

*Our life
does not consist
in the abundance
of our
possessions*



The purpose of our Community is:

❧❧❧ *“Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ”* ❧❧❧

Prelude

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.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

(Everyone) Gracious Heavenly Father, as this morning we continue our Lenten walk with Christ, we pause to fully recognize our sinful condition and seek our Savior’s help to resist all temptation. We understand that we have not lived perfect lives and instead have sinned in weakness. We have said things of which we are sorrowful and ashamed. We have allowed sinful anger to invade our minds and impure thoughts to taint our soul; we have not always treated our family, friends and acquaintances in a way that is God pleasing; and we have not been consistent in our walk of faith.

Therefore, we come before You with a penitent heart, especially during the Lenten season, and seek Your pardon and peace, for Jesus’ sake. Please forgive us through the merits of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who paid for our sins on the cross. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

(Pastor) The Lenten season focuses our hearts and minds on our sins and our Savior! In that regard, the Bible tells us that we are to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God'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

God Loves Me Dearly, #370

Children's Sermonette:*'The tempting sin of greed...'
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***Isaiah 43:16-19 [NKJV]*

¹⁶ Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea And a path through the mighty waters, ¹⁷ Who brings forth the chariot and horse, The army and the power (They shall lie down together, they shall not rise; They are extinguished, they are quenched like a wick): ¹⁸ "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹ Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness *And* rivers in the desert.

Epistle Lesson*Philippians 3:7-14 [NKJV]*

⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which *is* from the law, but that which *is* through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; ¹⁰ that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, ¹¹ if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead. ¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Choir Anthem*Jesus Lover Of My Soul*

(Please stand for the reading of the Gospel)

Gospel Reading*Luke 12:13-21 [NKJV]*

¹³ Then one from the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But He said to him, “Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And He said to them, “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.” ¹⁶ Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. ¹⁷ And he thought within himself, saying, ‘What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?’” ¹⁸ So he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, *and* be merry.”’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’ ²¹ “So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”

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*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee, #448***Sermon***“Our loyalty is to Christ, not to possessions!”**Luke 12:15**Pastor Robert McDonald*

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***Softly and Tenderly, #431**[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 School**

Theme: Easter; Letter: Zz; Bible: Children Praise Jesus

**Wednesdays:**

**5 pm Choir; 6 pm - Potluck; 7 pm - Lenten Service [thru April 6th.]**

**No meetings on 4/20/22**

**Beginning 4/27/22 ... Choir, Potluck, Bible Study resume.**

## **Building Fund**

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!**

**April 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.

**May 1, 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.

**May 7, Saturday - Women's Bible Study - 10 am**

**May 21, 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.





# 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]

# O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free;  
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move  
By some clear, winning word of love;  
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience! still with Thee  
In closer, dearer company,  
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong,  
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray,  
Far down the future's broad'ning way,  
In peace that only Thou canst give,  
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

# 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,  
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When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
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# Softly and Tenderly

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.

Refrain:

Come home, come home  
Ye who are weary, come home;  
Earnestly, tenderly Jesus is calling  
Calling, O sinner come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me?  
[Refrain]

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,  
Passing from you and me;  
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,  
Coming for you and for me.  
[Refrain]

O for the wonderful love He has promised,  
Promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, He has mercy and pardon  
Pardon for you and for me.  
[Refrain]