

That We Also May Be Like All The Nations"

Israel Demands a King (1 Sam. 8)

1 Samuel 8:19-20 (NKJV)

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*The purpose of our Community is:
"Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ"*

Prelude

Pianists: Aretta Engelhardt or Shirlene Everhart

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.*

Confession of Sins

(Everyone) Gracious Heavenly Father, on this second Sunday in October, as the fall season is now fully upon us, we are comforted by the fact that Christ accomplished for us our salvation on the cross that has provided for us our sin's forgiveness by grace through faith. It is therefore appropriate that we come before You now in confession.

We sought 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 need of Your mercy. Please forgive our many sins for Jesus' sake, as we look to Christ's suffering and death for pardon. Give us the strength and spiritual zeal to follow His guidance in our lives, and grant us a joyful life in service to You, as we plead only the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ for forgiveness. In His Name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

(Pastor) The Bible tells us that we are to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God the Father's pardon. Christ has promised to us His forgiveness because of His suffering and death at Calvary. Thus, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in the stead and by command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word, # 232

Children's Sermonette:

*'Be happy and content!'
Pastor McDonald*

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

1 Samuel 8:1-11, 17-20 [NKJV]

¹ Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel. ² The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; *they were* judges in Beersheba. ³ But his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice. ⁴ Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵ and said to him, “Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.” ⁶ But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” So Samuel prayed to the LORD. ⁷ And the LORD said to Samuel, “Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. ⁸ According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also. ⁹ Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them.” ¹⁰ So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked him for a king. ¹¹ And he said, “This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and appoint *them* for his own chariots and *to be* his horsemen, and *some* will run before his chariots. ~~~ ¹⁷ He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants. ¹⁸ And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will not hear you in that day.” ¹⁹ Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, “No, but we will have a king over us, ²⁰ that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Epistle

Hebrews 3:1-6 [NKJV]

¹ Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus, ² who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, as Moses also *was faithful* in all His house. ³ For this One has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as He who built the house has more honor than the house. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things *is* God. ⁵ And Moses indeed *was faithful* in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken *afterward*, ⁶ but Christ as a Son over

His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope ¹firm to the end.

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:23-31[NKJV]

²³ Then Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” ²⁴ And the disciples were astonished at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” ²⁶ And they were greatly astonished, saying among themselves, “Who then can be saved?” ²⁷ But Jesus looked at them and said, “With men *it is* impossible, but not with God; for with God all things are possible.” ²⁸ Then Peter began to say to Him, “See, we have left all and followed You.” ²⁹ So Jesus answered and said, “Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel’s, ³⁰ who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time—houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions—and in the age to come, eternal life. ³¹ But many *who are first* will be last, and the last first.”

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

Beautiful Savior, # 177

Message Notes: _____

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together, #285

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

God Loves Me Dearly, #370

(Pastor): Go in Peace and Serve the Lord.

(Everyone): Thanks be to God

Postlude

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## **Things going on during the week:**

Please pick up Food Bags today to use or to distribute to others.

**Monday-Friday: 7:15 am to 5 pm Little Blessings Christian Preschool**

**Wednesdays: 5 pm Choir.**

**6 pm Potluck & 7 pm Bible Study**

## **Birdhouse = Building Fund Donations**

Please place all and any donations for the Building Fund in the Birdhouse. This fund is needed to replace 'The Shack' and build for the future of this church. Being more visible to Mission Avenue we hope to attract Christians looking for a new home and non-Christians looking for what is missing in their life.

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

**October 16, Saturday - Free Food Distribution**--At the Shack from 9 to 10 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Also, 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! The Blue bin on the North wall of the Church is for the collection of can goods for the Food Distribution.

**October 17, Sunday—Council meeting**

**November 6, Saturday Women's Bible study, 10 am, Book of Acts**

**November 7, Sunday - Love Offering ... for Missions**

Once a quarter, we will be collecting a special offering in the 'Missions Giving Box' on your way out of the Sanctuary for our Missionaries. This offering is above and beyond our regular giving. In planning ahead, we will repeat the Love Offerings in 2020 on the first Sunday in February, May, August & November.

**November 20, Saturday - Free Food Distribution**--At the Shack from 9 to 10 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Also, 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! The Blue bin on the North wall of the Church is for the collection of can goods for the Food Distribution.

**November 21, Sunday—Council meeting**





# Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Blessed Jesus, at Thy word  
we are gathered all to hear Thee;  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear Thee;  
By Thy teachings sweet and holy,  
Drawn from earth to love Thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till Thy Spirit breaks our night  
with the beams of truth unclouded.  
Thou alone to God canst win us,  
Thou must work all good within us.

Glorious Lord, Thyself impart!  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
open Thou our ears and heart,  
help us by Thy Spirit's pleading;  
Hear the cry Thy people raises,  
Hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

# Beautiful Savior

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown!

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fairer is the moonlight  
And the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer;  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

# Let Us Break Bread Together

Let us break bread together on our knees,  
Let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
Let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees,  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

# God Loves Me Dearly

God loves me dearly, Grants me salvation,  
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

Refrain:

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,  
God loves me dearly, Loves even me.

I was in slavery, Sin, death, and darkness;  
God's love was working To make me free.  
[Refrain]

He sent forth Jesus, My dear Redeemer,  
He sent forth Jesus And set me free.  
[Refrain]

Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer;  
Jesus, my Savior, Paid all I owed.  
[Refrain]

Now will I praise You, O Love Eternal;  
Now will I praise You All my life long.  
[Refrain]