

## THE PRESERVICE MUSIC

## THE WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND GREETINGS

## THE WORD

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8*

R In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

R The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**C As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;**

R for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

**C But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to  
everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children,**

R to those who keep his covenant  
and remember to do his commandments.

**C The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.**

R The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

## THE OPENING SONG

*"The Name of the Lord"*

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**

**Blessed be the name of the Lord most high**

*(Repeat)*

**Glory to the name of the Lord**

**Glory to the name of the Lord**

**Glory to the name of the Lord most high**

*(Repeat)*

*Continued → →*

**The name of the Lord is a strong tower  
The righteous run into it and they are saved  
The name of the Lord is a strong tower  
The righteous run into it and they are saved**

**Holy is the name of the Lord  
Holy is the name of the Lord  
Holy is the name of the Lord most high**  
(Repeat)

*Clinton Utterbach CCLI Song # 265239*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      Isaiah 55:10–13

<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.  
<sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy  
and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you  
shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
<sup>13</sup>Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**      Romans 8:12–17

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SONG

*“A Simple Word of Grace”*

**A simple word of grace is all I need,  
flowing from a cross, a cross for me.  
A gentle word of love is all I need,  
Flowing from a cross a cross for me.**

*Chorus:*

**Jesus, You have given me  
All of Your grace so tenderly.  
I lift my hand and praise Your name.  
Jesus, You have given me  
all of Your love on Calvary.  
I lift my heart into Your hands.**

**A simple word of hope is all I need,  
flowing from Your love, Your love for me.  
A gentle word of peace is all I need,  
Flowing from Your love, Your love for me.**

*Chorus*

**Teach me, Lord, to share Your simple grace,  
Flowing from your love, Your love for me.  
Teach me, Lord, to live as You have lived,  
Gently flowing from Your love for me.**

*Chorus*

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*(Stand)*

**HOLY GOSPEL**      Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up,

since they had no depth of soil, <sup>6</sup>but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>He who has ears, let him hear.

...  
<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup>yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*(Sit)*

## **CHILDREN'S TALK**

### **LSB HYMN 577 ALMIGHTY GOD, YOUR WORD IS CAST**

- 1 Almighty God, Your Word is cast  
Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend  
And righteous fruits abound.
- 2 Let not the sly satanic foe  
This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart  
To bring forth fruits of love.
- 3 Let not the world's deceitful cares  
The rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundredfold  
The fruits of peace and joy.

4    So when the precious seed is sown,  
      Life-giving grace bestow  
      That all whose souls the truth receive  
      Its saving pow'r may know.

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## **SERMON “God, Make Us To Be Good Soil for Your Promises.” Matthew 13**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

#### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

*(Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3))*

*(Sit)*

#### **OFFERING**

## **THE LORD’S SUPPER**

*(Stand)*

#### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

#### **LORD’S PRAYER**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

#### **THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

## SONGS

### LSB 861 "CHRIST BE MY LEADER"

- 1 Christ be my Leader by night as by day;  
Safe through the darkness, for He is the way.  
Gladly I follow, my future His care,  
Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.
- 2 Christ be my Teacher in age as in youth,  
Drifting or doubting, for He is the truth.  
Grant me to trust Him; though shifting as sand,  
Doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.
- 3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;  
Death cannot hold me, for He is the life.  
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain  
Can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

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#### *"In His Time"*

In His time, in His time;  
He makes all things beautiful in His time.  
Lord, please show me every day  
As You're teaching me Your way  
That You do just what You say in Your time.

In Your time, in Your time;  
You make all things beautiful in Your time.  
Lord, my life to You I bring  
May each song I have to sing  
Be to You a lovely thing in Your time.

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#### *"I Stand In Awe"*

You are beautiful beyond description,  
Too marvelous for words;  
Too wonderful for comprehension,  
Like nothing ever seen or heard.  
Who can grasp Your infinite wisdom?  
Who can fathom the depth of Your love?  
You are beautiful beyond description,  
Majesty enthroned above.

**And I stand, I stand in awe of You,  
I stand, I stand in awe of You;  
Holy God, to whom all praise is due,  
I stand in awe of You.  
I stand in awe of You.**

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*(Stand)*

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His favor upon you and give you peace.

**People: Amen.**

## **CLOSING SONG**

*"Rock of My Salvation"*

**You are the Rock of my salvation  
You are the strength of my life.  
You are my hope and my inspiration,  
Lord, unto You will I cry.  
I believe in You, believe in You  
For Your faithful love to me.  
You have been my help in time of need;  
Lord, unto You will I cleave. Repeat.**

*Ending:*

**You are the Rock of my salvation  
You are the strength of my life.**

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