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SERVICE OF THE WORD

TODAY'S THREAD: *Do not let the current state of affairs consume you. Our merciful Lord is still in control. Rejoice!*

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty | 234



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for
reign - ing And, as on wings of an
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when
fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and
dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!
ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
heed - less - ly fall - ing, has stayed you.
mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear Now to his tem - ple draw
Have you not seen All that is need - ful has
What need or grief Ev - er has failed of re -
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can
Let the A - men Sound from his peo - ple a -



near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
been Sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.
do As with his love he be - friends you.
gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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.

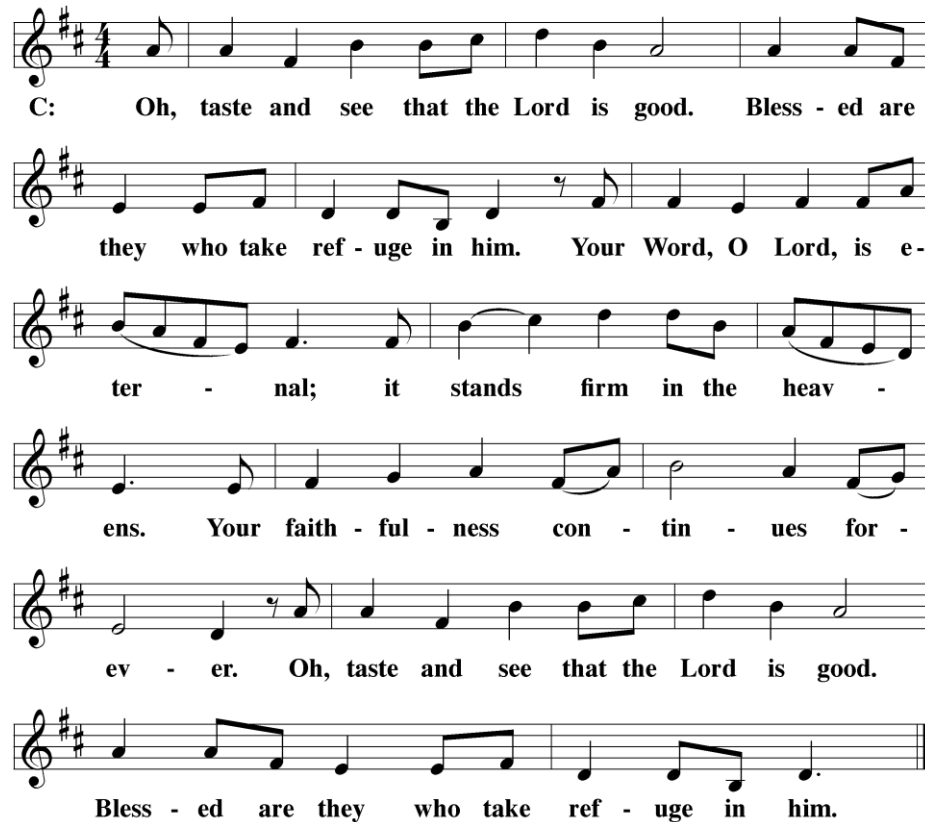
C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

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

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



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge 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 ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Lamentations 3:22-33 EHV

The LORD's mercy is new every morning, even when he gives us a heavy burden to carry. His mercy helps us see our weakness and our need for mercy so we rely on him and not ourselves.

- 22 By the mercies of the LORD we are not consumed, for his compassions do not fail.
- 23 They are new every morning. Great is your faithfulness.
- 24 My soul says, "The LORD is my portion. Therefore, I will hope in him."
- 25 The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.
- 26 It is good to hope quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

27 It is good for a man that he bears a yoke early in his life.
 28 Let him sit alone and be silent, because the LORD has laid this upon him.
 29 Let him stick his face in the dust. Perhaps there still is hope.
 30 Let him turn his cheek toward the one who strikes him. Let him be filled with disgrace.
 31 For the Lord will not push us away forever.
 32 Even though he brings grief, he will show compassion on the basis of his great mercy.
 33 Certainly it is not what his heart desires when he causes affliction,
 when he brings grief to the children of men.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 30

With the LORD's mercy and his love to save, our tears are temporary. Our rejoicing is forever.

