



**FEBRUARY 20, 2021**

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CLINTONVILLE, WI**

# 2021 CLINTONVILLE MEN'S CONFERENCE

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## SCHEDULE

- 8:00 am Gather / Breakfast
- 8:30 am **Opening Devotion**
- 9:00 am **Session 1 — Christian Optimism** *Your worldview empowers you to be excited about your future and bold in the face of opposition.*
- Presenter: Coach Amos Buelow
- 10:00 am Break
- 10:05 am **Session 2 — Stand Firm and Sing:** *Paul Gerhardt & The Power of Lutheran Song in our Wandering Through Death to Life.*
- Presenter: Rev. Julius Buelow
- 1:05 am Break
- 1:10 am **Session 3 — The Dragon & The Beasts:** *The Devil & His Assistants — A study of Revelation 12-14.*
- Presenter: Rev. Timothy Buelow
- 12:10 am Lunch
- 1:00 pm **Session 4 — What does this Mean?** *Asking the old Lutheran question to understand how we are needed in the midst of times such as these.*
- Facilitator: Rev. Titus Buelow
- 2:00 pm **Closing Devotion**

# OPENING DEVOTION

## OFFICE OF PRIME

Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary, p.108

Hymn 280

Thy Strong Word

**1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank thee While thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,  
Broke the light of thy salvation, Breathed thine own life-giving breath.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

*Choir: Thy strong Word bespeaks us righteous; Bright with thine own holiness,  
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hope confess.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!*

**4 From the cross thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth All thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!**

**5 Give us lips to sing thy glory, Tongues thy mercy to proclaim,  
Throats to shout the hope that fills us, Mouths to speak thy holy name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send  
Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!**

**6 God the Father, light-creator, To thee laud and honor be.  
To thee, Light from Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!**



### The Versicles and Gloria Patri

M: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

## The Confession of Sin

**C: Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.**

## Devotion


*You Are Filled with Light*

Philippians 2:14-18


Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

## Hymn Tune by Joey Schumann

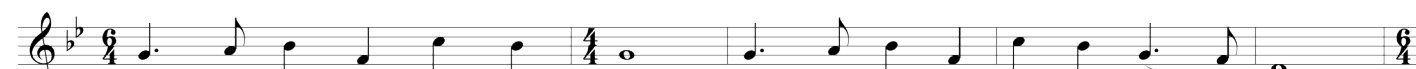
Jesus Priceless Treasure



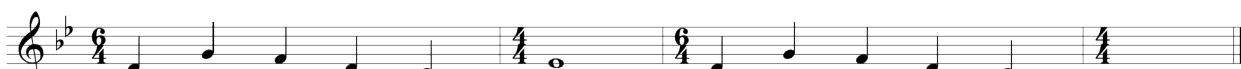
Je - sus, price - less trea - sure,      Source of pur - est plea - sure,      Tru - est friend to me.  
In thine arms I rest me;      Foes who would mo - lest me      Can - not reach me here.  
Sa - tan, I de - fy thee;      Death, I now de - cry thee;      Fear, I bid thee cease.  
Hence, all fear and sad - ness!      For the Lord of glad - ness,      Je - sus, en - ters in.



Ah, how long in an - guish      Shall my spir - it lan - guish,      Yearn - ing, Lord, for thee?  
Though the earth be shak - ing,      Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing,      Je - sus calms my fear.  
World, thou shalt not harm me      Nor thy threats a - larm me      While I sing of peace.  
Those who love the Fa - ther,      Though the storms may ga - ther,      Still have peace with - in.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine!      I will suf - fer naught to hide thee,  
Light - nings flash and thun - ders crash;      Yet, tho' sin and hell as - sail me,  
Pain or loss or shame or cross      Shall not from my Sa - vior move me  
Yea, what - e'er I here must bear,      Thou art still my pur - est plea - sure,



Naught I ask be - side thee,      Naught I ask be - side thee.  
Je - sus will not fail me.      Je - sus will not fail me.  
Since he chose to love me.      Since he chose to love me.  
Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!      Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

