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† Sunday Worship – 10:00 am †

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Welcome to all!

Good morning! “The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord.” The holy Christian church is not a building made by human hands, but it is a spiritual house made of living stones, people who have confessed that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, their Savior. Built on Christ, the sure foundation, this Church will endure throughout time and into eternity, though the attacks against it will be severe. Praise God that he has made known to us the truth, that we might confess with Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God!

If you have any questions regarding our Sunday services, upcoming Bible classes or various programs, please speak with the pastor or call the church office. We look forward to meeting you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

Some notes:

☞ **Restrooms** are in the sanctuary entry way just opposite the “Quiet Room.”

- 🔊 **Quiet Room:** If you have a young child or nursing infant and need a Quiet Room, you will find it to the left as soon as you exit the sanctuary. A speaker there allows you to hear the service.
 - 🔊 **Cell Phones:** We ask that cell phones be turned off or silenced during the service. Thank you!
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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

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BUILT ON THE ROCK

Christian Worship 529, vv. 1-3

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

We are God's house of living stones,
Built for his own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of his wondrous salvation.
Were we but two his name to tell,
Yet he would deign with us to dwell
With all his grace and his favor.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872, abr.; tr. Carl Döving, 1867–1937, alt. Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-87. Text and Tune: public domain.

M: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON...*EXODUS 6:2-8*

²God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD. ³I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD I did not make myself fully known to them. ⁴I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as

foreigners. ⁵ Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant.

⁶ “Therefore, say to the Israelites: ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. ⁸ And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. Alleluia.

—1 Timothy 1:10b

THE SECOND LESSON...MATTHEW 16:13-20

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵ “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷ Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰

Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE CHURCH'S HEAD

Christian Worship 536, vv. 1, 4

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's head,
You are her one foundation.
In you she trusts, before you bows,
And waits for your salvation.
Built on this rock secure,
Your Church shall endure
Though all the world decay
And all things pass away.
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!

And for your gospel let us dare
To sacrifice all treasure;
Teach us to bear your blessed cross,
To find in you all pleasure.
Oh, grant us steadfastness
In joy and distress.
Lord, for your mercy's sake,
Let us by grace partake
Of endless joy and glory.

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734, abr.; tr. William J. Schaefer, 1891–1976, alt. Tune: Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863-1924. Text and Tune: public domain.

SERMON TEXT

...Sermon Text – Romans 11:33-36

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,

and his paths beyond tracing out!
³⁴ “Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?”
³⁵ “Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?”
³⁶ For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Don't Second-Guess God

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Heavenly Father, creator of all things and giver of every blessing, work in us such love that we, loving you above all things, may love our neighbor also. Grant that we may ever show compassion to the needy, bear the infirmities of the weak, and uphold those who are cast down.

Give us such obedience to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ that we may refrain our tongues from evil and our lips from deceit. Be with us that we may do good and shun evil, seek peace and follow after it.

Move, O Lord, your Church to gratitude for all your blessings, but most especially for the gift of its greatest treasure, the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless our nation that mercy and truth, honor and peace may everywhere prevail. In the sanctity of our homes let the Spirit of Christ come to strengthen all parents, that they may encourage their children in the practice of virtue and lead them to usefulness in service to you and to others.

Pour out your mercy on all who are in trial or adversity, especially those who are suffering for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, and save them by your mighty power. Teach them to know that you are the true and only Father, and your Son the true and only Savior.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our own private petitions.

Grant us all these petitions, O Lord, and whatever else we may ask in the depths of our own hearts, for the sake of him who died that we might ever live with you. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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 forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

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.

C: Amen.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Christian Worship 538, vv. 1, 5

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.

Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

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