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SERVICE OF THE WORD

TODAY'S THREAD: *God's people wisely treasure and teach God's priceless promises and truth.*

OPENING HYMN

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun | 582



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun
2 All praise to you, who safe have kept
3 Lord, all my prayers as - cend to you:
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest this day
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;



Your dai - ly stage of du - ty run;
And have re - freshed me while I slept.
Dis - perse my sins as morn - ing dew,
All I de - sign or do or say
Praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



Shake off your sleep and joy - ful rise
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,
Guard my first springs of thought and will,
That all my pow'rs with all their might
Praise him a - bove, you heav'n - ly host—



To bring your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
I may of end - less light par - take.
And with your light my spir - it fill.
In your sole glo - ry may u - nite.
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

Holy God, We Praise Your Name | 278

Te Deum



1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial song An - gel choirs a -
3 Blest Re - deem - er, vir - gin's Son, O - ver death his
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
bove are rais - ing; Proph - ets, mar - tyrs join the throng,
vic - t'ry claim - ing, Now as - cend - ed to his throne,
three we name you; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing With the Church in
Judge and king, his grace pro - claim - ing, O - pens heav'n to
Un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, Then, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
one ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
all his own. Praise and thanks to God a - lone!
bend the knee And con - fess the mys - ter - y.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12 EHV

True wisdom humbly knows you don't know everything. Yahweh alone equips people to perceive people and plans with his revealed truth and insights.

⁵ The LORD appeared to Solomon in Gibeon in a dream at night.

God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶ Solomon said, "You have shown great mercy and faithfulness to your servant, my father David, just as he walked before you in truth, righteousness, and uprightness of heart toward you. You have shown this great mercy and faithfulness to him and have given him a son who is seated on his throne to this very day. ⁷ O LORD

my God, now you have made your servant king in the place of my father David, but I am a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And I, your servant, am among your people whom you have chosen, a great people, who cannot be counted or numbered because they are so many. ⁹ Now give to your servant a perceptive heart to judge your people, to distinguish between good and evil, for who is able to judge this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ In the eyes of the LORD, Solomon's request was good. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Because you have asked for this, and you have not asked for a long life, nor have you asked for riches, nor have you asked for the lives of your enemies, but you have asked for discernment to reach just verdicts, ¹² therefore I will act according to your words. Yes, I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you before you, nor will anyone like you rise up after you.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119b

Refrain

Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone

Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;*
then I will keep them to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will keep your law*
and obey it with all my heart.

Direct me in the path of your commands,*
for there I find delight.

Refrain

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;*
preserve my life according to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your servant,*
so that you may be feared.

How I long for your precepts!*
Preserve my life in your righteousness.

**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

Romans 8:28-30 EHV

With God's sure promise to bring you to glory, you have a treasure that trains you to perceive your current reality with the wisdom of God's eternal purpose for you. It's all good.

²⁸ We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose, ²⁹ because those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he would be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called. Those he called, he also justified. And those he justified, he also glorified.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 6:68 cf.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 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

Matthew 13:44-52 EHV

The kingdom of heaven is like...This is how kingdom people behave under God's gracious rule and influence. Eternal reality clarifies true treasures-acquired, treasured, and taught. Do you get it?

M: The Gospel, Matthew Chapter 13

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid again. In his joy, he goes away and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one very valuable pearl, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸ When the net was filled, they pulled it onto the shore. They sat down and gathered the good fish into containers, but threw the bad ones away. ⁴⁹ That is how it will be at the end of the world. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous who are among them. ⁵⁰ And they will throw the wicked into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ⁵¹ Jesus said to them, “Did you understand all these things?”

They answered him, “Yes.”

⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every expert in the law who has been trained as a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his treasure both new things and old things.”

M: This is the Gospel.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Priceless Treasure | 349



1 Je - sus, price - less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est
2 In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo -
3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de -
4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my
5 Hence, all fear and sad - ness! For the Lord of



plea - sure, Tru - est friend to me. Ah, how long
lest me Can - not reach me here. Though the earth
cry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt
plea - sure; Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp -
glad - ness, Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love



in an - guish Shall my spir - it lan - guish,
be shak - ing, Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing,
not harm me Nor thy threats a - larm me
ty glo - ry! Naught to me thy sto - ry
the Fa - ther, Though the storms may ga - ther,



Yearn - ing, Lord, for thee? Thou art mine, O
Je - sus calms my fear. Light - nings flash And
While I sing of peace. God's great pow'r Guards
Told with tempt - ing voice. Pain or loss Or
Still have peace with - in. Yea, whate - 'er I



Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer naught to
thun - ders crash; Yet, tho' sin and hell as -
ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its depths a -
shame or cross Shall not from my Sav - ior
here must bear, Thou art still my pur - est



hide thee, Naught I ask be - side thee.
sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
dore him, Si - lent bow be - fore him.
move me Since he deigns to love me.
plea - sure, Je - sus, price - less trea - sure!

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

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.

THANKSGIVING

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 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.



CLOSING HYMN – *On the separate sheet*

Your Kingdom, O God | 755 CWS

Silent prayer

Announcements after the close of Service

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