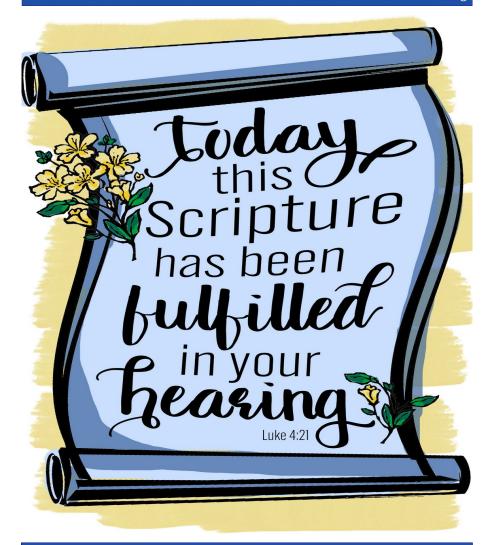
# "We Preach Christ Crucified..."

- 1 Corinthians 1:23

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#### As We Gather

When one proclaims God's Word, typically the intentions are good. We want others to know the joy of salvation and the love of Chirst. Therefore, it can be surprising to us when God's Word is met with apathy or rejection by those who hear it. It's easy to conclude that when the Word of God offends human minds and hearts (including our own), something has gone wrong. The truth that is uncovered this week is that rejection of Jesus' words is not the exception but the rule. Jesus' words will always offend. However, we will see that God can use even the rejection of his Word for good.

[Today's hymns are printed on pages 10-13 of the bulletin.]

# ₩ Preparation for Worship ₩

### Hymn

WS 741 – When Morning Gilds the Skies

#### **Invocation**

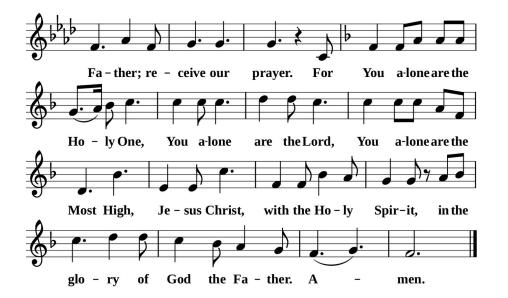
- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

### **Confession and Absolution**

- P Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness
- Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.
- P 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. Your are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.
- C Amen.

### The Service of the Word **廿**





#### **Salutation**

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

## **Prayer of the Day**

- **P** Let us pray...
  - ... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 61:1-6

<sup>1</sup> The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; <sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; <sup>3</sup> to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified. <sup>4</sup> They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. <sup>5</sup> Strangers shall stand and tend your flocks; foreigners shall be your plowmen and vinedressers; <sup>6</sup> but you

shall be called the priests of the LORD; they shall speak of you as the ministers of our God; you shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory you shall boast.

## **Psalm of the Day**

- Psalm 146:1-3, 5, 7-8, 10
- **P** Praise the LORD!
- C Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- **P** I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
- **C** I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- **P** Put not your trust in princes,
- **C** in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
- **P** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
- **C** whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- **P** who executes justice for the oppressed,
- **C** who gives food to the hungry.
- **P** The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- **C** the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
- **P** The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- **C** the LORD loves the righteous.
- **P** The LORD will reign forever,
- **Q** your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

## **Second Reading**

Acts 4:23-31

<sup>23</sup> When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, <sup>25</sup> who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit, "'Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord and against his Anointed'— 27 for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, <sup>28</sup> to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. <sup>29</sup> And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, 30 while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus." <sup>31</sup> And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

### Alleluia

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.



