

## Worship Guide February 07, 2021

God plants the seeds of His saving Gospel truth in the church. The devil sneaks in the seeds of his lies and untruth. For a while they may seem to look the same, but the end result is woefully different.



Pastor: We call on the name of our Triune God to be present in our worship. So we begin in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen**

**HYMN**

*Seek Where You May*

**CW 395**

Seek where you may to find a way that leads to your salvation;  
My heart is stilled, on Christ I build, He is the one Foundation.  
His Word is sure, His works endure; He overthrows My every foe;  
Through Him I more than conquer.

Seek Him alone, who did atone, who did your souls deliver;  
Yea, seek Him first, all you who thirst for grace that fails you never.  
In ev'ry need seek Him indeed; to ev'ry heart He will impart  
His blessings without measure.



### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

P: Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. <sup>2</sup>Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. Psalm 32:1

**C: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9**

P: Tear your heart and not your clothing. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending disaster...  
Joel 2:13

**All: ... we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have let the conflicts of this life cloud our vision of your sure promises. Saints and sinners at the same time, we have let the sin before us affect our trust in our Lord. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

P: God declares us to be his righteous saints, blessed for Jesus' sake and destined to enter the eternal Eden that is heaven. For the sake of His own Son who lived, died and rose again for us, the almighty God forgives all our sins. I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Gracious Father, we ask you to keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**



#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Hosea 2:19-23**

I will pledge you to myself in marriage forever. I will pledge you to myself in marriage—with righteousness, justice, mercy, and compassion. <sup>20</sup> In faithfulness I will pledge you to myself in marriage, and you will know the LORD. <sup>21</sup> In that day this is what will happen: I will respond, declares the LORD. I will respond to the heavens, and they will respond to the earth. <sup>22</sup> The earth will respond to the grain, the new wine, and the fresh oil. They will respond to Jezre'el. <sup>23</sup> I will sow her for myself in the land. I will have compassion for Lo Ruhamah, and I will tell Lo Ammi, "You are my people," and he will say, "You are my God!"

#### **EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's elect, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and forgive each other if anyone has a complaint against anyone else. Forgive, just as Christ<sup>[a]</sup> forgave you. <sup>14</sup> And, in addition to all these things, put on love, which ties things together in perfect unity. <sup>15</sup> Let the peace of Christ control your hearts, to which you were also called, in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ<sup>[b]</sup> dwell in you richly, as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, with gratitude in your hearts to God.<sup>[c]</sup> <sup>17</sup> And everything you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father

through him

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.  
(John 6:68)

**C: Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL LESSON AND SERMON TEXT: MATTHEW 13:24-30**

<sup>24</sup>He presented another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. <sup>25</sup>But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. <sup>26</sup>When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. <sup>27</sup>The servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup>He said to them, ‘An enemy did this.’ The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?’ <sup>29</sup>‘No,’ he answered, ‘because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

**GOD’S CHURCH AND THE DEVIL’S CHAPEL**



**NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



***Close Communion:** Guided by God's word we believe that the Lord's Supper is an expression of faith and confession. We therefore ask that only members of the WELS or her sister synods would commune with us. If you have any questions please talk to the pastor.*

#### **THE PREPARATION**

P: So that we would more confidently believe and be strengthened in cheerful obedience to his holy will, Jesus has instituted the Sacrament of his Holy Supper, in which he feeds us with his body and blood.

**C: We should do this also in remembrance of him, showing his death, that he was delivered for our offenses and raised again for our justification; and, giving him our most heartfelt thanks, love one another as he has loved us.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

**C: Holy, holy, holy God, our life, our mercy, our strength, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Praise and glory to our God, who saves us! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

#### **CONSECRATION**

**C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on**

**us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**SONG OF SIMEON (after Distribution)**

*(tune: Sing to the Lord of Harvest CW 614)*

♪ O Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten all gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory of those in Israel!

All glory to the Father, all glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding through all eternity.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven; give us today our daily bread; forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

**BLESSING**

**HYMN**

*Lord Dismiss Us*

**CW 329 v.2**

Thanks we give and adoration for the gospel's joyful sound:  
May the fruits of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound!  
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS**

