

# **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

## **Youtube and Facebook service on June 14**

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN 531**

**Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the Church in one,  
Holy Zion's help forever  
And our confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come with all your lovingkindness,  
Hear your people as they pray,  
And your fullest benediction  
Speak within these walls today.**

**Grant, we pray, to all your faithful  
All the gifts they ask to gain,  
What they gain from you forever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in your glory  
Evermore with you to reign.**

**Praise and honor to the Father,  
Praise and honor to the Son,  
Praise and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run!**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Amen.

**CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **FIRST LESSON**

**Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28**

<sup>18</sup> Put these words of mine in your hearts and in your soul, and tie them on your wrists as signs and as symbols on your forehead. <sup>19</sup> Teach them to your children by talking about them when you sit in your house and when you travel on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>20</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, <sup>21</sup> so that your days and the days of your children may be many on the land that the Lord promised to your fathers with an oath, as many as the days that the heavens remain over the earth.

<sup>26</sup> You see, I am placing before you today a blessing and a curse: <sup>27</sup> the blessing, if you listen to the commandments of the Lord your God that I am giving you today, <sup>28</sup> or the curse, if you do not listen to the commandments of the Lord your God and you turn away from the path that I am commanding you today by walking after other gods whom you did not know.

### **HYMN 538, v 1**

**The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

### **SECOND LESSON**

**2 Peter 1:20-2:3**

Since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

There were false prophets also among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing swift destruction on themselves. Many will follow their depraved ways, and because of them the way of the truth will be blasphemed. In their greed they will exploit you with fabricated messages. Their condemnation announced long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and light for my path. Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 7:15-29**

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. By their fruit you will recognize them. You do not gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do you? So then, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, by their fruit you will recognize them. Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and drive out demons in your name and perform many miracles in your name?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.’

### **Wise and Foolish Builders**

“Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on bedrock. The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on bedrock. Everyone who hears these words of mine but does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—it was completely destroyed.”

When Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, and not like their experts in the law.

## **HYMN OF THE DAY 280, vv 1-4**

**Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank thee  
While thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of thy salvation,  
Breathed thine own life-giving breath.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous;  
Bright with thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory,  
And our lives our hope confess.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**From the cross thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth**

**All thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**SERMON                      ESSENTIAL CHURCH – A Bible-based church                      2 Peter 1:20-2:3**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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, died, and was 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 will 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.**

**RESPONSE HYMN 541**

**Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,  
For round us falls the eventide,  
Nor let your Word, that heav'nly light,  
For us be ever veiled in night.**

**O God, how sin's dread works abound!  
Throughout the earth no rest is found,  
And falsehood's spirit wide has spread,  
And error boldly rears its head.**

**In these last days of sore distress  
Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness  
That pure we keep, till life is spent,  
Your holy Word and sacrament.**

**Lord Jesus, help, your Church uphold,  
For we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.  
Oh, prosper well your Word of grace,  
And spread its truth in ev'ry place.**

**Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;  
The guile and rage of Satan stay!  
Oh, may your mercy never cease!  
Give concord, patience, courage, peace.**

**The cause is yours, the glory, too,  
So hear us, Lord, and keep us true.  
Your Word alone is our defense,  
The Church's glorious confidence.**

**Oh, grant that in your holy Word  
We here may live and die, dear Lord,  
And when our journey's ending here,  
Receive us into glory there.**

## **PRAYERS**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace. Amen.

## **Announcements**

### **HYMN 284**

**How precious is the Book divine,  
By inspiration giv'n!  
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine  
To guide our souls to heav'n.**

**Its light, descending from above  
Our gloomy world to cheer,  
Displays a Savior's boundless love  
And brings his glories near.**

**It shows to us our wand'ring ways  
And where our feet have trod  
But brings to view the matchless grace  
Of a forgiving God.**

**This lamp through all the dreary night  
Of life shall guide our way  
Till we behold the clearer light  
Of an eternal day.**

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	<b>May 31</b>	<b>To Date</b>
Offerings received	\$9,870.51	\$240,271.10
FEF/Tuition/ Reg	\$ 0	\$8,566.46
Other/ Interest	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 664.50</u>
Total:	\$9,870.51	\$249,502.06

Budgetary needs	\$12,588.37	\$276,888.26
Difference	-\$2,715.32	-\$27,386.20

Owed to internal line of credit: \$0