#### **Confession of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

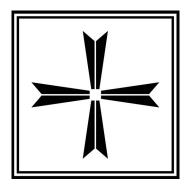
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

## Hymn

TLH 512 – O Christ, Our True and Only Light



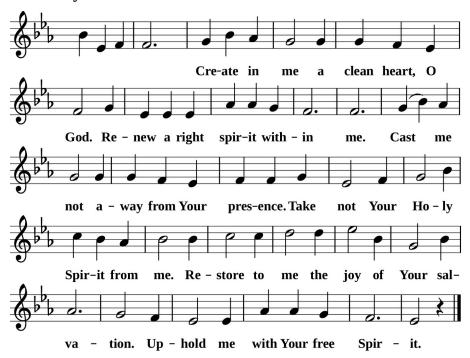
Sermon Text Luke 4:16-30

<sup>16</sup> And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. <sup>17</sup> And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, <sup>18</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." <sup>20</sup> And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup> And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup> And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Physician, heal yourself." What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.' " 24 And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. <sup>25</sup> But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, <sup>26</sup> and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. <sup>27</sup> And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." 28 When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. <sup>29</sup> And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But passing through their midst, he went away.



The Useful Word

### Offertory



### Hymn

LSB 658 - Preserve Your Word, O Savior

### **Offering Hymn**

TLH 441 (1-2) – We Give Thee But Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be; All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2. May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

# General Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

### **Benediction**

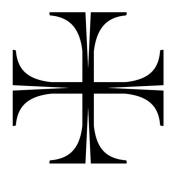
- P The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

  The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
- C Amen.

**Closing Hymn** 

TLH 360 – Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



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# TLH 512 - O Christ, Our True and Only Light



- 5 Shine on the darkened and the cold, Recall the wanderers to Thy fold, Unite all those who walk apart, Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 6 So they with us may evermore
  Such grace with wondering thanks adore
  And endless praise to Thee be given
  By all Thy Church in earth and heaven.



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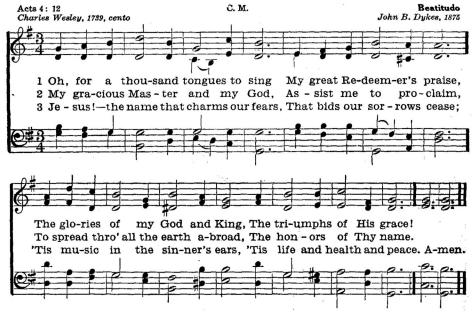
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see Your face.

## TLH 360 - Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 4 He breaks the power of canceled sin, He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.
- 5 Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race. Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.
- 6 See all your sins on Jesus laid; The Lamb of God was slain; His soul was once an offering made For every soul of man.
- 7 Glory to God and praise and love Be ever, ever given By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heaven.

# **Ḥ** Announcements **Ḥ**

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

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OUR SCHEDULE: "If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15 *Online calendar at FDLlutheran.com or go to facebook.com/FDL.lutheran					
January 23	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class			
	10:00 am	Worship Service			
	11:15 am	Annual Meeting			
January 25	6:30 pm	Elders			
January 27	10:00 am	Bible Class			
January 30	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class			
	10:00 am	Worship Service			
February 1	6:30 pm	Mission Committee Meeting			
February 3	10:00 am	Bible Class			
February 6	9:00 am	Sunday School/Bible Class			
	10:00 am	Worship Service w/ Holy Communion			

**Annual Voters' Meeting**: The Annual Voters' Meeting follows our worship service this morning. All voters should make plans to attend if possible.

**Tour Choir**: Save the date! The ILC Tour Choir is traveling through Michigan and Wisconsin this year and has scheduled a concert at Luther Memorial on Saturday evening, March 19<sup>th</sup>. More details will be available in the next few weeks.

Man Up! Retreat: The 2022 ManUp! Men's Retreat is scheduled for September 22-25, 2022 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The retreat offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The weekend will include Bible study, fellowship, leadership training, team building, relationship building, worship, and many outdoor bonding activities. Register and send in your payment before September 1 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on September 1st. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Sign up today!

