

## **SHARING OF PEACE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Pastor: The Saviour calls; let ev'ry ear Attend the heav'nly sound.

O doubting souls, dismiss your fear; Hope smiles reviving round.

**C O sinners, come, hear mercy's voice; The gracious call obey;  
Mercy invites to heav'nly joys, And can you yet delay?**

**Dear Saviour, draw reluctant hearts; To you let sinners fly  
And take the bliss your love imparts, Revive, and never die.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

P My brothers and sisters in Christ, where our Lord is, there is forgiveness. We come together in His name, seeking not only His presence but also His grace. Let us, therefore, in reverent humility, come before our gracious Father and confess our sins.

**C Almighty God, merciful Father, I have sinned in thought, word, and deed. I have not loved You with my whole heart, soul, and mind, and I have not loved my neighbour as myself. I ask Your forgiveness not because of my own worthiness, but purely for the sake of the passion, death, and resurrection of my Saviour, Jesus Christ. O Lord, forgive me, and, by Your Spirit, lead me on the paths of righteous living for Your name's sake. Amen.**

P As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, speaking in the name and stead 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.

**C Amen.**

**INTROIT FOR THE DAY:** Psalm 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144

P Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

**C Righteous are you, O Lord, and right are your just decrees.**

P You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.

**C My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words.**

P Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.

**C Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P Your testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray: O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN:** *Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear* (LSB 908)

Lord, open now my heart to hear, And through Your Word to me draw near;

Let me Your Word e'er pure retain; Let me Your child and heir remain.

Your Word inspires my heart within; Your Word grants healing from my sin;  
Your Word has pow'r to guide and bless;  
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

△ To God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise, and honor be Now and throughout eternity.

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**THE FIRST LESSON:** Amos 8:4–7

**THE SECOND LESSON:** 1 Timothy 2:1–15

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**LEARNING FROM THE CATECHISM:** 1<sup>st</sup> Article, Part 3

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**P** What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have.

He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

**C All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

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**THE HOLY GOSPEL:** Luke 16:1–15

**RESPONSE:**

**P** Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C Rejoice in the Lord always.**

**P** I will say it again,

**C Rejoice!**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* (LSB 770)

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

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**SERMON:** Don't Just Sit There—Pray! - 1 Timothy 2:1-8

**CREED:** Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth And of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**OFFERING:** We sing, *Come, My Soul, with Every Care* (LSB 779)

Come, my soul, with ev'ry care, Jesus loves to answer prayer;  
He Himself has bid thee pray, Therefore will not turn away.

Thou art coming to a King, Large petitions with thee bring;  
For His grace and pow'r are such None can ever ask too much.

With my burden I begin: Lord, remove this load of sin;  
Let Thy blood, for sinners spilt, Set my conscience free from guilt.

Lord, Thy rest to me impart, Take possession of my heart;  
There Thy blood-bought right maintain  
And without a rival reign.

While I am a pilgrim here, Let Thy love my spirit cheer;  
As my guide, my guard, my friend,  
Lead me to my journey's end.

Show me what is mine to do;  
Ev'ry hour my strength renew.  
Let me live a life of faith;  
Let me die Thy people's death.

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**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:**

**P** The apostle Paul instructs us: “First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” Rejoicing in Christ’s salvation offered to all, let us call upon God our Father for ourselves and for all people.

Kind Father, Your Son declared to us that we cannot serve You and also be devoted to money. Free all Your baptized children from obsession with the goods of this world, that they may set their hearts on the joys of the kingdom and the inheritance that never fades. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You entrust to Your people the abundant wealth of Christ’s salvation in Your Word and Sacraments. Bless pastors, that they might be faithful stewards of these mysteries, and grant that all Your people would make proper use of Your Means of Grace and rejoice in Your salvation.

Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Maker of heaven and earth, You have created man and woman for different offices and with different gifts, that they might complement one another and glorify You. Grant that, in our homes and congregations, Your people might rejoice in the callings You have given them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Lord of heaven and earth and King of the universe, we give you our thanks and praise for all the blessings You granted Elizabeth, our Queen, during her long earthly life, for her many years of dutiful, sacrificial service to our nation and all the nations of the British Commonwealth, and especially for calling her to faith in Christ and preserving her in the confession of His holy name. Comfort the members of the Royal Family who mourn her death with the hope of the glorious resurrection and a joyful reunion in heaven for all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord. Grant your blessings to his majesty, Charles, as he begins his reign. Bless also those in this land whom You have placed in high positions with wisdom and mercy, that we may lead peaceable and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Heavenly Father, be with the sick and those who suffer, those troubled in mind, those grieving in their sorrows, and the dying in their last hours [especially \_\_\_\_]. Grant them the comfort of Your presence, relief according to Your will and peace in their hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Gracious God, Your Son gave Himself as a ransom for all and now gives Himself to us, that we might have life and salvation. Give us unity in faith and hearts eager for mercy as we receive His body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty Father, You desire all to be saved. Remember Your foes who forget Your Word and call

them to repentance and faith, that they also would rejoice in Your righteousness and salvation. Lord,  
in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** We give thanks to You, O Lord, for You have forgiven our debt of sin for the sake of Jesus.  
Preserve us in His grace and life until that day when You gather us to be among the saints in glory  
around Your throne; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

***BLESSING:***

**P** May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us  
eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed  
and word.

**C Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN: Almighty Father, Bless the Word (LSB 923)***

Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.

△ Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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