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Worship

Preparation:.....
... Psalm 46, p. 134

Opening

Prayer:.....
Luther's Morning Prayer

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

I thank Thee, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, that Thou hast kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray Thee that Thou wouldst keep me this day also from sin and every evil that all my doings and life may please Thee. For into Thy hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Thy holy angel be with me that the wicked Foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Opening Hymn:. TLH 231: We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost

Invocation:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

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C: [Spoken] Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins according to the hymn by Martin Luther.

Confession and Absolution: TLH 329, st. 1 & 5 (Tune 377)

C: From depths of woe I cry to Thee,
Lord, hear me, I implore Thee.

Bend down Thy gracious ear to me,
My prayer let come before Thee.

If Thou rememb'rest each misdeed,
If each should have its rightful need,
Who may abide Thy presence?

P: Though great our sins and sore our
woes,

His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,

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Our utmost need it soundeth.

Our Shepherd good and true is He,

who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow. Amen.

Piano Dedication:

Responsive

Psalm:.....
..... Psalm 150

P: Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary;

C: Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

P: Praise Him for His mighty acts;

C: Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

P: Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;

C: Praise Him with the lute and harp!

P: Praise Him with the timbrel and

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dance;

C: Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!

P: Praise Him with loud cymbals;

C: Praise Him with clashing cymbals!

P: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.

C: Praise the LORD!

Hymn:..... WS
774: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Scripture
Reading:.....
..... Romans 3:19-28

The Law is not something we serve in order to be saved. Rather, it is the Law that makes us aware of our sinfulness. No work of the Law we do can satisfy God or justify us in His eyes. It is only through Christ Jesus that we are sinless in God's sight. Jesus' blood regains God's favor for us because by His blood shed on the cross, our sins are forgiven.

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This forgiveness which Christ won for all people comes to us through faith.

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Hymn:.....
... Luther's Seal Explanation

The Apostles'

Creed:.....
..... TLH, p. 12

Hymn:.....
..... Luther's Hymns Medley

Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
would wrest the Kingdom from Thy Son

And set at naught all He hath done. (TLH
261, st. 1)

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy child,
Make Thee a bed soft, undefiled,
within my heart, that it may be

A quiet chamber kept for Thee (TLH 85,

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st. 13)

Savior of the nations, come,

Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!

Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,

That the Lord chose such a birth. (TLH
95, st. 1)

Thou holy Light, Guide Divine,

Oh, cause the word of Life to shine!

Teach us to know our God aright

And call Him Father with delight.

From ev'ry error keep us free;

Let none but Christ our Master be

That we in living faith abide,

In Him, our Lord, with all our might
confide.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (TLH 224, st. 2)

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Help us, Lord Jesus Christ, for we

A Mediator have in Thee.

Our works cannot salvation gain;

They merit but endless pain. Have mercy,
Lord! (TLH 287, st. 12)

We praise Thee, God, and Thee we bless;

We worship Thee in humbleness;

From day to day we glorify

Thee, everlasting God on high.

Of Thy great glory do we sing,

And e'er to Thee our thanks we bring.
(TLH 238, st. 2)

Amen, that is, so shall it be.

Confirm our faith and hope in Thee

That we may doubt not, but believe

what here we ask we shall receive.

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Thus in Thy name and at Thy word

We say: Amen. Oh, hear us, Lord! (TLH 458, st. 9)

Ye shall and must at last prevail;

God's own ye are, ye cannot fail.

To God forever sing your praise

with joy and patience all your days. (TLH 103, st. 6)

Sermon:..... Romans 3:28

“Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.”

Dear Christians, Rejoice in the Reformation!

1. Rejoice, for you no longer have to be tormented by the Law
2. Rejoice, for God out of His grace beheld your wretched state

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Hymn:.... TLH 387, st. 6-9: Dear
Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Offering & Prayers:

Words of Institution:

Pre-Distribution

Hymn:..... TLH
313, st 1

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and
adore Thee,

In thanksgiving bow before Thee.

Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst
nourish

Our weak souls that they may flourish: O
Lord, have mercy!

May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,

That our sins and sorrows did carry,

And Thy blood for us plead

In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord,

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have mercy!

Distribution:

Note: Since we desire to follow the words of our Savior, we practice "Close Communion." Without a true understanding of what the Lord's Supper is all about, participation can be harmful. Therefore, if you have a desire to commune with us in the future and are not a member of a CLC congregation, please speak with the pastor. He will teach and inform you of those things which you will need and want to know.

Post-Distribution

Hymn:..... TLH
313, st 2

Thy holy body into death was given,

Life to win for us in heaven.

No greater love than this to Thee could
bind us;

May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord,
have mercy!

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Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee
That Thy blood should bless and sustain
me.

All our debt Thou hast paid;

Peace with God once more is made: O Lord,
have mercy!

Prayer & Benediction:

Hymn:..... TLH 387, st. 10: Dear
Christians, One and All, Rejoice