**CLC News:** Teacher Michaela Winters of Messiah Lutheran School, Hale Corners, WI, has received the call to be the lower grade of teacher of Berea Lutheran School, Inver Grove Heights, MN. + Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, has accepted the call to be the principal and upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Sleepy Eye, MN. + ILC Professor John Ude has returned the call to be the pastor of Living Savior Lutheran Church, Eden Prairie, MN. + Pastor Luke Bernthal of St. Stephen Lutheran Churches, Mt. View, CA, Stockton, CA, and Hayward, CA, is still considering the call to Immanuel Lutheran Church, Winter Haven, FL. + Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire, WI, is still considering the call to be the principal and upper grade teacher at Grace Lutheran School, Valentine, NE.

FRUITS OF FAITH – January 9		Attendance: 42				
Luther Memorial Church		Church of the Lutheran Confession				
<b>Budgetary</b> (Regular Expenses)		<b>Budgetary</b> (Regular Expenses)				
\$2,951.00	LM General Budget (01/09)	\$535.00	CLC General Budget (01/09)			
TBD 1/23	Weekly Need	\$384.62	Weekly Need			
N/A	-Under / +Over	+\$150.38	-Under / +Over			
\$4,550.00	Year to Date Offerings	\$10,273.00	Fiscal Year to Date Offerings			
TBD 1/23	Year to Date Need	\$10,769.36	Fiscal Year to Date Need			
N/A	Year to Date (+/-)	-\$496.36	Fiscal Year to Date (+/-)			
Non-Budg	getary (Unplanned Expenses)					
	LM School		ILC Student Aid Fund			
	LM Student Aid Fund		ILC Building Fund			
	LM Debt Retirement		ILC Improvement Fund			
\$25.00	LM M & I	\$75.00	Mission Development (MDF)			
	LM Local Missions/ Outreach	\$125.00	Project Kinship/Orphanage			
\$20.00	LM Building Fund		Fall Mission Festival			
\$25.00	LM Ladies Orphan Fund		Miscellaneous			
Memorial: \$	Memorial: \$75.00 was given to Kinship in memory of Paul Sullivan					

## Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you... 2 Thessalonians 3:1





Myanmar – Life continues to be difficult for our brothers and sisters in Myanmar as the military junta continues to rule with severe brutality. Many protestors have been imprisoned, killed, or missing for many months. The military has decreed that

no public gatherings can take place, keeping many Christians from gathering for worship and prayer. Most government offices and services remain closed along with banks and financial institutions. Food and daily necessities are scarce, and prices have inflated. **Pray** for justice and peace for all the people of Myanmar. **Pray** especially for our brothers and sisters in Christ that the Lord will grant them strength, courage, and boldness during these difficult times.

India – Persecution continues to increase in many places throughout India. Karnataka state, home to several CLC affiliated pastors, recently passed an "anti-conversion" law. Enemies of Christ often abuse these laws by filing false complaints to persecute Christians and new believers. **Pray** for continued protection against persecution in India and for increased boldness and confidence to spread the Gospel amid these dangers.

**Kenya** -- Ted Quade, who is called by the CLC Bd of Missions to serve as the Christian School Instructor Supervisor, and Missionary Ohlmann are scheduled to visit the two schools in Kenya that are supported through offerings to Kinship. **Pray** for safe and uneventful travels and the Lord's blessings on their work with the teachers, staff, and students of Etago and Moi's Bridge schools.

**Tanzania** – In November, five students of the Tanzania-CLC seminary recently graduated and were ordained as TZ-CLC pastors. A new cohort of ten students have

enrolled and are scheduled to begin classes at the end of January. They will begin their first year of the four-year training program. Pastor Michael Gondwe has been called to serve full-time as the Academic Dean and one of four instructors at the seminary. Pastor Kimimele has been called to take his place as the Tanga District Pastor. **Ask for the Lord's blessings** on these new students and those called to teach and train them. **Pray** that the Lord will provide the necessary gifts and wisdom and all that is necessary for Pastors Gondwe and Kimimele as they take up their new duties.

**Togo** – Construction on a classroom and small dormitory continues on the land north of Lomé. The long-term plan for this property is to serve as the church headquarters and Bible institute. They would like to finish the first phase of construction so that classes can begin in late January. **Pray** that the Lord would continue to bless the construction work so that classes can begin soon.

