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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN

"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"

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Bless-ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to hear you.
All our know-ledge, sense and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness shroud-ed
Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro - ceed - ing.
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you - and ad - o - ra - tion!



Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear you,
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed.
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing.
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion,



By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
You a - lone to God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.
Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
While we here be - low must wan - der, Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We worship in the name of our Triune God—

Congregation: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock;

C: Awaken your might; come and save us.

P: Return to us, O God Almighty!

C: Look down from heaven and see!

P: Watch over this vine,

C: The root your right hand has planted.

P: Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand,

C: The son of man you have raised up for yourself.

P: Then we will not turn away from you;

C: Revive us, and we will call on your name.

P: Restore us, O LORD God Almighty;

C: Make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved. (Psalm 80)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us come before God with true hearts and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: O God my Father, I have sinned against you and am not worthy to be called your child. Yet in mercy you sacrificed your only Son to take away my guilt forever. For his sake, be merciful to me, a sinner, and in the joy of your Holy Spirit, let me serve you all my days.

P: God hears your sincere and humble confession and has promised to respond. As his called servant I declare that all your sins are forgiven. Go and live your lives with the confidence that because of Jesus, God does and always will love you.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

P: Gracious God, you gave your Son into the hands of sinful men who mistreated, abused, and killed him. Help us to recognize the extent of your unfailing love, to keep our eyes fixed on you, the author and perfecter of our faith. At the end of this life grant us the fullness of your salvation through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

2 Kings 21:1-15

¹ Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. His mother's name was Hephzibah. ² He did evil in the eyes of the Lord, following the detestable practices of the nations the Lord had driven out before the Israelites. ³ He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had destroyed; he also erected altars to Baal and made an Asherah pole, as Ahab king of Israel had done. He bowed down to all the starry hosts and worshiped them. ⁴ He built altars in the temple of the Lord, of which the Lord had said, "In Jerusalem I will put my Name." ⁵ In the two courts of the temple of the Lord, he built altars to all the starry hosts. ⁶ He sacrificed his own son in the fire, practiced divination, sought omens, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the Lord, arousing his anger.

⁷ He took the carved Asherah pole he had made and put it in the temple, of which the Lord had said to David and to his son Solomon, "In this temple and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my Name forever. ⁸ I will not again make the feet of the Israelites wander from the land I gave their ancestors, if only they will be careful to do everything I commanded them and will keep the whole Law that my servant Moses gave them."

⁹ But the people did not listen. Manasseh led them astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the Lord had destroyed before the Israelites.

¹⁰ The Lord said through his servants the prophets: ¹¹ "Manasseh king of Judah has committed these detestable sins. He has done more evil than the Amorites who preceded him and has led Judah into sin with his idols. ¹² Therefore this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I am going to bring such disaster on Jerusalem and Judah that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle. ¹³ I will stretch out over Jerusalem the measuring line used against Samaria and the plumb line used against the house of Ahab. I will wipe out Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. ¹⁴ I will forsake the remnant of my inheritance and give them into the hands of enemies. They will be looted and plundered by all their enemies; ¹⁵ they have done evil in my eyes and have aroused my anger from the day their ancestors came out of Egypt until this day."

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹ As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ² For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

³ We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights

and hunger; ⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; ⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; ⁸ through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; ⁹ known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. ¹² We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. ¹³ As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children —open wide your hearts also.

SERMON HYMN

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

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The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. Below the notes are the lyrics, which are split across three lines of text.

Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; Curb those who
 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, For you are
 O Com - for - ter of price - less worth, Send peace and
 by de - ceit or sword Would seek to o - ver - throw your
 Lord of lords a lone; De - fend your Chris - ten - dom that
 u - ni - ty on earth. Sup - port us in our fi - nal
 Son And to de - stroy what he has done.
 we May sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
 strife, And lead us out of death to life.

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 21:33-46

³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit. ⁴⁴ Anyone who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parables, they knew he was talking about them. ⁴⁶ They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Sermon

CONFESSION OF FAITH 3rd Article of the Apostles’ Creed with Luther’s Explanation

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.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, and sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead; And he will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. Amen.

PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT

*Our church practices membership communion.
We ask that only members partake of the sacrament.*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Sing:

O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might, Your
Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is he Who
glo - ry, earth and heav - en In count - less ways re - cite. Ho -
in God's name is com - ing To set his peo - ple free! He
- san - na! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
comes to bring sal - va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -
in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
- liv - er us from bond - age - Ho - san - na, migh - ty Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

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PRAYER

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Day by Day"

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Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, Bring - ing
Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me Strength to
Oh, what joy to know that you are near me When my
com - fort to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
serve and wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to
bur - dens grow too great to bear; Oh, what joy to know that you will
send me Draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di -
guide me O'er the paths I strug - gle day by day, I will
hear me When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by
- vine, be - yond all mor - tal meas - ure, Brings to naught the bur - dens of my
fear no e - vil of the mor - row; I will trust in your en - dur - ing
day, no mat - ter what be - tide me, You will hold me ev - er in your
quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I treas - ure, Where, at
grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and sor - row; Till in
hand. Sav - ior, with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will
last, I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
glo - ry I be - hold your face.
reach at last the prom - ised land.

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