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From Invisible to Indispensable!

Sanctity of Life Sunday 2021 - Lutherans For Life

**735 Have No Fear, Little Flock**

- 1 Have no fear, little flock; Have no fear, little flock, For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom; Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock, For the Father will keep you In His love forever; Have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above, For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you; Praise the Lord high above!
- 3 Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God, For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you; Thankful hearts raise to God!

**Invocation**

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

**Confession and Absolution**

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**  
P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*  
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C Amen.

**Introit** Psalm 68:4-6, 19-20

- P Sing to God, sing praises to his name;

- C lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!  
P Father of the fatherless and protector of widows  
C is God in his holy habitation.  
P God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,  
C but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.  
P Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up;  
C God is our salvation.  
P Our God is a God of salvation  
C and to God, the Lord, belong deliverances from death.  
C 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.

**849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

- 1 Praise the One who breaks the darkness, With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands, With the very Bread of peace.
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the children, With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons, With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water, To the desert's burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious, That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the One who makes us one.

**Collect**

- P Almighty God, open our eyes to behold Your great love toward us in the humility of Your Son and to know Him in the least ones, that we may serve You by serving our neighbors, until You gather us together to rejoice as brothers and sisters in Your everlasting kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C Amen.

**Old Testament Reading** 1 Samuel 16:4–13

<sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”<sup>5</sup>And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.”

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature,

because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”<sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>10</sup>And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.”<sup>11</sup>Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.”<sup>12</sup>And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.”<sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle *1 Corinthians 12:12–26*

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.<sup>13</sup>For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>For the body does not consist of one member but of many.<sup>15</sup>If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.

<sup>16</sup>And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.<sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?<sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.<sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be?<sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

<sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”<sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable,<sup>23</sup>and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,<sup>24</sup>which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,<sup>25</sup>that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.<sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia, alleluia.

#### Holy Gospel *Mark 1:14–20*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,<sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.<sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”<sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him.<sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets.<sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

#### Children's Message

#### 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.  
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of Your bounty, Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Hallows all our human race:  
By Your praying, by Your willing, That Your people should be one,  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done.

#### Sermon

#### 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, died and was 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 T everlasting. Amen.

## Prayers

- P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- P For the Holy Christian Church, gathered here and scattered throughout the world, that by the grace of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we may believe and rejoice that He creates, redeems, and calls every human life as His own precious treasure, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For our Christian witness, that this Gospel of Jesus Christ may motivate us to speak His truth and show His love to every neighbor, no matter what age, appearance, or ability, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For this land and its authorities, that God grant them wisdom, nobility, and responsibility to safeguard in policy and practice the sanctity of every member of our race, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For all medical professionals, that our Savior lend them His own courage and compassion to deliver relief and health, and to reject every temptation to use death as a solution to suffering, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For those scheduled for abortion, those experiencing surprise pregnancies, those awaiting adoption, those enduring chronic pain, and those approaching death, that our Heavenly Father sustain them in their distresses and open our hearts and hands to embrace, accompany, and encourage them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For those who permit, promote, and participate in abortion, physician-assisted suicide, and other violences against life, and especially for those whose hearts have been broken by the abortion of their own children, that God forgive them and turn them from their sin to receive His healing, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For our brothers and sisters suffering injuries, illnesses, or disabilities (especially...), that the good Lord visit them in their affliction through the fellowship of His body, preserve their life and their faith, and grant both quick remedy and complete recovery, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P For any among us who celebrate gifts of life and family, (especially *[names]* on their birthdays and *[names]* on their anniversaries), that they exult with us in these blessings as tokens of forgiveness in Christ Jesus and foretastes of resurrection to everlasting life in the new creation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C **Lord, have mercy.**
- P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

- C 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.

## Benediction

- 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 favor and T give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

## 856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

- 1 O Christ, who called the Twelve, To rise and follow You,  
Forsaking old, familiar ways, For ventures bold and new:  
Grant us to hear Your call, To risk security  
And, bound in heart and will to You, Find perfect liberty.
- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve, The truth for ages sealed,  
Whose words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed:  
Instruct us now, we pray, By Your empow'ring Word.  
True teacher, be for all who seek, Their light, their life, their Lord.
- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve, Among the desolate  
And broke as bread of life for all, Your love compassionate:  
Lead us along the ways, Where hope has nearly died  
And help us climb the lonely hills, Where love is crucified.
- 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve, On roads they'd never trod  
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim, The nearer reign of God:  
Send us on ways where faith, Transcends timidity,  
Where love informs and hope sustains, Both life and ministry.
- 5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song,  
The crucified and risen King, To whom the saints belong:  
Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring,  
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.

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