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**THE PRELUDE**

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**PRAISE SONG**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**LSB#528**

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing My  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, As -  
 3 Je - sus! The name that charms our fears, That  
 4 He breaks the pow'r of can - celed sin; He  
 5 Look un - to Him, ye na - tions; own Your

great Re - deem - er's praise, The glo - ries of my  
 sist me to pro - claim, To spread through all the  
 bids our sor - rows cease; 'Tis mu - sic in the  
 sets the pris - 'ner free. His blood can make the  
 God, ye fall - en race. Look and be saved through

God and King, The tri - umphs of His grace!  
 earth a - broad, The hon - ors of Thy name.  
 sin - ner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.  
 foul - est clean; His blood a - vails for me.  
 faith a - lone, Be jus - ti - fied by grace.

**6 See all your sins on Jesus laid;  
The Lamb of God was slain.  
His soul was once an off'ring made  
For ev'ry soul of man.**

**7 To God all glory, praise, and love  
Be now and ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.**

**\*THE INVOCATION**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**\*RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 119:153-160**

**P** <sup>153</sup>Look on my affliction and deliver me, for I do not forget your law.

**C** <sup>154</sup>**Plead my cause and redeem me; give me life according to your promise!**

**P** <sup>155</sup>Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek your statutes.

**C** <sup>156</sup>**Great is your mercy, O LORD; give me life according to your rules.**

- P** <sup>157</sup>Many are my persecutors and my adversaries, but I do not swerve from your testimonies.
- C** <sup>158</sup>**I look at the faithless with disgust, because they do not keep your commands.**
- P** <sup>159</sup>Consider how I love your precepts! Give me life according to your steadfast love.
- C** <sup>160</sup>**The sum of your word is truth, and every one of your righteous rules endures forever.**

**\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.
- C** **Almighty God, by the working of Your Holy Spirit, grant that we may gladly hear Your Word proclaimed among us and follow its directing; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Jeremiah 28:5-9***

<sup>5</sup>Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Hananiah the prophet in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD make the words that you have prophesied come true, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>Yet hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes to pass, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

**EPISTLE READING: *Romans 7:1-13***

<sup>1</sup>Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? <sup>2</sup>Thus a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage.

<sup>3</sup>Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. <sup>4</sup>Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. <sup>5</sup>For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. <sup>6</sup>But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit. <sup>7</sup>What then shall we say? That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.” <sup>8</sup>But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness. Apart from the law, sin lies dead. <sup>9</sup>I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. <sup>10</sup>The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. <sup>11</sup>For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. <sup>12</sup>So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good. <sup>13</sup>Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

*Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing*

**LSB#584**

**1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,  
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,  
Seed to life eternal sowing,  
Scattered on the wind abroad.  
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,  
Like a barren field be found,  
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,  
Shallow earth or stony ground.**

**2 May the Spirit’s pow’r unceasing  
Bring to life the hidden grain,  
Daily in our hearts increasing,  
Bearing fruit that shall remain.  
So in Scripture, song, and story,  
Savior, may Your voice be heard.  
Till our eyes behold Your glory  
Give us ears to hear Your Word.**

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**\*HOLY GOSPEL:** *Matthew 10:34-42*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the tenth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>34</sup>[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>And a person’s enemies will be those of his own household. <sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>40</sup>“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and the one who receives a righteous person

because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. <sup>42</sup>And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**\*NICENE CREED**

**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 will 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 in 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.**

**SERMON HYMN**

*The Law of God Is Good and Wise*

**LSB#579**

1 The Law of God is good and wise And sets His  
 2 Its light of ho - li - ness im - parts The knowl - edge  
 3 To those who help in Christ have found And would in  
 4 But those who scorn - ful - ly dis - dain God's Law shall

will be - fore our eyes, Shows us the way of righ - teous -  
 of our sin - ful hearts That we may see our lost es -  
 works of love a - bound It shows what deeds are His de -  
 then in sin re - main; Its ter - ror in their ear re -

ness, And dooms to death when we trans - gress.  
 tate And turn from sin be - fore too late.  
 light And should be done as good and right.  
 sounds And keeps their wick - ed - ness in bounds.

**5 The Law is good; but since the fall  
 Its holiness condemns us all;  
 It dooms us for our sin to die  
 And has no pow'r to justify.**

**6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,  
 Who from the curse has set us free,  
 And humbly worship at His throne,  
 Saved by His grace through faith  
 alone.**

**SERMON**

**OFFERATORY HYMN**

*Create in Me*

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;  
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**\*THE LORDS 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.**

**\*WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

**LSB#637**

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.

Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow

Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give you His peace.  
**C** Amen.

**CLOSING SONG:**

*Now the Light Has Gone Away*

**LSB#887**



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,  
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;  
5 Thou, my best and kind - est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.  
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.  
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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