

Questions *in the* Wilderness

MARCH 7, 2021

10:30AM CONTEMPORARY



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)

WELCOME & INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SONGS

DESERT SONG

This is my prayer in the desert when all that's within me feels dry
This is my prayer in my hunger and need, my God is the God who provides

This is my prayer in the fire, in weakness or trial or pain
There is a faith proved of more worth than gold
So refine me, Lord, through the flame

I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare
God is my victory and He is here

This is my prayer in the battle when triumph is still on its way
I am a conqueror and co-heir with Christ so, firm on His promise I'll stand

I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare
God is my victory and He is here

All of my life, in every season, You are still God
I have a reason to sing, I have a reason to worship
(REPEAT 3x) (continued)

I will bring praise, I will bring praise
No weapon formed against me shall remain
I will rejoice, I will declare
God is my victory and He is here
(REPEAT)

This is my prayer in the harvest
When favor and providence flow
I know I'm filled to be emptied again
The seed I've received I will sow

THE WAY

Through every battle, through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance, I believe that You are my fortress
Oh, You are my portion, You are my hiding place

Oh, I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life
I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life

I believe, through every blessing, through every promise
Through every breath I take, I believe that You are provider
You are protector, You are the One I love

I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life
I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life
I believe You are

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts, they can all come too
Because they can't stay long when I'm here with You

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And You meet me here today with mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts, they can all come too
Because they can't stay long

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When I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life
I believe You are the Way, the Truth, the Life
I believe You are

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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."

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.

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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

**WHAT AM I WATCHING?
PASTOR TRAVIS FERGUSON**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

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WE PREPARE FOR COMMUNION

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my Vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

IT IS WELL

Grander earth has quaked before, moved by the sound of His voice
Seas that are shaken and stirred can be calmed and broken for my regard

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You
Through it all, through it all it is well
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You
And it is well with me

Far be it from me to not believe even when my eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me will be thrown into the midst of the sea

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You
Through it all, through it all it is well
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You
And it is well, it is well (continued)

So let go, my soul and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name
(REPEAT 2x)

The waves and wind still know His name

It is well with my soul, it is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul
(REPEAT)

It is well, it is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You
Through it all, through it all it is well
Through it all, through it all my eyes are on You
And it is well with me

Thank you for worshipping with us today; God bless your week ahead!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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MESSAGE FROM GOD'S LIFE-BUILDING WORD

Questions in the Wilderness: "What Am I Watching?"

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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.



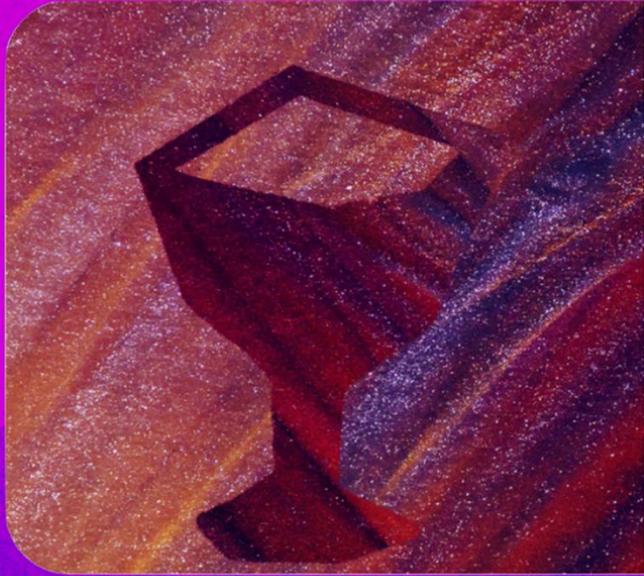
Sunday Worship

8:00 & 10:30am

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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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