

Prelude “When the Morning Stars Together” Sharon Barton

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Before You, Lord, We Bow” LBW # 401

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW pg. 77

Kyrie LBW pg. 78

Hymn of Praise ... “My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” LBW #524

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

First Reading Deuteronomy 6:4-9

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading Philippians 2:5-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds Pastor Paul Knudson

Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation:

“Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.”

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel Mark 9:14-29

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon: “A Simple Way: What Do You Believe?”

Pastor Dave Wollan

Hymn “How Firm a Foundation” LBW #507

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,

and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

Offering/Special Music ... “Come Down, O Love Divine” .. Faith Singers

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer

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

Closing Hymn “God of Grace and God of Glory” LBW #415

Postlude “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Sharon Barton

What Does This Mean?

1. What is the “cure” described in the Apostle’s Creed and Luther’s explanation?
2. How do you resonate with the father’s cry, “I believe, help my unbelief”?
3. What does Luther mean when he says, “I believe that I cannot...believe”?

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A Simple Way: *The Apostles' Creed*

Week 3 Devotional Questions for Discussion at Home

Monday

Adults: Luther's meaning of the First Article of the Apostles' Creed ends, "Therefore I *ought* to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him." Why does the basic fact that God created the world obligate us to follow His will? Isn't that an act of faith?

Question for families with older children: Who is God?

Question for families with younger children: What does "praise" mean? What can we praise God for?

Tuesday

Adults: Read the meaning of the Second Article along with I Peter 1:18-21. What do these texts declare about the cost of our salvation? What does that, in turn, testify about God's love for humanity?

Question for families with older children: How does the birth of Jesus point to Him being God?

Question for families with younger children: How was Jesus born? How did Jesus die?

Wednesday

Adults: The meaning of the Second Article declares that Christ "has done all this in order that I *might* be his own..." How does that "might" address the demand of the "ought" in the meaning of the First Article?

Question for families with older children: Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?

Question for families with younger children: Do you know why Jesus died for us?

Thursday

Adults: The meaning to the Third Article begins with a paradox. "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him." Why would we confess belief in our unbelief? What does that confession reveal about our sinful condition?

Question for families with older children: What do you think the communion of saints means?

Question for families with younger children: What happened on Easter?

Friday

Adults: The meaning of the Third Article says, "The Holy Spirit *has* called me through the Gospel..." How does "has" complete and resolve the sequence of "ought" in the First Article and "might" in the Second Article?

Question for families with older children: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Question for families with younger children: Have you heard of the Holy Spirit? Where have you heard it?

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Hutchinson, Minnesota

8:00 a.m. First Word Service

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



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