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#### **SERVICE OF THE WORD**

**TODAY'S THREAD:** Don't be taken in by false prophets. You eternally profit by living in Jesus' words.

STAND as directed

#### **OPENING HYMN**

## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | 234



**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.

KNEEL OR BE SEATED

#### **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

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

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

Holy God, We Praise Your Name | 278:1-3

Te Deum



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON

#### **Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28**

False prophets proclaim a different god than the one revealed in the Scriptures. Those who abandon God and his word to follow false gods exchange God's blessings for a cursed existence.

<sup>18</sup> Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. <sup>19</sup> Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. <sup>20</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, <sup>21</sup> so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

<sup>26</sup> See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse—<sup>27</sup> the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today; <sup>28</sup> the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 78

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Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.



O my people, hear my <u>teaching</u>;\* listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things <u>from</u> of old,\* what we have heard and what our fathers have <u>told</u> us.

We will not hide them from our <u>chil</u>dren;\* we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds <u>of</u> the LORD.

#### Refrain

The LORD decreed statutes for <u>Ja</u>cob\* and established the law in Israel.

so the next generation would <u>know</u> them,\* and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their <u>trust</u> in God\* and would not forget his deeds but would keep <u>his</u> commands.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son\* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,\* is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

#### SECOND LESSON

Clinging to rules will not save us from the death we sinners deserve. Cling to God's gift of righteous-ness promised from the beginning. It's found in relying on the saving works and words of Jesus Christ.

<sup>21</sup> But now, completely apart from the law, a righteousness from God has been made known. The Law and the Prophets testify to it. <sup>22</sup> This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all and over all who believe.

In fact, there is no difference, <sup>23</sup> because all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God <sup>24</sup> and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God publicly displayed as the atonement seat through faith in his blood.

<sup>27</sup> What happens to boasting then? It has been eliminated. By what principle—by the principle of works? No, but by the principle of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we conclude that a person is justified by faith without the works of the law.

**M:** This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**STAND** 

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 119:105

M: Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia.



GOSPEL Matthew 7:15-29 EHV

Many of the preachers people consider so nice and sincere are actually sincerely wrong. Teaching what seems right to them, they will be shocked to hear Jesus disown and condemnation them. Stand on and in Jesus' Word.

## **M:** The Gospel, Matthew Chapter 7

<sup>15</sup> "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. <sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them. You do not gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do you? <sup>17</sup> So then, every good tree produces good fruit, but a bad tree produces bad fruit. <sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit. <sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>20</sup> So then, by their fruit you will recognize them. <sup>21</sup> Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and drive out demons in your name and perform many

miracles in your name?' <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'

<sup>24</sup> "Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on bedrock. <sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house. But it did not fall, because it was founded on bedrock. <sup>26</sup> Everyone who hears these words of mine but does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on sand. <sup>27</sup> The rain came down, the rivers rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell—it was completely destroyed."



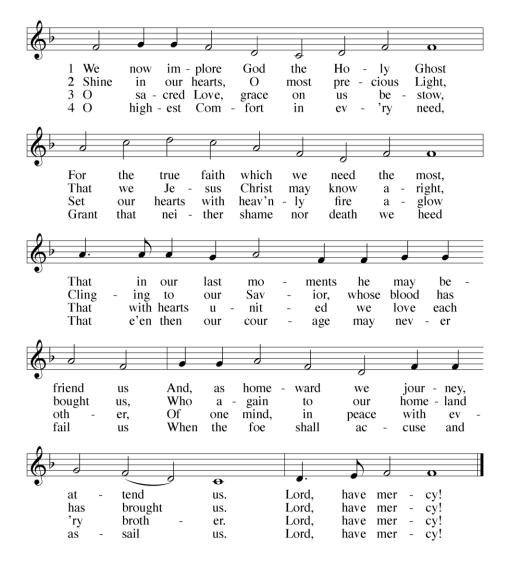
<sup>28</sup> When Jesus finished speaking these words, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, <sup>29</sup> because he taught them as one who had authority, and not like their experts in the law.

## **M:** This is the Gospel.



#### HYMN OF THE DAY

## We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost | 190



BE SEATED

**SERMON** – See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.

**STAND** 

#### 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.

BE SEATED

#### **THANKSGIVING**

#### **OFFERING**

#### 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 strength-ened 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.





Silent prayer - Announcements after the close of Service

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