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WELCOME TO CHRIST THE ROCK!
We are glad you are here in God's house today.

- Out of consideration for others and to comply with state guidelines, please wear a mask and observe social distancing. If you do not have a mask, please take one from the box on the table in the entry.
- Restrooms are located through the double doors and to the left.

SERIES THEME: Ministry Basics

In this series of teachings from the Gospel according to John, Jesus opens the Scriptures to help us to take his teaching to heart. We realize what it means to be his disciples and concentrate on our calling to serve Him in loving response.

SERVICE THEME: Love One Another

What one word summarizes all of God's commands? Love. Luke tells us that the early Christians showed love for God and for others by preaching the Gospel boldly even in the face of persecution. The Apostle John teaches us that love for God and his Word compels us to carefully examine all teachings and churches in the light of Scripture. Jesus himself commands us to love one another as he has loved us.



MORNING PRAISE

Matins

Morning Praise or Matins is an order of service that takes powerful biblical texts and combines them with fresh, energetic melodies. This service has been in use among Christian communities as a way to usher in a new day with God's blessing, recalling the biblical mandate to "watch and pray."



Please stand

Minister: O Lord, open my lips.

Congregation: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

M: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

M: Give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: Come, oh, come, let us worship.

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD *Venite*

Psalm 95

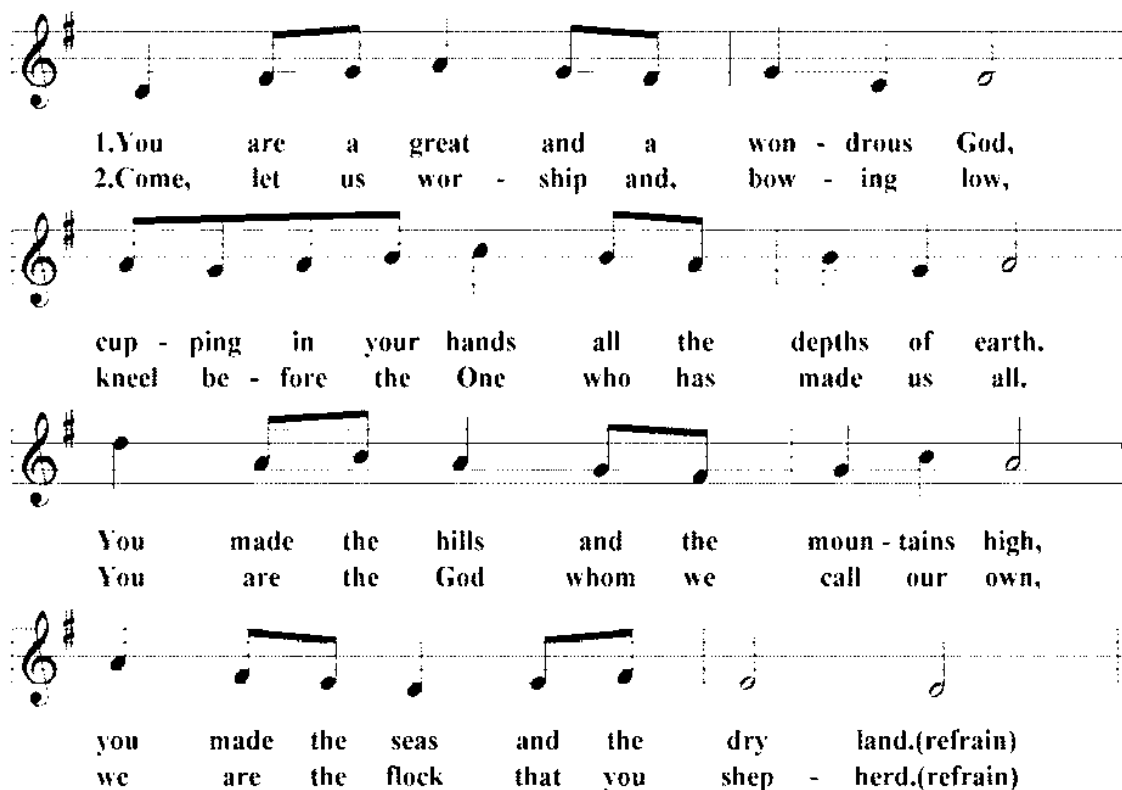
This song, the Venite, Latin for "come," allows worshipers to come and make a joyful noise in praise of the maker of heaven and earth using the words of Psalm 95

Refrain:



Come, oh, come let us sing to the Lord,
let us shout with joy to our sav - ing Rock;
come, en - ter in with our songs of praise,
come, en - ter in with thanks - giv - ing.


Verses:



1. You are a great and a won - drous God,
2. Come, let us wor - ship and, bow - ing low,
cup - ping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel be - fore the One who has made us all.
You made the hills and the moun - tains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,
you made the seas and the dry land.(refrain)
we are the flock that you shep - herd.(refrain)

Please be seated

Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song, for
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

Minister:

Sing to the LORD a new song,

Congregation:

for he has done marvelous things.