## **The Responory**

- M: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.  
C: **O Lord Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.**  
M: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
C: **O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.**  
M: Arise, O Christ, and help us.  
C: **And deliver us for Your name's sake.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

- C: **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 we 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.**

## **The Collect**

- M: O Lord Jesus Christ, bright Sun of the world: Shine upon my spirit and drive away the night of sin, that I may walk in Your holy light all my life and even forevermore.  
C: **Amen.**

## **The Canticle**

- M: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love.  
C: **Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven.  
Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love.**

**M:** Our help is in the name of the Lord:

**C:** **Who made heaven and earth.**

**M:** Let us bless the Lord:

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

**M:** The Lord Almighty order this day and all our doings in His peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

**Hymn** 419 *stanzas 1, 4, 6, 7*

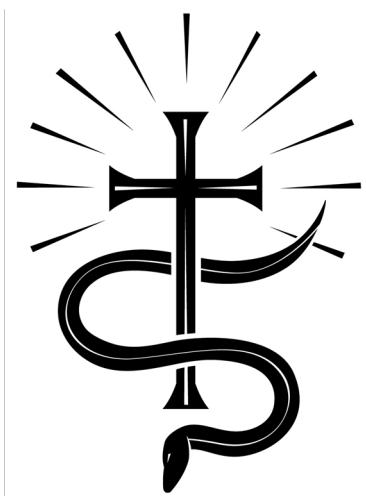
If God Himself Be for Me

1 If God himself be for me, I may a host defy;  
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.  
If Christ, my head and master, Befriend me from above,  
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from his love?

4 He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;  
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.  
In him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;  
In him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.

6 No danger, thirst, or hunger, No pain or poverty,  
No earthly tyrant's anger Shall ever vanquish me.  
Though earth should break asunder, You are my Savior true;  
No fire or sword or thunder Shall sever me from you.

7 My heart for joy is springing And can no more be sad,  
'Tis full of joy and singing, Sees only sunshine glad.  
The sun that cheers my spirit Is Jesus Christ, my King;  
The heav'n I shall inherit Makes me rejoice and sing.



# CLOSING DEVOTION

## MEDITATION ON OUR CHRISTIAN CALLING

Christian Worship Supplement, p.74

**Hymn** *Paul Gerhardt hymn in new hymnal*

Entrust Your Fear and Doubting

1 En - trust your fear and doubt - ing and all that pains your life  
2 Have faith in God's vast mer - cy; con - sid - er all he's done:  
3 In vain the pow'rs of e - vil op - pose the Lord's de - signs;  
4 Take hope, O wea - ry spir - it, be strong and un - a - fraid;

to him whose hand is guid - ing your way thro' storm and strife.  
his might - y acts in his - t'ry, sal - va - tion he has won.  
in all of life's up - heav - al his prom - ise ev - er shines.  
God prom - is - es a res - pite for hearts that are dis - mayed.

He gov - erns times and sea - sons in ways that none can see,  
When sor - rows o - ver - whelm you and self - tor - ment - ing care,  
For God holds firm the end - ing, though now it seems un - clear;  
Your Sav - ior's per - fect tim - ing is gov - erned by his grace;

so trust his hid - den rea - sons, though dark your path may be.  
your wor - ry will not help you— ap - proach his throne in prayer.  
his pur - pose is un - bend - ing, and thus you need not fear.  
the day is sure - ly com - ing when joy will light your face.

5 These troubles that distress us,  
Lord, bring them to an end;  
with strength and courage bless us,  
your love to us commend,  
that we, till death accepting  
your hidden, loving ways,  
may then, new life attaining,  
give praise for endless days.



## Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

## Responses

M: You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,

C: **for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.**

M: There is one body and one Spirit—

C: **just as you were called to one hope when you were called—**

M: One Lord, one faith, one baptism;

C: **one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.**

M: You are the salt of the earth;

C: **You are the light of the world.**

M: Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds

C: **and praise your Father in heaven.**

M: As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,

C: **especially to those who belong to the family of believers.**

M: Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,

C: **giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

## Meditation

### *You Are Filled with Life*

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.





