

*Pre service Music, Ringing of the Bell, Welcome*

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 118:22–24; antiphon: v. 1*

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

**C Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

R The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

**C This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

R This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**C 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.**

R Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

**C For his steadfast love endures forever! Amen.**

### THE OPENING SONG *"As We Gather"*

**As we gather, may Your Spirit work within us,**

**As we gather, may we glorify Your name.**

**Knowing well that as our hearts**

**Begin to worship**

**We'll be blessed because we came,**

**We'll be blessed because we came. Repeat**

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### OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge

between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING** *Philippians 3:4b-14*

If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**“Create In Me” RMP 39**

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord,

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy Salvation,

And renew a right spirit within me.

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### **GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:33-46**

Jesus said: “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** 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

### HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 712 "Seek Ye First"

### SERMON "The Fruit of Faith" *Matthew 21:33-46*

**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 (Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).)*

### OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*(Stand)*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Prepare your hearts to welcome the Lord.

**C** We open our hearts to Jesus, our Savior.

**P** Let us thank the Lord, Our God.

**C** We give thanks to Him, now and forever

### COMMUNION PRAYER

### 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.

### PEACE

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

**C** And also with you.

*(Sit)*

*"Renew Me"*

*Chorus:*

**Renew me, repair me, refresh me, restore me.  
Renew a right spirit within me.  
Redeem me, recharge me, revise me, revive me.  
Create in me a clean heart.**

**For You alone are my strength, my song.  
Your love redeems me, makes right of my wrong.  
Savior, and Shepherd, my Master and King,  
Restore my joy, so my spirit can sing. Chorus**

**For You alone can restore my soul,  
Your love repairs me, turns broken to whole.  
Almighty God, You remove all my sin.  
You give me life in Your Spirit within. Chorus**

**For You alone give me pow'r to start,  
Your love is kindling a pureness of heart.  
Maker, Creator of all that is new,  
Help me, revise me, so I'm more like You. Chorus**

**For You alone are a precious gift,  
Your love renews me, You give me a lift.  
Jesus, Forgiver of all ev'rywhere.  
Jesus, Lifegiver, I live in Your care. Chorus**

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*"Fear Not (I Love You This Much)"*

**Fear not, all my children, for I will always stay  
In all of your tomorrows, and I'm with you today.  
Fear not, all my children, I'll always be with you  
In ev'ry moment of your life in ev'rything you do.**

**Chorus**

**For I love you this much, my arms are opened wide,  
For I love you this much, I bled for you and died.  
For I love you this much, there's nothing you can do  
To take away the love that I have for ev'ry one of you.**

**Fear not, all my children, don't ever be dismayed,  
For all your pain and sorrows, the price has all been paid.**

**Fear not, all my children, courageous ever strong,  
For I'll not fail you or forsake you all your whole life long.**

Chorus

**Fear not, all my children, I won't leave you alone,  
I will prepare a mansion, right at my Father's throne,  
Fear not, all my children, I'll rise up from the dead,  
I am God's Son; the vict'ry's won, Remember what I've said.**

Chorus

*"Be Glorified"*

**In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.**

**In my song, Lord,.....**

**In Your church, Lord,.....**

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## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

*CLOSING SONG "Ancient Words"*

**Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart,  
O let the ancient words impart;  
Words of life, words of hope,  
Give us strength, help us cope;  
In this world where'er we roam,  
Ancient words will guide us home.**

Chorus:

**Ancient words, ever true,  
Changing me and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.**

**Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,  
Came to us through sacrifice;  
O, heed the faithful words of Christ;  
Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart;  
O let the ancient words impart.**

Chorus:

**Ancient words ever true  
Changing me and changing you;  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.**

Repeat Chorus.

**O let the ancient words impart.**

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