

REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Twelfth Sunday After Trinity

ACTS 16:14, NIV

LYDIA, A DEALER IN PURPLE CLOTH ...

WAS A WORSHIPER OF GOD.

THE LORD OPENED HER HEART TO

RESPOND TO PAUL'S MESSAGE.



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Acts 16:14 ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul.

Prayer: Dear Lord, Yours alone is the power and might. You change hearts to Yourself by the preaching of Your Word. Let this Word dwell in our hearts richly, that our souls may be fed by Your grace and love in Christ Jesus our Lord. But also, send us Your Spirit that we may be filled with a missionary spirit. Help us to always see the great need the world has for Your Word. Make us hear You calling to be ambassadors of Your love. Open our hearts to share the forgiveness of sins and eternal life through Jesus with the world around us. Bless our efforts for Your sake and Your glory. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Opening: Invocation

WS 775 Thy Strong Word vs 1-4,6

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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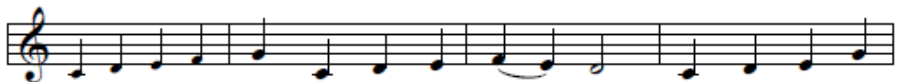
P We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

C Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie*



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer-cy



on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST *Gloria in Excelsis*

C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,
 Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:
 We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,
 Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... Almighty and merciful God, we need Your gifts to serve You truly and honorably; please give us the ability to serve You faithfully in this life and enjoy Your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Lesson Isaiah 29:18-21– Open Ears and Seeing Eyes

¹⁸ In that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, And the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. ¹⁹ The humble also shall increase *their* joy in the LORD, And the poor among men shall rejoice In the Holy One of Israel. ²⁰ For the terrible one is brought to

nothing, The scornful one is consumed, And all who watch for iniquity are cut off-- ²¹ Who make a man an offender by a word, And lay a snare for him who reproves in the gate, And turn aside the just by empty words.

Responsive Reading

Psalm 70 [Selected Verses]

- [P]** Make haste, O God, to deliver me!
[C] **O LORD, make haste to help me!**
[P] Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life!
[C] **Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!**
[P] May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!
[C] **May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
[P] But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!
[C] **You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!**

Gospel Lesson:

John 8:31-36 – Marks of KOG - Liberty

³¹ Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³² "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." ³³ They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How *can* you say, 'You will be made free '?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. ³⁵ "And a slave does not abide in the house forever, *but* a son abides forever. ³⁶ "Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

Confession of Faith:

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 is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty. From there 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 † everlasting. Amen.

Hymn:

LSB 829 Christ the Eternal Lord

Sermon

Acts 16:9-15

⁹ And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹ So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹² and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³ And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴ One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵ And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

The Secret of the Missionary Spirit in a Christian's Heart.

- 1. There is always an eye open to the world's need**
- 2. There is always an ear open to the Lord's call**
- 3. There is always a heart open to the world's salvation**

Offertory:

Create in Me

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.

Hymn:

LSB 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & 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

Numbers 6:24-25

☞ Amen.

Hymn:

TLH 283 God's Word is Our Great Heritage

Silent Prayer

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Fall Schedule:** Sunday, September 13th we will return to our Fall Schedule. The service time remains at 9am, but Bible Class begins at 8am. We will continue our study of Paul's first missionary journey.

Call News:

- Pastor David Reim of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Vernon, British Columbia ***has returned the calls*** to St. Luke's Lutheran in Lemmon, SD and to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI
- Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy West Columbia, SC, ***has returned the call*** to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.
- Pastor Joe Naumann of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN ***is considering the call*** to Mt. Zion Lutheran in Madison Heights, MI
- Pastor Michael Roehl of St. Paul's Lutheran in Bismark, ND ***has returned the call*** to St. Paul's Lutheran in Austin, MN

Upcoming Schedule:

Sunday, August 30th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, September 6th Redemption Sunday Service at 9

Sunday, September 13th Redemption Communion Service at 9

829 Christ the Eternal Lord



1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, Whose prom - ise here we claim,
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word To ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son, Who shares our hu - man birth,
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light Of ev - er - last - ing day,
 5 Christ the as - cend - ed King Ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



Whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured On all who name Your name;
 Whose time - less teach - ings still are heard Set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
 And by His death sal - va - tion won For ev - 'ry child of earth;
 Our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, The Life, the Truth, the Way;
 Whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, Whom yet un - seen we love;



With thank - ful - ness and praise We stand be - fore Your throne,
 Trans - form our thought and mind, En - light - en all who read,
 In - spire our hearts, we pray, To tell Your love a - broad,
 That light of truth You give To ser - vants as to friends,
 When mor - tal life is past Your voice from heav - en's throne



In - tent to serve You all our days And make Your glo - ry known.
 With - in Your Word by faith to find The bread of life in - deed.
 That all may hon - or Christ to - day And fol - low Him as Lord.
 Your way to walk, Your life to live, Till earth's brief jour - ney ends.
 Shall call Your chil - dren home at last To know as we are known.

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830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord *sts. 1-6*



1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
 3 Tell of our Re - deem - er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
 5 En - ter, might - y Word, the field; Ripe the prom - ise of its yield.



Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.
 But the reap - ers, oh, how few For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
 Rouse to action heart and mind;
 Let the gath'ring nations all
 See Your light and heed Your call.

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