

2020 11 22 Service of the Word.

IN THE NAME

P: “Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

C: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!”

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Friends in Christ: Let us confess our sins to God our Father and ask Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: We confess that we are born in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbour as ourselves. We deserve Your eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.

P: Upon this your confession and prayer I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. On behalf of my Lord Jesus Christ, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you!

C: Amen.

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

P: I will bless the Lord at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt His name together!

I sought the Lord, and He answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to Him are radiant,

and their faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard Him

and saved Him out of all His troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps

around those who fear Him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints,

for those who fear Him have no lack!

**The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

The Lord redeems the life of His servants;

none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

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

GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, heavenly Father, grant that Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, may come quickly and take to Himself His bride, the Church, so that together with all the redeemed we may enter into Your glory; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING

P: Our Scripture reading for today comes from **1 John 3:1-3:**

“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES CREED

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

And 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, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty, from thence 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.**

SERMON for today is based on **1 John 3:1-3**.

P: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sermon “We all will die...”.

P: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. **C: Amen.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray!

C: Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanks what You have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions – as signs of Your goodness and symbols of our love. Accept them for the sake of Jesus Christ, who offered Himself for us. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Mighty and eternal God, we remember before You the saints and martyrs of every generation, who trusted in You in the face of terror and threat. Grant that when facing persecution and trial in our own day, we may be steadfast in faith.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the faithful proclamation of Christ, and for the strengthening of God’s people in this true faith and their baptismal life in Christ. For the protection of the Lord to extend over us against the devil, the world and our own sinful selves.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For God’s people in this place, for the mission and work God has given us to do, and for the unity of the Spirit and a spirit of cooperation and harmony in our life together.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all the schools of our church body, for our seminary where our pastors are being trained for Your service, and for the campuses where our young are prepared for their occupations by their vocation as God’s people by Baptism and faith.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who have wandered from the flock of God, for the faithful shepherds who gather them in through the voice of God’s Word, for our forgiveness, and for our willingness to forgive others in Christ’s name.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ and for their loved ones and for all their needs, and especially today for Rohan and Sue Jericho, Lachlan, Mitchell and Nathan Jericho, Dale John, Oscar and Irene Joppich, for Dorcas Kernich.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those afflicted by illness of body or mind and for those who care for them, especially for Nigel, for Margaret, for Bob and Pat, that with God's strength they may kept through patience and delivered to everlasting life.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our brothers and sisters in Christ, who have departed and joined the glorious Church triumphant and for all who mourn this temporary separation and especially for Jan Bachmann and Colin Brine, Grace Roocke and Erna Renner, Lita Schirmer and Wendy Schiller, Joan Schulz and Esther Flinn, Leslie Kohlhagen and Myrtle Parbs.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the grieving, that they may have hope, and for those near the end of their earthly lives, that they may be sustained in faith to everlasting life.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all artists and artisans; for science and invention; for those who serve us in the medical arts; for tradespeople and laborers; and for those who serve and protect us as police, firefighters and military personnel.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For our state of South Australia and the measures that are taken to ensure our physical well-being, that they would serve their purpose and our life can be soon restored.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the hungry and homeless, for the unemployed and underemployed, for those who work in disaster relief, and for the social-service agencies of our church.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For a giving spirit, that we may not neglect the poor nor fail to provide resources to the Church to fulfill the Lord's bidding and spread the Gospel to every place.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, we here remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His Kingdom, which has no end. For to You alone we give all glory, honour and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favour †, and give you peace.

C: Amen.