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Pentecost 10

I BELIEVE THAT JESUS CHRIST IS MY LORD.

Today's Focus: *The Preaching and Healing of Jesus*

OPENING HYMN 758 (*Tan Worship Supplement*)

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE – *Tan Worship Supplement, Page 1*

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Exodus 24:3-11 (*on back*) In the Old Testament Lesson, Israel worships God and promises to obey His Word. Moses foreshadows the divine promise of the Messianic Savior with the sprinkling of blood on the people, after which Moses and the leaders of the nation are granted a vision of the glory of God.

Men's Choir: "Children of the Heavenly Father" – 785 (*Worship Supplement*)
CONGREGATION joins on VERSE 4

Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16 (*on back*) The Epistle letter tells of Christ giving various gifts to His Church to be used by each believer to share in the work of the Gospel ministry and in building up of His body, the Church.



CONFESSION OF FAITH, *Tan Worship Supplement, Page 5 – The Nicene Creed*

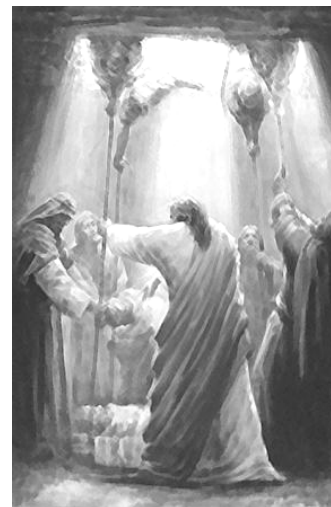
The Nicene Creed was written to defend the Bible's teaching that the MAN Jesus Christ is TRUE God.

HYMN 149 (*Red Hymnal*)

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

SERMON – NIV Mark 2:1 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. 2 So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. 3 Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. 4 Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

6 Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 7 "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8



Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? 9 Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralytic, 11 "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." 12 He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!" 13 Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them.

THEME: **WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET THE CURE!**

1. Who is sick?
2. What are the symptoms?
3. What does Jesus - *The Divine Physician* - prescribe?

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD *Sing 441 v. 1, 2 (Red Hymnal)*

Pastor: We give Thee but Thine own, what'er the gift may be;

ALL: All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

May we Thy bounties thus, as stewards true receive

And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first-fruits give!



GENERAL PRAYER - LORD'S PRAYER - THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Individual PRE/POST Communion Prayer – In the front of Red Hymnal pg. 118

The Lord's Supper is a gracious way in which our Savior comes to us to strengthen our faith in Him. By taking the Lord's Supper together, the members of this church proclaim that we are "of one mind" together in Christ. As the scripture says: "Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment," and "For we, though many, are one bread and one body; for we all partake of that one bread" (1 Cor. 1:10; 10:17). Out of love for God's Word it is for this reason we ask that communicant members of St. Stephen or a sister church of the "Church of the Lutheran Confession" come forward at this point at the direction of the ushers. (*Pastor is happy to speak with you after the service if you have any questions.*)



BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 401 (*Red Hymnal*)

Praise to Thee and Adoration

News and Notes

Welcome visitors! Please sign our guest book. Questions about our church and school? Please ask!

TODAY: Refreshments following the service/Bible Class continues with the study of the Church of Science and the Masonic Lodge.

CHURCH RAFTING: Saturday, August 15th (Fliers with maps are on entryway table). Hope you can come!

CALL NEWS: The Rev. Michael Roehl has returned the call to Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN.

CHURCH CONSITUTION in your mailbox has been revised and reprinted to include Mission Board.