



OUR WORSHIP TODAY, Veteran's Day, November 11th, 2018
GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME

Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements

CONFESSIONAL PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, we approach your altar with with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. We realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things 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. 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

ABSOLUTION

Pastor: As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on His cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Go and sin no more. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Alleluia and Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: 438 Onward Christian Soldiers

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison):

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray:

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer true and laudable service. Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Duteronomy 6:1-9 (ESV)

The Greatest Commandment

“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long.

Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

PSALM: Psalm 34 (ESV)

*(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

Taste and See That the Lord Is Good

Of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech, so that he drove him out, and he went away. I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

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.

Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good?

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken.

Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen

EPISTLE LESSON: A Reading from The Epistle of St. Anselm 1008 AD

Archbishop of Canterbury under William the Conqueror of England

O blessed Lord and Savior, who has commanded us to love one another, grant us grace that, having received Your undeserved bounty, we may may love every man in You, and for You. We beseech Your blessing for all, but especially for the friends whom Your love has given us. Love them, O Lord our fountain of love, and make them to love You with all their heart, with all their mind, and with all their soul, that those things only which are pleasing to You that they may will, speak, and do.

And may their love and our love be made like Your love; constant, unchanging, and unchangeable which no waters can quench and which is stronger than death and every other enemy of love. Though our prayer is cold because our love is so little fervent and pure, yet You are rich in mercy. Measure not Your goodness to us and to those we love by the dullness of our devotion; but as Your kindness surpasses all human affection, so let Your hearing transcend our prayer.

Do to them Lord what is expedient for them, according to Your will, that they being always and everywhere ruled and protected by You, may attain in the to everlasting life; and to You with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and praise forever and ever. Amen

Please rise for the Alleluia - sung.

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 11:27-36 (ESV)

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11th Chapter.

Glory to you Oh Lord.

True Blessedness

As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" The Sign of Jonah

When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.

The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

The Light in You

"No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness.

Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you oh Christ!

SERMON 'What Does it Mean to Serve?' Rev. Dr. Steve Dygert + STS

"Eternal God our Father,

From time immemorial there have been those

who have answered the call

to walk the way of the warrior.

From the snows of Valley Forge

to the sands of Iraq;

From 30 seconds over Tokyo,
to hours without end in missile silos;

From the fields of Gettysburg

to the halls of Montezuma;

From the beaches of

Normandy

to the mountains

of Afghanistan;

We are grateful to those who have stood in harm's way
to protect and guard our families and our homes.

We honor the men and women who have sworn
to protect and defend our constitution
from those enemies foreign and domestic
who would take from us our liberty and our lives.

We pray that you would shield your warrior servants
from the shadow of death.

May we rejoice in their courage
and show them our thanksgiving.

In the midst of conflict and spillage
lead us all to clean waters and green pastures.

Easter the hopes of your servants in this land and others
to the triumph of your kingdom
when sword and shield will be no more needed.

Bless them and us
and bless our home your land---
America.

Amen"

SERMON HYMN: 604 God Bless Our Native Land, Seigfried Mahlmann, B 1771, D 1826

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed ©

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; [God of God], Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. "Who, for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

"And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen."

THE OFFERING: Offertory – Just As I Am - Dean Carson

As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below, Praise him above, Ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

In Peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord have mercy."

For thy holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the joy of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.....**Lord have mercy.**

For all bishops, priests, pastors, deacons, and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you O Lord.....**Lord have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you O Lord..**Lord have mercy.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you O Lord.....**Lord have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you O Lord.....**Lord have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.....**Lord have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger, that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you O Lord.....
.....**Lord have mercy.**

For the Christian Church and all that serve our Lord, that those who are present in your house may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all we do, we pray to you, O Lord.....**Lord have mercy.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, that they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you O Lord.....**Lord have mercy.**

For all who have served in the armed forces of the United States and in the United Kingdom. Not only the soldiers, sailors, marines, and airmen and women; but those who remained home keeping the faith in their families and in the belief in the blessings of our country, we pray to you O Lord.....**Lord have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints in glory, let us commend ourselves and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.....
.....**To you, O Lord our God.**

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son; Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia and Amen

THE LORD’S PRAYER, PREPARATION OF THE TABLE, WORDS OF INSTITUTION, THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN PART 1: 441 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus vs 1,2

COMMUNION HYMN PART 2: 441 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus vs 3,4

THE COMMUNION BLESSING:

SENDING HYMN: 600 Eternal Father Strong to Save

THE AARONIC BENEDICTION

Congregational Song, **Let There Be Peace on Earth**

**Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our father
Brothers all are we
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony**

Let peace begin with me
**Let this be the moment now
With every step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment
And live each moment
In peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me .**

THE DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God

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WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN! Thank you for joining us as we worship of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, *please place your cell phones on muted* for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

IN OUR PRAYERS: Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

POT LUCK: Next Sunday, the 18th is our Pot Luck lunch, unless we want to postpone it. Let's talk today about our plans.