Refrain

At the works of your hands, O Lord, I
 lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.

Psalm tone

Sing to the LORD, you saints of his;*

praise his holy name.

For his anger lasts only a moment,*
 but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain for a night,*
 but rejoicing comes in the morning.

Refrain

To you, O LORD, I called;*
 to the Lord I cried for mercy.

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me;*
 O LORD, be my help.

You turned my wailing into dancing,*
 that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**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

2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-14 EHV

Where there is faith and spiritual life, there is Christian joy and love. God's love in Christ compels us to be generous and giving, like God. His love and promises remove our worry about tomorrow's needs.

¹ Now brothers, we want you to know about the grace of God that was given in the churches of Macedonia: ² In a severe test of trouble, their overflowing joy and their deep poverty overflowed into an abundance of their

generosity. ³ I testify that of their own free will they gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, ⁴ pleading with us with an urgent request for the gracious privilege of joining in this service to the saints. ⁵ And they did this not as we had expected, but in keeping with God’s will they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us. ⁶ As a result we urged Titus, since he had already made a beginning, to bring to completion this gracious gift on your part. ⁷ But just as you overflow in every way—in faith, in word, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you also overflow in this gracious gift.

⁸ I do not say this as a command, but to test how genuine your love is, by comparing it with the eagerness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich.

¹³ Certainly, our goal is not that others take it easy while you are burdened, but that there may be equality. ¹⁴ At the present time, your abundance will provide what they lack, in order that their abundance will also provide what you lack—in this way there will be equality.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 8:34b

M: Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 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

Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43 EHV

Last Sunday we heard them ask, “Who is this that the wind and waves obey him?” Look here! Who is this that death and life obey him? This is the One who has the power and mercy to save all people from death.

M: The Gospel, Mark Chapter 5

²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him near the sea. ²² Then one of the synagogue rulers, named Jairus, came. When he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet ²³ and repeatedly pleaded with him, “My little daughter is near death. Please come and place your hands on her so that she may be healed and live.”

²⁴ Jesus went with him, and a large crowd was following him,

³⁵ ... people from the synagogue ruler’s house arrived, saying, “Your daughter is dead. Why bother the Teacher anymore?”

³⁶ But when Jesus heard this report, he told the synagogue ruler, “Don’t be afraid. Only believe.” ³⁷ He did not allow anyone to follow him except Peter, James, and John the brother of James. ³⁸ They went into the house of the synagogue ruler, and Jesus saw a commotion with people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹ When he entered, he said to them, “Why are you making a commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but sleeping.”

⁴⁰ They laughed at him. But after he put everyone out, he took the father of the child, her mother, and those who were with him and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ Grasping the hand of the child, he said to her, “*Talitha, koum!*” (When translated, that means, “Little girl, I say to you, arise!”) ⁴² Immediately the little girl stood up and began to walk around. (She was twelve years old.) They were completely and utterly amazed. ⁴³ Then he gave them strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and he told them to give her something to eat.

M: This is the Gospel.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Before the Lord We Bow | 618



1 Be - fore the Lord we bow, The God who reigns a -
 2 The na - tion you have blessed May well your love de -
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est
 4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er
 5 And when in pow'r he comes, Oh, may our na - tive



bove And rules the world be - low In bound - less
 clare, From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed
 green, Shine in your Word's pure light And its rich
 own, Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship
 land From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a



pow'r and love. Our thanks we bring; In joy and
 by your care. For this fair land, For this bright
 fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry tongue Be tuned to
 him a - lone. Cast down your pride! Your sin de -
 glo - rious band, A count - less throng, And, joy - ful,



praise Our hearts we raise To heav'n's high King.
 day Our thanks we pay— Gifts of your hand.
 praise And join to raise A grate - ful song!
 plore And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied!
 sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

SERMON

Proverbs 14:34

What Are We To Do for Our Country?

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.

OFFERING – *The mail at church is being collected. Offerings may be mailed to:*

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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

God Bless Our Native Land | 619

Silent prayer

Announcements after the close of Service

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