

Preservice Music/ Announcements/Welcome

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: God exalted Jesus to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

Reader: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

People: And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Philippians 2:9-11*

Reader: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

People: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

THE OPENING SONG "Give Us Clean Hands"

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees

Oh Spirit, come, make us humble.

We turn our eyes from evil things

Oh Lord, we cast down our idols.

Chorus:

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts.

Let us not lift our souls to another,

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts.

Let us not lift our souls to another.

And God, let us be a generation that seeks,

That seeks your face, oh God of Jacob.

Oh God, let us be a generation that seeks,

That seeks your face, oh God of Jacob. *Repeat all.*

Ending: Chorus again

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THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to

Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE READING

Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,

**Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth
Will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.**

Repeat

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(Stand)

THE GOSPEL READING

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION

Psalm 51, selected verses

Pastor: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love; according to Your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

People: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Pastor: Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You are proved right when You speak and justified when You judge.

People: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."

THE ABSOLUTION BY GOD'S GRACE

Pastor: Jesus said, "'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you.' And with that He breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'" *John 20:21-23*

By the authority of Jesus Christ our Lord as a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

(Sit)

CHILDREN'S TALK

SONG OF THE DAY *"Take My Life and Let It Be"* **LSB 783**

SERMON "Forgive Us Our Sins, As We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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.

THE SACRAMENT

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"Knowing You"

All I once held dear built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this

Chorus

Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord

Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness *Chorus*

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die *Chorus*

Ending: Love You Lord.

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"Oh Lord, You're Beautiful"

O Lord, You're beautiful, Your face is all I seek,
For when Your eyes are on this child, Your grace abounds to me.

O Lord, please light the fire, that once burned bright and clear.
Replace the lamp of my first love, that burned with holy fear.

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"Grace Alone"

Ev'ry promise we can make, ev'ry prayer and step of faith,
Ev'ry diff'rence we will make is only by His grace.
Ev'ry mountain we will climb, ev'ry ray of hope we shine,
Ev'ry blessing left behind is only by His grace.

Chorus:

Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown He will provide;
Christ in us, our Cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.

Ev'ry soul we long to reach, ev'ry heart we hope to teach,
Ev'rywhere we share His peace is only by His grace.
Ev'ry loving word we say, ev'ry tear we wipe away,
Ev'ry sorrow turned to praise is only by His grace. *Chorus.*

Ending:

Grace alone which God supplies,
Strength unknown He will provide;
Christ in us, our Cornerstone,
We will go forth in grace alone.
We will go forth in grace alone.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

“No Other Name”

Chorus:

**No other name but the name of Jesus,
No other name but the name of the Lord;
No other name but the name of Jesus is worthy of glory,
And worthy of honor, and worthy of power and all praise.**

Repeat.

**His name is exalted far above the earth,
His name is high above the heavens;
His name is exalted far above the earth,
Give glory and honor and praises to His name.**

Sing Chorus.

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