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Opening Hymn - "Faith is a Living Power From Heaven"

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Faith is a liv - ing pow'r from heav'n That grasps the
Faith finds in Christ what - e'er we need To save or
Faith in the Sav - ior brings us peace And bids the
We thank you then, O God of heav'n, That you to
As you have prom - ised, grant each soul Its ho - ly

prom - ise God has giv'n, A trust that can - not
strength - en us in - deed, Re - ceiv - ing grace from
mourn - er's weep - ing cease; By faith the chil - dren's
us this faith have giv'n Through might - y Word and
faith's true end and goal: The bless - ed - ness no

be o'er - thrown, Fixed heart - i - ly on Christ a - lone.
heav - en's throne And hum - bly shar - ing cross and crown.
place we claim And give all hon - or to one name.
sac - ra - ment To trust the one whom you have sent.
foes de - stroy, E - ter - nal love and light and joy.

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

ALL: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



SING: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take



re-fuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter - nal; it stands firm in the



heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con - tin-ues for - ev-er. Oh, taste and see that the



Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

Joshua 2:8-21

Rahab rescues the spies and becomes an ancestress of the Savior.

Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof⁹ and said to them, “I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you.¹⁰ We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.¹¹ When we heard of it, our hearts melted in fear and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

¹² “Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign¹³ that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death.”

¹⁴ “Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the Lord gives us the land.”

¹⁵ So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. ¹⁶ She said to them, “Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.”

¹⁷ Now the men had said to her, “This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us¹⁸ unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. ¹⁹ If any of them go outside your house into the street, their blood will be on their own heads; we will not be responsible. As for those who are in the house with you, their blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on them. ²⁰ But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear.”

²¹ “Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.”

So she sent them away, and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

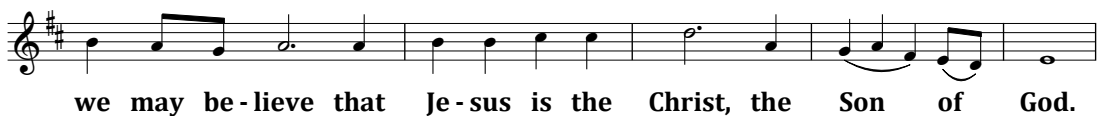
Verse of the Day

P: Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. *Hebrews 4:12*



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! These words are writ-ten that

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we may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

Romans 11:13-15, 28-32 – God bound all people over to disobedience so that he might have mercy on all.

¹³ I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry ¹⁴ in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? ¹⁶ If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

²⁸ As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹ for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you. ³² For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Hymn of the Day - “Just As I Am, without One Plea”

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Just as I am, with - out one plea But that thy blood was shed for me
Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a con - flict, many a doubt,
Just as I am; thy love un - known Has brok - en ev - 'ry bar - rier down.



And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
Now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The Uncomfortable Savior

Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Installation of Ruth Nitz, Vicki Houser and Jackie Engelbrecht

Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, we thank you for giving lay leaders in your Church a variety of useful gifts for serving your people in the faith. Send your Holy Spirit to encourage and direct them in their work, for the common good of all believers and the glory of your name.

C: Amen.

P: Ascended Savior, hear our prayer for all whom you have called into the public ministry. Satisfy them with your rich and heavenly gifts. Cause your people to honor and respect them in their calling and to support them as those whom your Holy Spirit has made stewards of your Word and sacraments. Prosper their teaching and preaching of your Word among us, so that we may grow in faith, wisdom, and good works.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, you have committed to your church the task of teaching children. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn. Bless the ministries of Vicki and Ruth and the lives of the children they touch with God's Word. May all of us rejoice in the knowledge of your truth and worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

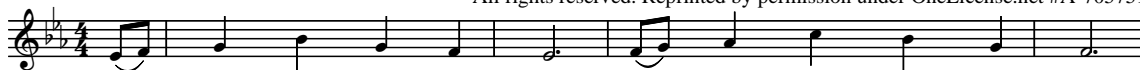
C: Amen.

Hymn – "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

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O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low you,
 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed.
 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod
 O Christ, th'a - pos - tles' Lord, The mar - tyr's strength and song,



For - sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and
 Whose words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re -
 To serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of
 The cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To whom the saints be -



new. Grant us to hear your call To risk se - cur - i - ty
 - vealed. In - struct us now, we pray, By your em - pow'r - ing Word.
 God: Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty,
 - long: Though gen - er - a - tions pass, Our tri - bute still we bring.



And, bound in heart and will to you, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
 True teach - er be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
 Where love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.
 Our hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our lives an of - fer - ring.

Special Prayers and Intercessions

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Blessing

P: May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Closing Verses – “In Christ There Is No East or West”



In Christ there is no east or west, In him no
With God there is no tribe or race; In him we
So brothers, sisters, praise his name Who died to
Join hands, disciples of the faith, What - e'er your
In Christ now meet both east and west; In him meet



south or north, But one great fel - low - ship of love
all are one. He loves us as his chil - dren through
set us free From sin, di - vi - sion, hate and blame,
race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther as his child
south and north. All Christ - ly souls are one in him



Through - out the whole wide earth.
Our faith in his dear Son.
From spite and en - mi - ty!
Is sure - ly kin to me.
Through - out the whole wide earth.

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^{17b}And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,
¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people,
to grasp how wide and long and high and deep
is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that
surpasses knowledge that you may be filled
to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:17b-19

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