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SERVICE OF THE WORD

THREAD: *Jesus saves us from pursuing a "life" that's actually dead and deadly.*

OPENING HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness | 353



1 Praise the one who breaks the dark - ness With a
2 Praise the one who blessed the chil - dren With a
3 Let us praise the Word in - car - nate, Christ, who



lib - er - a - ting light; Praise the one who frees the
strong, yet gen - tle, word; Praise the one who drove out
suf - fered in our place; Je - sus died and rose vic -



pris - 'ners, Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
de - mons With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
to - rious That we may know God by grace.



Praise the one who preached the gos - pel, Heal - ing
Praise the one who brings cool wa - ter To the
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, See - ing



ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing storms and feed - ing
des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this well comes liv - ing
what our God has done; Let us praise the true Re -



thou - sands With the Fa - ther's word of peace.
wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
deem - er, Praise the one who makes us one.

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

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: 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.

C: **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.**

M: 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

SONG OF PRAISE

God We Praise You | 277



1 God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we
 2 True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who
 3 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Ev - er -
 4 Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, You will



name you sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom
 set their world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un -
 last - ing Son of God, Hum - ble was your
 judge the world you made; Lord, in mer - cy



an - gels wor - ship, Fa - ther, by your Church a -
 known, un - heed - ed, Join one grow - ing song of
 vir - gin moth - er, Hard the lone - ly path you
 help your ser - vants For whose free - dom you have



dored: All cre - a - tion shows your glo -
 praise, While your Church on earth con - fess -
 trod: By your cross is sin de - feat -
 paid: Raise us up from dust to glo -



ry; Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,
 es One ma - jes - tic Trin - i - ty:
 ed, Hell con - front - ed face to face,
 ry; Guard us from all sin to - day.



Sing - ing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it,
 Heav - en o - pened to be - liev - ers,
 King en - throned a - bove all prais - es,



Lord of hosts and God a - lone!"
 God, our hope e - ter - nal - ly.
 Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.
 Save your peo - ple, God, we pray.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15 EHV

The LORD gave Israel manna to fill their stomachs with food and their hearts with trust in him. He tested them every day. Would they daily trust him to provide for them with his unfailing goodness? Will we?

² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.”

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” ⁸ Moses also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.”

⁹ Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

¹⁰ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

God tests us and all his creatures to look to the LORD and no one else to truly satisfy our desires.

Refrain



Lord, let your mer-cy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Psalm tone



Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;*
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall*
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.*
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;*
he hears their cry and saves them.

**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.**

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:17-24 EHV

Christians should know that they can't find life in living for things that wear out. When the kick is gone, all that's left is death and darkness. Put off that false way of life and live your new life in Christ.

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding

and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE OF THE DAY**John 14:23**

M: Alleluia. Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that 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!

GOSPEL - *The second in a series of 5 readings from the Bread of Life chapter.*

John 6:24-35 EHV

Those who invest all their energy in getting consumable things are themselves consumed in the end. Make Jesus, the Bread of life, your lifelong pursuit. You'll truly be satisfied, have real life, and live forever!

M: The Gospel, John Chapter 6

²⁴ Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

²⁸ Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

³⁰ So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

³² Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

M: This is the Gospel.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

1 I know my faith is found - ed On Je - sus
 2 In - crease my faith, dear Sav - ior, For Sa - tan
 3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; Though per - se -

Christ, my God and Lord; And this my faith con -
 seeks by night and day To rob me of this
 cu - tion, grief, and pain Should seek to o - ver -

fess - ing, Un - moved I stand up - on his Word. Man's
 trea - sure And take my hope of bliss a - way. But,
 whelm me, Let me a stead - fast trust re - tain. And

rea - son can - not fath - om The truth of God pro -
 Lord, with you be - side me I shall be un - dis -
 then at my de - par - ture, Lord, take me home to

found; Who trusts in world - ly wis - dom Re - lies on
 mayed; And led by your good Spir - it, I shall be
 you, And let me there in - her - it All you have

shift - ing ground. God's Word is all - suf - fi - cient,
 un - a - fraid. A - bide with me, O Sav - ior,
 prom - ised me. In life and death, Lord, keep me

It makes di - vine - ly sure, And, trust - ing
 A firm - er faith be - stow. Then I shall
 Un - til your heav'n I gain, Where I shall be

in its wis - dom, My faith shall rest se - cure.
 bid de - fi - ance To ev - 'ry e - vil foe.
 your great mer - cy The end of faith at - tain.

SERMON

Exodus 16:2-15

What Grace for Us to Trust In Each Day!

A sermon by Rev. Gregg Bitter, St. John's, Hancock, MN

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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.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR PENTECOST

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: **We praise you for every grace and blessing.**

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: **Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.**

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: **Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.**

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

All: **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.**

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.
 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.



CLOSING HYMN

May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill | 458

1 May we your pre-cepts, Lord, ful - fill And do on
 2 So may we join your name to bless, Your grace a -
 3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, U - nite our

earth our Fa - ther's will As an - gels do a - bove,
 dore, your pow'r con - fess, To flee from sin and strife.
 hearts, our joy in - crease, Your gra - cious help sup - ply.

Still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, With all your
 One is our call - ing, one our name, The end of
 To each of us the bless - ing give In Chris - tian

chil - dren, and o - bey The law of Chris - tian love.
 all our hopes the same: A glo - rious crown of life.
 fel - low - ship to live, In joy - ful hope to die.

Silent prayer

Announcements after the close of Service

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