



biblical
MONSTERS

February 18, 2018

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Beautiful Savior” [LW 507, v. 1-3]

INVOCATION

P: In your baptism, you received the sign of the cross on your forehead and on your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ, the crucified.

C: The sign of the cross always reminds us who we are and to Whom we belong.

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

C: We are marked with God’s name, and we now live under the sign of the cross!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION *from Psalm 51*

P: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father:

**C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses. Wash me through
and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.**

P: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

C: Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

P: And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgment

C: Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, A sinner from my mother's womb.

P: For behold, you look for truth deep within me,
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

**C: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

P: Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

C: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

P: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

C: Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy Spirit from me.

P: Give me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

C: I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

P: Deliver me from death, O God, and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness,
O God of my salvation.

C: Open my lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

P: Had you desired it, I would have offered sacrifice;
but you take no delight in burnt-offerings.

**C: The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

P: May the almighty and merciful God, who desires not the death of a sinner but that we
turn from wickedness and live, accept your repentance, forgive your sins, and restore
you by the Holy Spirit to newness of life.

C: Amen.

ANTHEM

“Meditation on ‘Beautiful Savior’”

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 6:1-4 [NIV]

¹When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, ²the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. ³Then the LORD said, “My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years.” ⁴The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 2:1-12 [NIV]

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

⁶Now 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?” ⁸Immediately 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? ⁹Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’?”

¹⁰But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, ¹¹“I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”¹²He 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!”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

APOSTLES’ CREED

HYMN of RESPONSE “Beautiful Savior” [LW 507, v. 4]

SERMON “DEMIGODS”

THE PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, Comfort, and Healing: Keith** (former husband of Nannette Shackelford)-open heart surgery Wed. Feb. 21; **The family of Shirley** (sister of Doris Bradford)-died Sunday, Feb. 11 in Austin; **The family of Irene** (mother of Sharon Vester)-died Tuesday, Feb. 13; the family of **Marilyn** (lifelong friend of Glenna Seter)-died Tuesday, Feb.13 in Oklahoma; **The family of Peggy** (John Cramer’s mom)-died Thursday, Feb. 15.

•**Wisdom and Courage: Elected Officials and Military.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *[LSB 702]*

CLOSING LITURGY

[POST-COMMUNION BLESSING – NOT ON SCREEN]

P: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of Your salvation.

C: That we may show forth Your glory in the world.

P: By the cross and passion of Your Son, our Lord,

C: Bring us with all Your saints to the joy of His resurrection.

P: God of compassion, through Your Son Jesus Christ,
You reconciled Your people to Yourself.

**C: Following His example of prayer and fasting,
May we obey You with willing hearts,
And serve one another in holy love,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor
and ✠ give you peace. *[Numbers 6:24-26]*

**C: We are marked with God’s name,
And we now live under the sign of the cross! Amen.**

CLOSING RESPONSE “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God”

POSTLUDE “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”

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