

Worship Guide March 07 2021

The submission of one's will is placing on God's altar the only uniquely personal thing one has to place there. The many other things we "give" are actually things He has already loaned to us. However, when we finally let our individual wills give in to God's will, we will really be giving the only possession which is truly ours to give.



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. How blessed is everyone who rears the LORD, everyone who walks in His ways.

Congregation: Amen

HYMN

Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

CW 111

♪ **Sweet the moments, rich in blessing,
which before the cross we spend,
Life and health and peace possessing
from the sinner's dying friend.**

**Here we rest in wonder, viewing
all our sins on Jesus laid;
Here we see redemption flowing
from the sacrifice he made.**

**Oh, that near the cross abiding,
we may to the Savior cleave,
Aught with him our hearts dividing,
all for him content to leave!**

**Lord, in loving contemplation
fix our hearts and eyes on you
Till we taste your full salvation
and your unveiled glory view.**



CONFESSION OF SINS *(based on Psalm 51)*

P: The sacrifices God wants are a broken spirit and a crushed heart. Those He will not despise. Therefore, we confess our sin to Him. Be gracious to us, O God, according to your mercy.

C: Erase our acts of rebellion according to the greatness of your compassion.

P: Scrub us clean from our guilt. Purify us from our sins.

C: For we admit our rebellious acts, our sin is always in front of us.

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

C: and renew a steadfast spirit within us.

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 God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 32:8-18

⁸ When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he separated the children of Adam, he established the boundaries for peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel. ⁹ But the allotment for the LORD is his people. Jacob is the territory that is his possession. ¹⁰ The LORD found Jacob in a wild land, in a desolate land, in a howling wasteland. He encircled him. He cared for him. He guarded him like the pupil of his eye. ¹¹ As an eagle rises from its nest and hovers over its young, then spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on the edge of its wings, ¹² so the LORD alone led Israel. There was no foreign god with him. ¹³ He caused them to ride over the high places of the land, and they ate the produce from the fields. He caused them to suck honey from the rocks and olive oil from the hardest flint. ¹⁴ He fed them with curds from the cattle and milk from the flocks, with fat lambs, rams, and goats from Bashan, with the very best wheat, and they drank foaming wine, the blood of the grape. ¹⁵ Jeshurun grew fat and kicked. You grew fat, you were stout, you were stuffed. Then he abandoned the God who made him, and he mocked the Rock who saved him. ¹⁶ They made him jealous with strange gods. They provoked him with abominations. ¹⁷ They sacrificed to demons that are not gods, to gods they had not known, to newcomers from their neighbors, gods whom your fathers did not fear. ¹⁸ You failed to remember the Rock who conceived you. You forgot the God who gave you birth.

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. (John 3:14,15)

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 5:1-9

Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. ²And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. ³But do not let sexual immorality, any kind of impurity, or greed even be mentioned among you, as is proper for saints. ⁴Obscenity, foolish talk, and coarse joking are also out of place. Instead, give thanks. ⁵Certainly you are aware of this: No immoral, impure, or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ, who is God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words. It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. ⁷So do not share in what they do. ⁸For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, ⁹for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

GOSPEL LESSON AND SERMON TEXT:

Luke 22:39-41

³⁹Jesus left and went out to the Mount of Olives, as was his custom. His disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he told them, “Keep praying that you may not enter into temptation.” ⁴¹He withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²“Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours be done.”

Matthew 6:10

“...your will be done on earth as in heaven.”

“NOT MY WILL, YOURS BE DONE”



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 OF THE ELEMENTS

DISTRIBUTION

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

The Will of God is Always Best

CW 435

**♪ The will of God is always best and shall be done forever;
And they who trust in Him are blest; He will forsake them never.
He helps indeed in time of need;
He chastens with forbearing, they who depend
On God, their friend, shall not be left despairing.**

**God is my comfort and my trust, my hope and life abiding;
And to His counsel, wise and just, I yield, in Him confiding.
The very hairs, His Word declares,
Upon my head He numbers.
By night and day God is my stay; He never sleeps nor slumbers.**

SPECIAL PRAYERS/ANNOUNCEMENTS