1 Now calm your heart and dry each tear, on  
 2 The bur - ied grain of wheat must die, and  
 3 God breathed in - to this house of clay the

such death none should look with fear; a faith - ful  
 long in with - ered state must lie, yet springs to  
 spir - it that has passed a - way; the right - eous

Chris - tian now has won, and with this death true  
 light all sweet and fair, its prop - er fruit at  
 mind, the no - ble heart, the liv - ing faith did

life's be - gun. These bones, now dead, a - gain shall feel  
 last to bear. E'en so this bod - y, made of dust,  
 Christ im - part. Ah! Would that prom - ised day were here

new warmth and vig - or thro' them steal; and  
 to earth we once a - gain en - trust, where  
 when Christ will once a - gain ap - pear and

re - u - nit - ed they shall soar on high to  
 it shall slum - ber free from pain till from the  
 bring them to their heav'n - ly home who have been

live for - ev - er - more.  
 dead it rise a - gain.  
 bur - ied in the tomb.

## Reading from the Catechism

*Selections from the Tables of Duties*

Husbands, be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. (1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:19)

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged. (See Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21.)



Sons, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and more" — which is the first commandment with a promise — "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." (See Ephesians 6:1-3.)

Young men, be submissive to those who are older. Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. (See 1 Peter 5:5,6)

Love your neighbor as yourself. This is the sum of all the commandments. (See Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14.) And continue praying for everyone. (See 1 Timothy 2:1)

## Lord's Prayer

**C: 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 we 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.**

## **Blessing** from 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24

M: We urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

**C: Amen.**

## **Hymn 538**

The Church's One Foundation

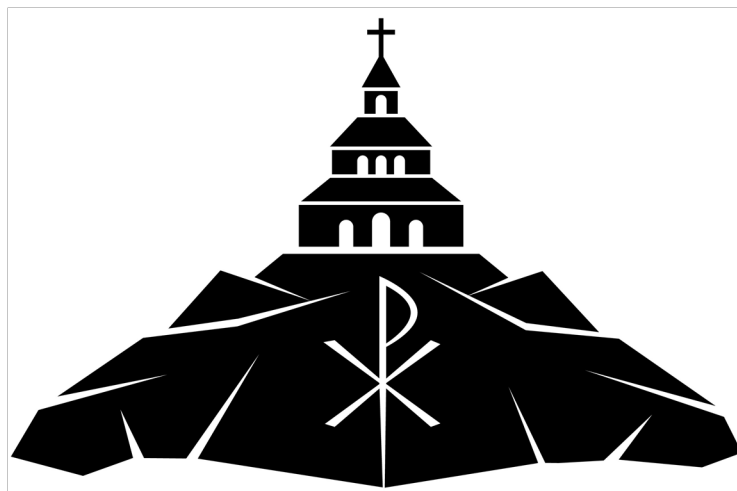
**1 The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**

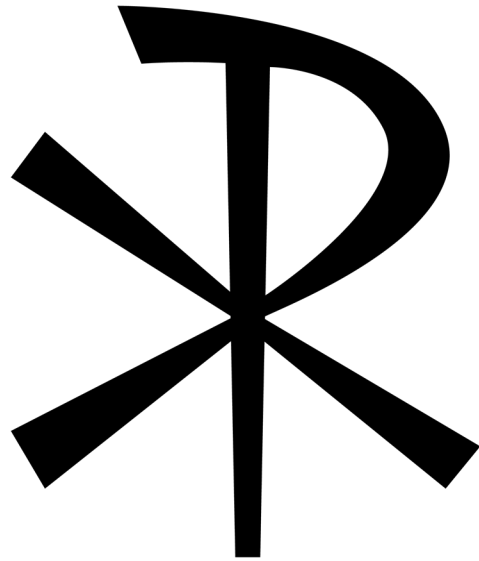
**2 Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.**

*Choir: The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.  
Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,  
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.*

**4 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**

**5 Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**





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