The LORD has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness
to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Refrain

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,
burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the sound of singing.

Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON

Acts 11:19-26

Friends of Jesus are called Christians because they are devoted to his message.

19 Now those who had been scattered by the persecution that broke out when Stephen was killed traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus and Antioch, spreading the word only among Jews.

20 Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus.

21 The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord. **22** News of this reached the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.

23 When he arrived and saw what the grace of God had done, he was glad and encouraged them all to remain true to the Lord with all their hearts.

24 He was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and faith, and a great number of people were brought to the Lord.

25 Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, **26** and when he found him, he brought him to Antioch. So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch.

SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:1-11

This is our joy: The one in us, Jesus, is greater than the one in the world, Satan.

1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, **3** but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

4 You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. **5** They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them.

6 We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.

7 Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. **8** Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. **9** This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. **10** This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **11** Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

RESPONSE:

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

Jesus calls us his friends. What a joy to have that close relationship with him.

9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.

14 You are my friends if you do what I command.

15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

17 This is my command: Love each other.

Be seated



HYMN

”This Is My Will”

Christian Worship #497



1 “This is my will, my one com - mand,
 2 “No great - er love can an - y have
 3 “I call you now no long - er slaves;
 4 “You chose not me, but I chose you,
 5 “All that you ask my Fa - ther dear



That love should dwell a - mong you all.
 Than that one die to save his friends.
 No slave knows all the mas - ter does.
 That you should go and bear much fruit.
 For my name’s sake you shall re - ceive.



This is my will, that you should love
 You are my friends if you o - bey
 I call you friends, for all I hear
 I chose you out, that you in me
 This is my will, my one com - mand,



As I have shown that I love you.
 What I com - mand that you should do.
 My Fa - ther say, you hear from me.
 Should bear much fruit that will a - bide.
 That love should dwell in each, in all.”

SERMON

John 15:1-8

Resurrection Christians Are Filled With Joy

1. Because we have a loving Friend who is our Savior
2. Because we get the privilege of serving our Savior

Please stand

YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU *Te Deum*



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

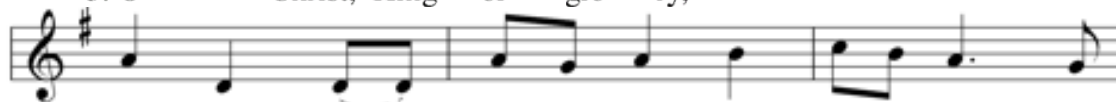


To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verses



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
 2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
 3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phim,
 O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
 You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, **We**
 You have ris - en to free us;



praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tyrs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
 bless - ed, **We sing in end - less** *to Refrain*
 glo - ry, **praise!** *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

(*Psalm 27:7*)

Spoken M: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.

C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

C: Amen.

M: O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart. I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

M: 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?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: Because of the promise of our dear Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

THANKSGIVING

M: O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Let us praise the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-27

Spoken M: The Lord bless and keep you.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord's face ever shine upon you.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord grant you peace for all your days.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Love Is the Gracious Gift”

Christian Worship #505



1 Love is the gra - cious gift of your good - ness;
 2 You loved me first, Lord, send - ing me Je - sus.
 3 Love means for - give - ness, pa - tience, and kind - ness;
 4 Love in a mar - riage, love free - ly giv - en,
 5 Love a - mong Chris - tians, love in the fam - 'ly,



Love is the pa - tient fruit of your care;
 Then I re - spond - ed, trust - ing your Son.
 Love is not jeal - ous, boast - ful, or rude.
 Love of a hus - band, love of a wife—
 Love for the Sav - ior, whose blood was shed,



Love is the gen - tle work of your Spir - it,
 Now you in - vite me to love my neigh - bor,
 Love en - dures all things, bear - ing, be - liev - ing;
 Made to con - tin - ue, blos - som, and flour - ish,
 Love and sub - mis - sion one to an - oth - er



Who is the source of love ev - 'ry - where.
 Show - ing your true love to ev - 'ry - one.
 Love hopes for - ev - er, re - joic - es in truth.
 Grow ev - er deep - er through - out this life.
 As un - to Christ, who reigns as our head.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10:30 am	Adult Information Class
Wednesday 6:30 pm	Bible Class - Colossians
Thursday 4:30 pm	Youth Confirmation Class
Next Sunday 9:15	Adult Bible Class Malachi: A Last Call for Repentance
Next Sunday 10:30 am	Worship w/Lord's Supper
Next Sunday 11:45 am	Church Council Meeting

- ◆ We have extended a divine call to Pastor Jonathon Brohn of Salem Lutheran Church in Stillwater, MN. If you wish to encourage him as he deliberates over our call, you can reach him at 651-246-6856.
- ◆ A new keyboard for our music ministry is on order. Thank you, Sankey Johnson, for arranging the purchase. At present we have gathered more than \$2000 toward the purchase price. If you are able, you are encouraged to give a gift for this fund.
- ◆ Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in the congregation. May your day be a joyous one and may your children treat you with the love you deserve.