

Questions *in the* Wilderness

MARCH 7, 2021
8:00AM TRADITIONAL



PULSE CHECK

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE EXPERIENCE SURVEY

During the past year, there have been several transitions and adaptations that have been made to all aspects of our ministry.

In an effort to evaluate our current state, and to determine the next steps we take, we would love it if you would take this 3 minute "pulse check" survey.

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AS WE GATHER

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church! Today we continue the message series "Questions in the Wilderness" as we ask the question, "What Are We Watching?" When the Israelites saw the Egyptian army chasing them, they trusted only what they saw with their eyes. Moses, however, trusted God's promise to save them; He saw with eyes of faith. Likewise, we can give in to despair if we only see the trials of this world, but God's promises help us stand firm in faith. *"Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD."* (Exodus 14:3b)

PRELUDE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, arr. CAROL TORNQUIST

WELCOME & INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

LSB 507, HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessèd Trinity!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: There is no one holy like our God, yet our sin blinds us to His glory in our lives. As Psalm 14 says, "There is no one who does good, not even one." Let us confess our sins to Him now in a time of silence.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Leader: Lord, our eyes are blind to Your presence and work.

People: We cannot see one another with eyes of love. We often want to stay enslaved to sin rather than follow Your will. Our faith is weak and filled with fear instead of trust. For the sake of Your Son, have mercy on us, forgive us, and strengthen our faith. Amen.

Leader: Exodus 14 says, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you today." Your salvation from sin is guaranteed in Christ. I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

EXODUS 14:10-14

Reader: In Exodus, the fourteenth chapter, the Israelites fear the pursuing chariots of Pharaoh's army, but Moses promises deliverance from God.

¹⁰As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Didn't we say to you in Egypt, 'Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians'? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!"

¹³Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

People: 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. 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DCE CHERI SELANDER

MESSAGE HYMN

LSB 702, MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away; O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart; my zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, when death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove; O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

MESSAGE

WHAT AM I WATCHING? PASTOR TRAVIS FERGUSON

QUARTET

BE STILL AND KNOW

Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God
Be still and know that I am God.

I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee
I am the Lord that healeth thee.

In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust
In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust
In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

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PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

PREFACE TO HOLY COMMUNION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22; COLOSSIANS 3:1

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

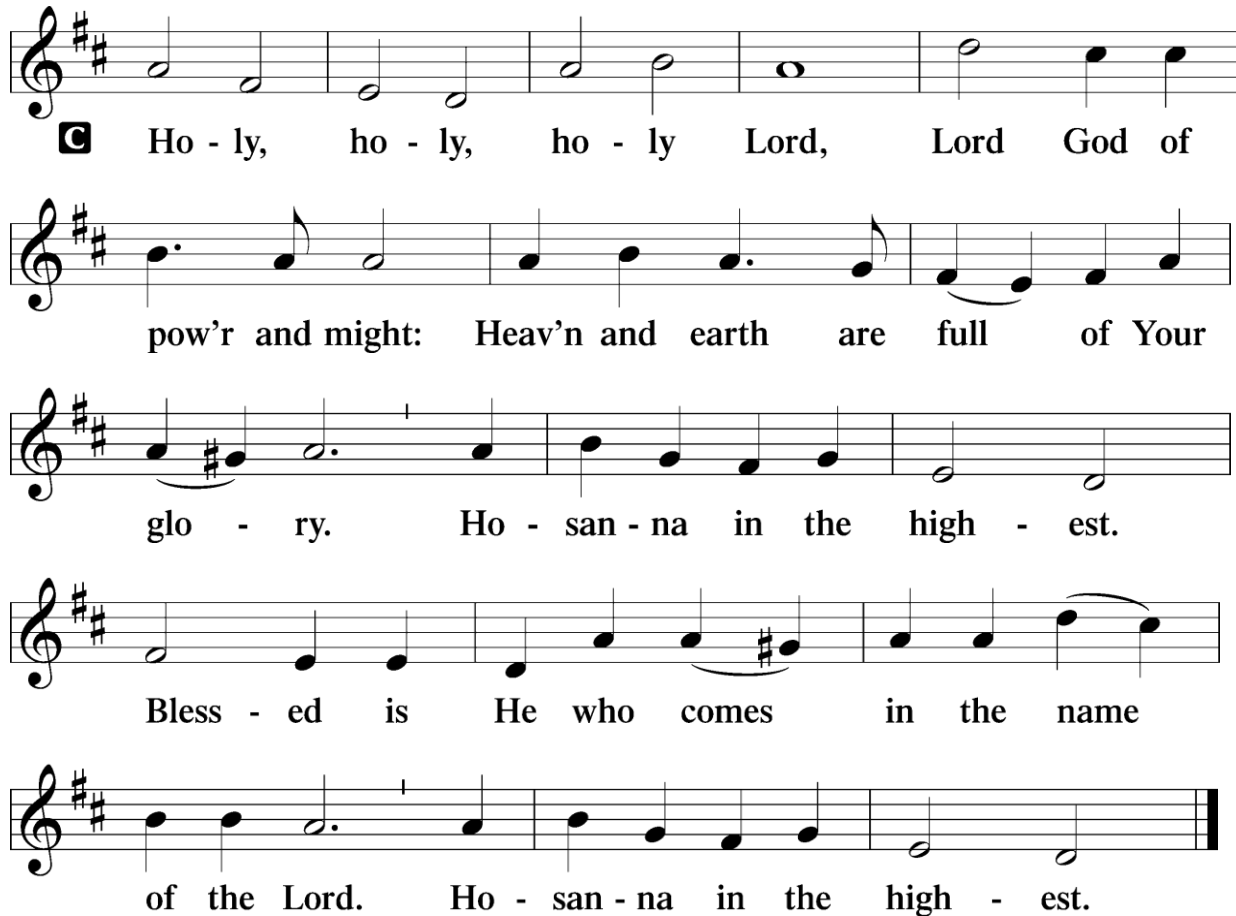
People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly good, right, and proper to give thanks to You, holy Lord,
almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. He
rescued us from the enemies of sin, death, and Satan by triumphing over
them on the cross. His victory made a way for us through the waters of
death to life everlasting. *(continued)*

