

NEW LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 13, 1990

PRO-LIFE SUNDAY - MOTHER'S DAY

Preservice Music

Pastor's Greeting

Opening Hymn: 39 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Invocation

P: We worship in the name of the Triune God.

C: *We come to praise Him for giving us life now and forever.*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All sing: *"Glory Be to God the Father"* (244:1)

*Glory be to God the Father,
Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit:
Great Jehovah, Three in One.'
Glory, glory. While eternal ages run!*

Confession of Sins

Hymn 326 (read in unison)

Absolution

P: Nathan announced to David, "The Lord has taken away your sins." Jesus proclaimed to the sinful woman who anointed His feet, "Your sins are forgiven." Therefore, as a called servant of our Lord, I announce to you: "The Lord has taken away your sins. You are forgiven."

All sing: *"Glory Be to God the Father"* (244:2)

*Glory be to Him who loved us,
Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us,
Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory. To the Lamb that once was slain!*

Scripture Reading - Romans 5:1-11

Choir: *"Sing the Lord's Song"* (Sleeth)

Confession of Faith -- Apostles' Creed:

THE FIRST ARTICLE (Creation) (read in unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God made me and every creature and that He gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life, and by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil.

All this God does only because He is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.

For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

Children's Lesson

Hymn: 342 *"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"*

Sermon: **HE' S ALWAYS THERE** Psalm 139

For the director of music. Of David. A Psalm.

- ¹O LORD, you have searched me
and you know me.
- ²You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- ³ You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
- ⁴Before a word is on my tongue
you know it completely, O LORD.
- ⁵You hem me in, behind and before;
you have laid your hand upon me.
- ⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.
- ⁷Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
- ⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths," you are there.
- ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- ¹⁰even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
- ¹²even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
- ¹³For you created my inmost being;

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place.
When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,

¹⁶ your eyes saw my unformed body.
All the days ordained for me
were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand.
When I awake,
I am still with you.

¹⁹ If only you would slay the wicked, O God!
Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

²⁰ They speak of you with evil intent;
your adversaries misuse your name.

²¹ Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD,
and abhor those who rise up against you?

²² I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.

²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Hymn: 398 *"Renew Me ,O Eternal Light"*

Collection of Thank offerings

Prayers for Life and Motherhood

The Lord's Prayer

New Life in the Lord's Supper

P: Fellow believers, we have confessed our sins, we have heard the Lord reassure us of His saving love, we have been encouraged to live in His grace and share it with others. As we observe His Holy Supper, may we be strengthened even more through this tangible assurance of His mercy towards us. And as we eat and drink with fellow believers, let us remember the covenant of love, fellowship and support that dominates the Christian family.

The Consecration - Words of Institution

The Distribution

(During the Distribution the Church Family will sing Hymn 324.)

The Thanksgiving

P: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this saving gift. And we beg you for your mercy's sake to continue to strengthen us with new life in Your name. Let our love burn ever brighter for You and for all life which you have created; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

Choir: *"Go Now in Peace"*

Silent Prayer

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