everyone) 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!

Distribution

Benediction

A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.

Sending Hymn

Just As I Am # 342

Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

(Everyone) Thanks be to God

Postlude

Message Notes: _____

Things going on during the week:

**Monday—Little Blessings Christian Preschool: “Theme: Community Helpers
Letter: Ss Bible: 10 men with leprosy**

Wednesday—Lenten Service & Soup Dinner: At church starting at 6:15 pm followed by Lenten Service at 7:00 pm every Wednesday thru March 21st.

**Thursday—Choir Rehearsal: At church at 5 pm.
Potluck Dinner & Bible Study: Potluck Dinner starts at 6:15 pm followed by Bible Study at 7:00 pm.**

Prayer Chain Requests

In order for us to be sensitive to everyone's needs regarding prayer requests, please mark the Connection Card very clearly as to whether you want our prayer chain to pray for you or if it is something you want kept private between you and Pastor. Our prayer chain encompasses a large percentage of our members. We will try calling/emailing if we are unsure how you want your request handled.

Mark Your Calendars!

Lenten Service & Soup Dinner, Wednesday: Soup Dinner at church starting at 6:15 pm followed by Lenten Service at 7:00 pm every Wednesday thru March 21st.

March 3, Saturday -- Women's Bible Study — At church 10:00 AM

March 17, Saturday -- Free Food Distribution--At the Shack from 9:30 to 10:30 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Please come and lend a hand with handing out food to those in need. If you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!

March 25, Sunday -- Palm Sunday — At church 10:00 AM

March 29, Thursday -- Maundy Thursday — At church

March 30, Friday -- Good Friday — At church

Keep an eye on this box—There will be information regarding VBS this summer!!!

*The VBS is titled **SHIPWRECKED...RESCUED BY JESUS!!!***

In the meantime you could start praying for the children to come and not only have a good time but to come to Christ. Also to keep everyone safe while they are here.

February 2018 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Here at Community we celebrate our birthdays/anniversaries each second Sunday of the month. If your birthday is this month, and your name is not on this list, please put a note in the offering plate so we can include yours!

(PS) after the name denotes one of our Preschoolers' birthday.

Birthdays

Joey Taschner—5, Gregory Smith—6, Joan Taschner—11, Gene Erwin - 25

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Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director

Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays	10:00 am	Worship Service & Sunday School
	11:15 am	Community Fellowship Time <i>Refreshments in the Courtyard</i>
Wednesdays	6:15 pm	Soup Supper
	7:00 pm	Lenten Service
Thursdays	5:00 pm	Choir Practice—At church
	6:15 pm	Dinner and Bible Study
Saturdays	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
		<i>The <u>First</u> Saturday of each month.</i>
	9:30 am	Free Food Distribution
		<i>The <u>Third</u> Saturday of each month. from 9:30—10:30 am</i>