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

ISAIAH 6:3; MATTHEW 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 CORINTHIANS 11:26; MATTHEW 8:8*

Leader: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim Your death, Lord Jesus, until You come in glory.

Leader: Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the Supper of the Lamb.

People: Lord, I am not worthy to receive You, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.

AGNUS DEI

JOHN 1:29; 1 CORINTHIANS. 5:7

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer of Preparation

As I prepare to receive Communion, Your most holy Body and Blood, deliver me from all my sins and from every evil. Enable me by Your Spirit to always abide in Your commandments, and allow me never to walk away from You. Amen.

What we believe about Holy Communion...

We believe in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: One God, Three Persons.

We believe that we are sinful, in need of grace, and want to do better.

We believe, as Jesus said, that the bread and wine are truly and physically His body and His blood, which is the ultimate mystery of faith.

BENEDICTION

HYMNS

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART, LORD

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart I want to see You, I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You.
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord open the eyes of my heart I want to see You,
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy
Holy holy holy, Holy holy holy Holy holy holy, I want to see You
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LSB 918, GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield;
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

POSTLUDE

YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL *with* MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE arr. CAROL TORNQUIST

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE-BUILDING WORD

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Notes from Today's Message

(Kids -use this space to draw something you see or hear about in worship today)

G.P.S. – GROW, PRAY, STUDY GUIDE

In place of our usual 6-day Grow, Pray, Study Guide, we encourage you to use the Journaling Devotional, which is available in hardcopy at the back of the Square and online at christlamesa.org/lent.



NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR APOSTOLIC COUNSEL

WHAT IS THE APOSTOLIC COUNSEL?

The Apostolic Counsel (AC) is a team of 5 gifted lay-leaders who provide wisdom and accountability to the Senior Pastor as it pertains to leading the staff and congregation.

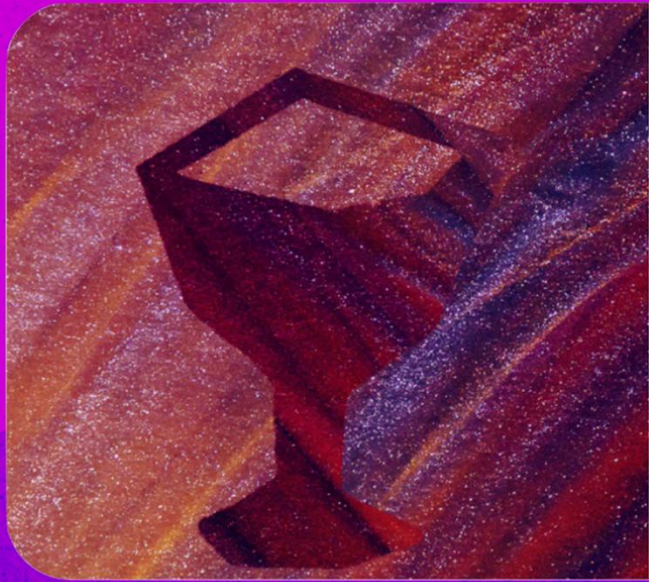
QUALITIES OF NOMINEES

Those who serve on the Apostolic Counsel are joyful members of Christ Lutheran who are active in worship, generous in giving, humble in service, prayer warriors for our community, wise and discerning in their leadership, and connect with other believers in Bible Classes and Life Groups.

SUBMISSION OPEN UNTIL MARCH 14, 2021

Please e-mail your nomination(s) to
info@christlamesa.org.

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MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1st at 7:00pm

RESERVE YOUR SPOT



GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross Experience

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EASTER 2021

April 4th at 8:00, 9:15, & 10:30am

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