**2022 Mission Helper Trip** – The CLC Mission Helper Trips in 2020 and 2021 were canceled due to the pandemic. Plans are currently underway for a trip to East Africa (Tanzania and Zambia) in July of 2022. Nine individuals have volunteered to participate. Our brothers and sisters in Christ in East Africa are eager for the Mission Helper Teams to come again to assist them in the work of proclaiming God's saving word. **Pray** that our Savior will clear any obstacles that may stand in the way of this trip and that plans will go smoothly.

**Uganda** – Pastor Daniel Mugeni has studied with CLC missionaries and attended pastoral conferences in Kenya for many years. Missionary Mike Gurath and Board of Doctrine member Pastor Andrew Schaller are conducting the formal process of reviewing Pastor Mugeni's doctrinal positions for a possible recommendation for a declaration of fellowship. **Pray** that the Lord would bless this process of establishing God-pleasing fellowship

**Nepal** – Progress on the building project has been delayed due to Covid restrictions and Hindu holidays. They are

nearing completion and have begun moving into the building. The building will be dedicated, and seminary classes will begin in March. With a lifting of Covid restrictions, the HCLCN is planning to start more preaching stations and continue construction and repairs on church buildings in the coming months. **Thank** the Lord for His continued blessings on the building project and ask Him to grant patience to Raju, his family, and the students as they wait for completion. **Ask the Lord** to bless the teaching of His Word in this building that many more faithful preachers and teachers will be trained to proclaim the saving truths of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. **Pray** also for those who will be reached with the Gospel during the evangelism trips that are planned, that many will hear, repent, believe in Jesus, and rejoice with us in God's grace and mercy!

**Bangladesh** –Pastor Monotosh asks that we continue to pray for several individuals who have recently converted to Christianity from Hinduism. These individuals have been physically assaulted, persecuted, and falsely accused of crimes. One man (an evangelist/elder) and his wife were assaulted. The evangelist/elder is still hospitalized with a fractured skull and brain damage. **Ask the Lord** to protect and defend His new disciple and give him the necessary strength and courage to persevere under persecution.

Zambia, D.R. Congo, Liberia, Nigeria, and Mexico – please continue to pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who are struggling to stay healthy, provide for their families and the ministry as they proclaim the Gospel...trusting the promise of our Savior that His Word will not return to Him void but will accomplish that for which He sent it.

Missionary Evensen – continues to translate Online Theological Studies lessons and courses into French for use in Togo and other French-speaking nations in Africa and elsewhere. Ask for the Lord's continued blessings on the translation work so that many more can benefit from learning the truths of God's saving word in their language and that many more will be well prepared to serve in the Gospel ministry.

**Missionary Ohlmann** – recently returned from a one-month visit to Tanzania in mid-December. He has plans to travel to Kenya, Nepal, and Bangladesh in the early months of 2022. **Ask the Lord** to bless the trip preparations and to clear any obstacles that may stand in the way of his travels and work.

The Philippines – Missionary Ohlmann has been corresponding with an independent Lutheran pastor in the Philippines for the past several months. He led this pastor through a series of Online Theological Studies based on the CLC Statement of Faith and Purpose. Correspondence has been going very well. A visitation is tentatively planned for some time in the spring of 2022. **Pray** that the Lord would continue to bless this correspondence, that it will lead to a Godpleasing unity of faith and teaching. **Ask the Lord** to provide opportunities and all that is necessary for Pastor Jordan to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ!

New and Ongoing Opportunities – The Lord continues to provide opportunities to proclaim the truths of His saving Word in a variety of ways in different areas of the world. Thank the Lord for the privilege of teaching the truths of His saving Word to others! Pray for these individuals and all those around the world that we are working with as they seek to grow in their understanding of God's Word to be better equipped to spread the Good News of our Savior Jesus Christ!

God be merciful to us and bless us, And cause His face to shine upon us, That Your way may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. Psalm 67:1–2





