

P: Surely, I was sinful at birth,

C: Sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

P: Hide your face from my sins,

C: and blot out all my iniquity.

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God,

C: and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

P: Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

Penitent: Yes, I believe.

P: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, does not desire the death of sinners but rather that they turn from their wickedness and live. Therefore, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Continue in the true faith and at the last be received by him through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch forth the right hand of your majesty to defend us from those that rise up against us that would cause us to dishonor your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

C: Amen



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 3:1-15

Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Has God really said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?’” ² The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, ³ but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it. You

shall not touch it, or else you will die.” 4 The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die. 5 In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” 6 When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. 8 They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part^[b] of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 The LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” 10 The man said, “I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself.” 11 God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?” 12 The man said, “The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it.” 13 The LORD God said to the woman, “What have you done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.” 14 The LORD God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all the livestock, and more than every wild animal. You shall crawl on your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. 15 I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed. He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10

As fellow workers we also urge you not to receive God’s grace in vain. 2 For he says: At a favorable time I listened to you, and in the day of salvation I helped you. Look, now is the favorable time! See, now is the day of salvation! 3 We are giving no one a reason to stumble in any way, so that our ministry will not be blamed. 4 Rather, in every way we show ourselves to be God’s ministers: in great endurance, in troubles, in hardships, in difficulties, 5 in beatings, in imprisonments, in riots, in hard work, in sleepless nights, in times of hunger; 6 in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in sincere love, 7 in the word of truth, in the

power of God; with the weapons of righteousness on the right and on the left; ⁸ through glory and dishonor, through bad report and good report; treated as deceivers yet being honest, ⁹ treated as unknown and yet being well known; as dying, and yet look—we live; as punished yet not put to death; ¹⁰ as grieving yet always rejoicing; as poor yet making many rich; as having nothing yet possessing everything.

GOSPEL LESSONS AND SERMON TEXTS:

Matthew 6:9

Therefore pray like this: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Matthew 26:59-68

⁵⁹ The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they could put him to death. ⁶⁰ They found none, even though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward ⁶¹ and said, “This fellow said, ‘I am able to destroy the temple of God and rebuild it in three days.’” ⁶² The high priest stood up and said to him, “Have you no answer? What is this that these men are testifying against you?” ⁶³ But Jesus remained silent. Then the high priest said to him, “I place you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God!” ⁶⁴ Jesus said to him, “It is as you have said. But I tell you, soon you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven.” ⁶⁵ Then the high priest tore his robes and said, “He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? See, you have just heard the blasphemy! ⁶⁶ What do you think?” They answered, “He is deserving of death!” ⁶⁷ Then they spit in his face and punched him. Some slapped him ⁶⁸ and said, “Prophecy to us, Christ! Who hit you?”

“HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME/HE HAS SPOKEN BLASPHEMY”



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.

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.

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PRONOUNCING GOD'S PEACE

SONG OF SIMEON (after Distribution)

(tune: Through Jesus' Blood and Merit CW 445)

**♪ Through Jesus blood and merit, I am at peace with God!
There's nothing that can sever from this great love of God.
This love has its foundation in my dear Savior's blood.
Though hell itself assail me, the victor I shall be.**

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 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* **CW 125**

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

SPECIAL PRAYERS