

APRIL 28, 2013

Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 47 (front of the hymnal p. 134)

## The Hymns: 196, 467, 767, 23:4

Prayer O almighty God, You who made of one blood all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth, use us as instruments of Your holy Word, and let the light of Your salvation shine to all the ends of the earth. Accomplish this great work first with our family, friends, and close neighbors, then, as You have commanded, to all the world. Ever keep Christ and Him crucified the center of every message we bring, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. For Jesus sake we ask it, Amen.

#### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Opening Hymn 196**

#### The Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation sings:** 



### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness. **Pastor** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

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Who made heaven and earth. **C**:

**Pastor** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.



**Pastor** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## Peace Lutheran Church of Orofino ID

13946 1st Ave 8:00 am Worship Service; 7:30 am Bible Study orofino.clclutheran.org

## St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarkston WA

1107 14<sup>th</sup> Street 11:00 am Service; 10:00 am Sunday School; 10:15 am Bible Class www.ClarkstonLutheran.org

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ALL O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Pastor Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.



(congregation is seated)

THE INTROIT

Having received the Lord's forgiveness, we are glad to enter into His courts with praise and thanksgiving. This entrance is made in the Introit with the Lord's own Word, often from the Psalms.

- P: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!
- C: For He has done marvelous things;
- P: The Lord has made known His salvation
- C: His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.
- P: His right hand and His holy arm
- C: Have gained Him the victory.





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persuaded; and a great multitude of the devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women, joined Paul and Silas. 5 But the Jews who were not persuaded, becoming envious, took some of the evil men from the marketplace, and gathering a mob, set all the city in an uproar and attacked the house of Jason, and sought to bring them out to the people. 6 But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too. 7 "Jason has harbored them, and these are all acting contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying there is another king; Jesus." 8 And they troubled the crowd and the rulers of the city when they heard these things. 9 So when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. 10 Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men. 13 But when the Jews from Thessalonica learned that the word of God was preached by Paul at Berea, they came there also and stirred up the crowds. 14 Then immediately the brethren sent Paul away, to go to the sea; but both Silas and Timothy remained there. 15 So those who conducted Paul brought him to Athens; and receiving a command for Silas and Timothy to come to him with all speed, they departed.

**PASTOR** Here ends the First Bible Reading. We continue with the responsive reading of:

#### THE GRADUAL

The Gradual is a "Bridge of praise" that links the Old Testament with the New Testament. P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

- C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
- P: The right hand of the LORD is exalted;
- C: The right hand of the LORD does valiantly. Hallelujah!
- P: Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more.
- C: Death no longer has dominion over Him. Hallelujah!



**PASTOR** The Second Bible Reading comes from Luke chapter 14, beginning there in the 35<sup>th</sup> verse.



The Second Bible Reading

John 14:1-12 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. 2 "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also. 4 "And where I go you know, and the way you know." 5 Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?" 6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. 7 "If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know Him and have seen Him." 8 Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." 9 Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'? 10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 "Believe Me that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves. 12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

**PASTOR:** Here ends the Second Bible Reading.





#### THE APOSTLES' CREED

We boldly confess what we believe. (Hymnal, page 12)

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 Ghost, 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Hymn 467

#### THE SERMON

1 Peter 2:4-10 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." 7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

> Theme: "YOU ARE HIS LIVING STONES" I. The LORD God is building His Spiritual House (4-8) II. The LORD God is sending His gifted people (9-10)

#### THE OFFERTORY

Singing this prayer we OFFER God our hearts, asking Him for that best of all gifts, the Holy Spirit. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen. In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. While the ushers present our offerings at the Lord's Altar, we stand and sing the offering hymn 788:1:

Lord, You love the cheerful giver Who with open heart and hand Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land. Grant us, then, the grace of giving with a spirit large and true. That our life and all our living we may consecrate to You.

PRAYERS - (Pastor)

### THE LORD'S PRAYER - (All)

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.

#### <u>Hymn 767</u>

Congregation stands for:

#### **THE BENEDICTION**

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

PASTOR:The LORD bless you and keep you.The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



#### The Closing Hymn 23:4

\*\*\* SILENT PRAYER \*\*\*

#### THE OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

# <u>Announcements</u>

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

**WELCOME** ...to all our guests who are sharing the Good News of the Gospel with us this morning. Please sign our guest register before leaving, and we invite you to join us regularly for worship services. Every Sunday you will find words of life and peace through Jesus Christ - and a warm welcome from fellow believers - here in God's house. We're saving a place for you!

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#### First Bible Reading for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Here we read about Paul and Silas, two people who followed Jesus command to GO AND TELL! There was opposistion to their preaching the Gospel of Jesus, but their efforts got results. Both Jews and Greeks (non Jews) believed their Scripture based witness. We read...

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Jesus here prepares His disciples for the shock of His departure by promising to come again take them to the Father's House. By the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Word all of God's disciples of all time are empowered to carry out the command to GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS. We read...

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### **PASTOR:** Here ends the New Testament Bible Reading.



