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Lent 2 (Reminiscere – “Remember”)

Today's Focus:

OBEDIENCE IS THE MARK OF A CHILD OF GOD

HYMN 181 (Red Hymnal)

Jesus, Pitying the Sighs

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE – Tan Worship Supplement, Page 12



SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Genesis 28:10-17 (on back) Jacob's vision of the heavenly ladder. God's with him. He vows to follow God for life.

PSALMODY – Psalm 30:1-3; 4-5 – Supplement, Page 34
“I Will Extol You, O Lord”

Mark 8:31-38 (on back) The Lord teaches that discipleship humbly submits to God's will instead of its own desires.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Worship Supplement, Page 15 – Apostles' Creed

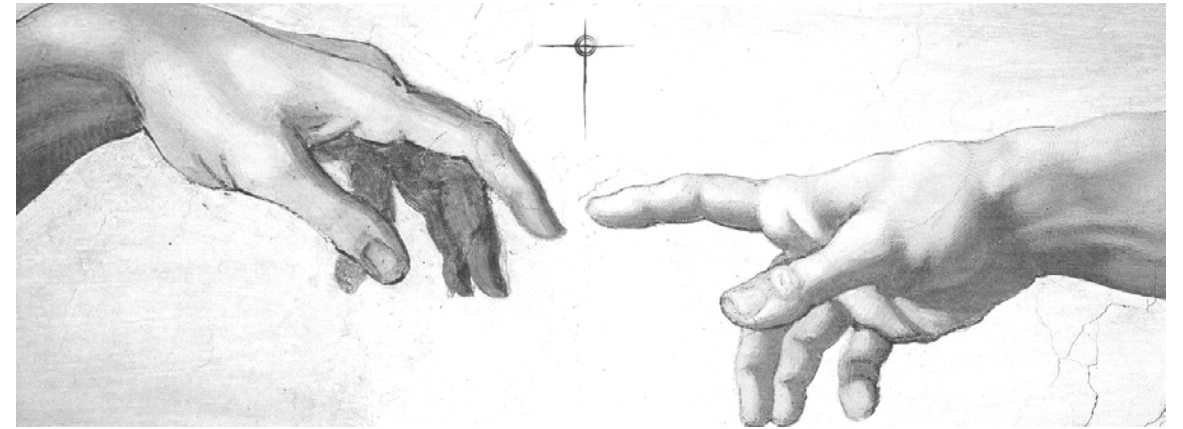
The Apostles' Creed was written as a brief summary of the Christian faith as believed and taught by the Apostles.

HYMN 756 (Worship Supplement) – Jesus, Lover of My Soul

SERMON - NIV Romans 5:1-11 1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.

6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.



THEME: HOPE...IN BEING RECONCILED!

- Verses 1-5 - We have the kind of HOPE that rejoices in suffering.
- Verses 6-8 - We believe in the One who demonstrates this HOPE.
- Verses 9-11 - We rejoice in the HOPE that has taken us from Anger to Love.

HYMN 342 (Red Hymnal)

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD – Sing 400 v. 1, 6 (Red Hymnal)

Take my life and let it be; Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour; At Thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be; Ever, only, all, for Thee.

SPECIAL PRAYERS - GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER
BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 652 v1,4 (Red Hymnal)

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

NEWS and NOTES

Welcome visitors! We are very happy that you are here with us today and invite you to come again! Please sign our guest book. If you have questions about our church and school please ask!

-TODAY: Bible class will be finishing up with our study of the book of Jeremiah Lord-willing.

-THIS WEEK: Pastor will be out of town for the grade school basketball tournament in Eau Claire, WI. Therefore, there will be no Bible class Tuesday morning.

-NEXT SUNDAY there will be a lay service/study, but there will not be Bible class or Sunday school.

