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☩ Sunday Worship – 10:00 am ☩

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Welcome to all!

Good morning! The Church is meant for all people. The Prayer of the Day reminds us that it is only by God's gift of grace that we come into his presence to offer true and faithful service. Today's lessons teach that the gift of grace given to Israel, God also intended to give *through* Israel to the world. The Church is meant for all people: a display of God's mercy and a result of the living and active Word of God.

If you have any questions regarding our Sunday services, upcoming Bible classes or various programs, please speak with the pastor or call the church office. We look forward to meeting you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

Some notes:

☞ **Restrooms** are in the sanctuary entry way just opposite the "Quiet Room."

☞ **Quiet Room:** If you have a young child or nursing infant and need a Quiet Room, you will find it to the left as soon as you exit the sanctuary. A speaker there allows you to hear the service.

📵 **Cell Phones:** We ask that cell phones be turned off or silenced during the service. Thank you!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

Christian Worship 251, vv. 1, 4

When morning gilds the skies, My heart, awaking, cries,
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

When evening shadows fall, Then sounds my vesper call:
“May Jesus Christ be praised!”

Sing, sun and stars of space; Sing, all who see his face;

Sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”

God’s whole creation o’er, Today and evermore,

Sing, “Jesus Christ be praised!”

Text: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Würzburg, 1828, abr.; tr. Robert S. Bridges, 1844–1930, alt. Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1836-96. Text and Tune: public domain.

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.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what 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: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON...*ISAIAH 56:1, 6-8*

¹This is what the LORD says:

“Maintain justice
and do what is right,
for my salvation is close at hand
and my righteousness will soon be revealed.

⁶ And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD
to minister to him,
to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it
and who hold fast to my covenant—
⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain
and give them joy in my house of prayer.
Their burnt offerings and sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house will be called
a house of prayer for all nations.”
⁸ The Sovereign LORD declares—
he who gathers the exiles of Israel:
“I will gather still others to them
besides those already gathered.”
This is the Word of the Lord.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
Alleluia.

—*Hebrews 4:12*

SECOND LESSON...*ROMANS 11:13-15, 28-32*

¹³ I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry ¹⁴ in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. ¹⁵ For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?

²⁸ As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the

patriarchs, ²⁹ for God’s gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God’s mercy to you. ³² For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

This is the Word of the Lord.

WHEN IN THE HOUR OF UTMOST NEED

Christian Worship 413, vv. 1-2

When in the hour of utmost need
We know not where to look for aid,
When days and nights of anxious thought
Nor help nor counsel yet have brought,

Then is our comfort this alone
That we may meet before your throne;
To you, O faithful God, we cry
For rescue in our misery.

Text: Paul Eber, 1511–69, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510 - c. 1561. Text and Tune: public domain.

SERMON TEXT

...Sermon Text – Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel.”

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. “Lord, help me!” she said.

²⁶ He replied, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and toss it to the dogs.”

²⁷ “Yes it is, Lord,” she said. “Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.”

²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.” And her daughter was healed at that moment.

“Lord Help Me!”

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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O Lord, Light of the world and saving Strength of your people, we thank you for the gift of your Word. Implant it in the hearts of your people that, having been delivered from the power of Satan and the fear of death, they may live to serve and praise you in righteousness and purity forever.

Pour out your Word abundantly upon the multitudes in every nation, that their eyes may be opened and their hearts turned from falsehood and error, idolatry and evil works. Open their ears to hear your Word of truth that the morning star of spiritual knowledge may arise in their hearts.

Let your Word shine within our homes that parents and children may dwell together in love, serve one another in kindness, and find increase in joy in this life and that which is to come.

Give the Spirit of Christ richly to all who are sick or are suffering from any adversity of body or spirit, and grant that they may discover that you do all things well, turning our afflictions into divine blessings.

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

And finally, since we are not sufficient of ourselves to win the victory of life, supply us through the grace of Jesus Christ with the power of your Spirit, that we may ever be comforted by your truth and sustained by your love. This we pray in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord who gave himself for us that we might ever live through him. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

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.

C: Amen.

IN YOU, O LORD, I PUT MY TRUST

Christian Worship 448, vv. 1, 4

In you, O Lord, I put my trust—
Leave me not helpless in the dust;
Let me not be confounded.
My faith, O Lord, Must in your Word
Be always firmly grounded.

With you, O Lord, I cast my lot;
O faithful God, forsake me not,
To you my soul commending.
Lord, be my stay, And lead the way
Now and when life is ending.

Text: Adam Reusner, 1496–c. 1575, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, st. 1, 4, alt. Tune: *Dauids Himlische Harpffen*, Nürnberg, 1581, alt. Text and Tune: public domain.