

POSTLUDE HYMN 'BEAUTIFUL CITY' FROM THE MOVIE MUSICAL GODSPELL

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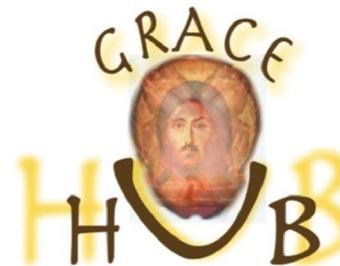
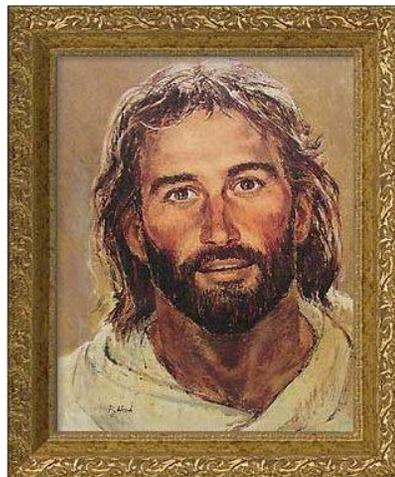
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Up & Coming Announcements

Our Lessons this evening were from: Psalm 15; Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

- ◆ Our 8am service will officially be our LBW Traditional service
- ◆ 'Original Self; Living with Paradox and Originality.' by Thomas Moore. This is a multi-dimensional, devotional of sorts with Christian Existentialist motifs. It's a very easy read as well as readily available on Amazon from \$4 and up. Please feel free to ask for more details. At the moment this study will only be offered at the end of the month. This study will be held one hour before the 5pm Blended service
- ◆ All hymns will either be from the LBW or the With One Voice. A Special heartfelt thank you to First & Santa Cruz Lutheran church for their recent donation of 12 WOVs!



The Grace Hub

† Sunday Evening Worship †
January 29th, 2017

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY
PRELUDE MUSIC
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

OPENING HYMN "HERE I AM" #752 WOV

WE REFLECT & REJOICE

(inspired from 1 Corinthians from Epistles Now! , & Psalm 15 from the NRSV & Psalms Now! : Reverend Collins: & Setting 2 from the LCMS hymnal)
(Please stand if able)

Leader: The Psalmist waxes: ¹O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Who is the one, O Lord, that remains a part of Your kingdom? What are the prerequisites...?

Silence is kept for reflection.

ALL: *The fact is clear: Christ died for our sins. We are reconciled to our loving God through this Christ. Nonsensical to some, offensive to others, it remains for us proof positive of our relationship to a Living God, our perpetual and eternal acceptance as His Sons and Daughters.*

Leader: Acceptance is hard for us to understand yet alone share. We more often than not are ungracious to both God and neighbor for being loved, accepted and encouraged. We justify ourselves saying we're being tolerant. We demand this, we want that and so on. Those whom we've rejected and persecuted, God uses.

ALL: *Yes, we must realize that God has more often revealed His purposes through people who were rejected, despised, imprisoned, slandered and so forth. We must look inward to change for God... Whatever the world may think about us, God chose us, however weak or foolish or failure fraught. He has, through Christ, set us free from sin, even our subjective feelings about ourselves, to be His people—and to serve Him forever.*

Please observe a moment of silence for reflection

Leader: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a servant of the Word, announce the Grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: AMEN *(Please make the sign of the Cross) †*

Scripture Lessons for the Evening *(please be seated)*

A Reading from Micah

¹Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you

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enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: *The Word of the Lord* ALL: Thanks Be to God

A Reading from St. Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.” ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Leader: *The Word of the Lord* ALL: Thanks Be to God

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Please Stand

Leader: *A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew*

ALL: *Glory to You, O Lord*

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the

same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Leader: *The Word of the Lord* ALL: *Praise to You, O Christ*

Sermon by Reverend Nicole Collins: *“Stumbling Into Grace”*

HYMN OF THE DAY “BLEST ARE THEY”

#764 WOV

✠ PEACE & PRAYER CIRCLE ✠

HOLY COMMUNION

Please take this opportunity to reflect in your heart how this Means of Grace—Christ actual presence feeds and restores your soul. As St. Paul would say: Listen with your heart wide open. Then, TASTE, SEE & DELIGHT that the Lord is Good!

LORD’S PRAYER: Please recite what version is comfortable for you.

(Please be seated)

The Augsburg Confession; Article III: Of the Son of God

(Please be seated)

ALL: The Word, that is, the Son of God, did assume the human nature in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary, so that there are two natures, the divine and the human, inseparably enjoined in one Person, one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, that He might reconcile the Father unto us, and be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of humans. He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day; afterward He ascended into heaven that He might sit on the right hand of the Father, and forever reign and have dominion over all creatures, and sanctify them that believe in Him, by sending the Holy Ghost into their hearts, to rule, comfort, and quicken them, and to defend them against the devil and the power of sin. AMEN

Prayer for Spiritual Formation *(Reverend Nicole Collins)*

Leader: Ever Gracious Teacher are You, Lord Jesus

You continue to encourage and love us

Even when we act through our foolish wisdom

Your Beatitudes are a challenge for us

But we must be ready and willing to grow

If not out of Love for You, Love and compassion for one another

To KNOW YOU and KNOW PEACE!

To Thine always be the Grace and Glory—

(Please observe a moment of Silence)

ALL: AMEN

BENEDICTION

Scattering Proclamation *(Reverend Nicole Collins)*

Leader: Gracious God, may we Know we are blessed & Be the Blessing to others! May You continue to guide our hearts, guard our steps as we go forth with the Good News!

In the name of the Father, ✠ Son & Holy Spirit

ALL AMEN *(Please make the sign of the Cross)*