JESUS LOVES YOU MINISTRIES: Today is Can-it Sunday, and next Sunday is You Cracker Me Up Sunday.

- Nov 4 socks, men's-women's-childrens
- 11 canned pasta (ravioli, beefaroni, etc.)
- 18 crackers, 10-20 ounce Jellies – Next Week's Offering**
- 25 razors, deoderants
- Dec 2 small men's shorts/underwear, 29-36
- 9 small women's underwear
- 16 canned pasta (ravioli, beefaroni, etc.)
- 23 soups, meals – turkeys and hams? Will let you know
- 30 TBA

We Serve Today:

Reader: Bubbles Burress

Communion: Bev Cisco, Bubbles Burress, Peggie Sue Dygert

We Serve Next Sunday, November 18th:

Reader: Priscilla Alonzo

Communion: Bev Cisco, Bubbles Burress, Peggie Sue Dygert

Offering: Bob Wilgus, Bev Cisco

Greeter: Nancy Nordell

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Can Christians Be Soldiers? by Dr. Adam S. Francisco, Professor Concordia University

It is hard to imagine a vocation more at odds with popular conceptions of Christian living than military service. The Christian life is supposed to be about peace and love for the neighbor, but the life of a Marine, Soldier, Sailor or Airman revolves around war. How then can a Christian support or volunteer for military service?

For the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther (and for us as Lutherans), the answer is found in Scripture. Rom. 13:14 and 1 Peter 2:13-15 are the primary sources. Both sanction secular government and its right to wield the sword. Luther referred to this as a "divine thing entirely" and concluded, "The very fact that the sword has been instituted by God to punish the evil, protect the good, and preserve peace is powerful and sufficient proof that war and killing along with all the things that accompany wartime and martial law have been instituted by God."

Luther wrote these words in 1526. During the previous two years, Germany had witnessed a tremendous amount of bloodshed during the Peasants War. The emperor of Germany, Charles V, had recently called for the forceful suppression of Lutheranism. And the Muslim Turks had ravaged regions east of Germany just a few months prior, effectively bringing Islamic civilization to the eastern gates of European Christendom.

At the time, there were a number of Protestant Christians (generally called Anabaptists) who believed Christians had no business being involved in any sort of civil service and certainly not of the military variety. The lives of true Christians, they said, were to be spent engaging in acts of charity and Christian love toward their neighbor. Secular government and military service was for secular people.

More than a few Christian soldiers were troubled by this claim, so they turned to Luther for advice, requesting that he address the issue in writing. He had already made his basic position on secular affairs known in a work entitled *Temporal Authority* (1523). But ever the pastoral theologian, he decided to draft a text addressing the specific issue of whether true Christians could in good conscience serve in military vocations. He titled it *Whether Soldiers, Too, Can Be Saved*.

At the outset, Luther made one thing clear: A Christian is not a Christian by virtue of the vocation(s) he serves; a Christian is a Christian by virtue of his faith in Christ. A person's identity as a Christian was accomplished apart from his vocation. It was accomplished in and through the person and work of Jesus, "granted and given us by the grace of God alone."

With that matter clarified, Luther turned to the question of whether military vocations—even if they required acts of extreme violence—could be regarded as a profession fitting for a Christian. His answer was a resolute yes. He acknowledged that the work of a soldier at war "seems an un-Christian work completely contrary to Christian love."

When one looked at the matter closely, however, he believed even killing in combat was "a work of love." A soldier fighting in a just war is not fighting for personal or national gain but rather in defense of others. The soldier fights not to defend himself but the life and property of his fellow citizens, that is, his neighbors.

Luther also explained that military professions are absolutely essential for the preservation of peace and order. The world was in his day, and still is in ours, full of what he called "warmongers," those who would use war as an extension of politics to acquire lands and wealth and those who simply reveled in bloodshed. The only way to stop such injustices is through force of arms. For the sake of peace, he wrote, militaries are required. Those who serve within them not only serve in legitimate professions, but "right and godly" vocations.

A Christian who serves in the military, therefore, did not and does not need to be troubled by the clamoring of Christian pacifists. Not only does a soldier's vocation, presuming its duties are properly and legally executed, legitimately serve the neighbor, but it is also what Jesus identified as the greatest act of love (John 15:13), for every member of the military has committed to offer his life in defense of his fellow citizens. Every Christian Marine, Soldier, Sailor and Airman can serve with full confidence that, as Luther put it in his great hymn, "Our victory has been won; the Kingdom ours remaineth."