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*At Abiding Word  
We gather around the Word (worship)  
We grow in the Word (education)  
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*



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### **Welcome!**

To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) Following the service please join us for some coffee, light refreshments, and fellowship.

### **Lutheran Worship**

The Lutheran church is a liturgical church. Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only the good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also the power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. Through the sermon, Lord's Supper, in specially selected Bible readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and confessions, the liturgy points to Jesus as the Savior of all.

# 356 You Are the Way; through You Alone



1 You are the way; through you a - lone Can  
2 You are the truth; your Word a - lone True  
3 You are the life; the emp - ty tomb Pro -  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; Grant



we the Fa - ther find; In you, O Christ, has  
wis - dom can im - part. You on - ly can in -  
claims your con - qu'ring arm, And those who put their  
us that way to know, That truth to keep, that



God re - vealed His heart and will and mind.  
form the mind And pu - ri - fy the heart.  
trust in you Not death nor hell shall harm.  
life to win Whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.  
Tune: DUNDEE (CM) *The CL Psalms of David*, Edinburgh, 1615.



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me. O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

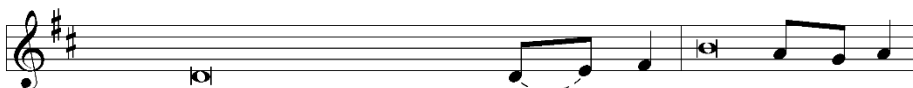
M: Let us confess our sins.

C: **O Lord, eternal Father, with sorrow and remorse I approach Your throne of grace. I have much to confess, for I have not been Your obedient child or servant.**

**For my many sins I confess my guilt and know full well I stand under Your eternal judgment.**

**But I am repentant, O Lord, and by the holy blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, cancel out the handwriting against me and renew me with Your Holy Spirit.**

M: Rejoice and be happy. God in his word assures you that you have been forgiven. God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. In him we have redemption, through his blood the forgiveness of sins.



M:

(Pentecost) The Spirit of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ fills the world: let us wor - ship him.

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of  
our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a  
great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are  
in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he  
made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and  
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

*Be seated*

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

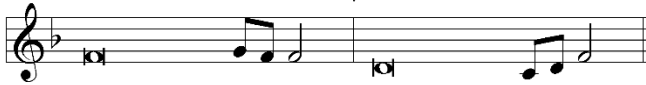
**PSALM 71**

*Refrain*



Bless-ed are they who hope, who hope in the Lord.

*Psalm tone*



In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.  
Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;  
turn your ear to me and save me.  
Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go;  
for you are my rock and my fortress.

**REFRAIN**

Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,  
and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.  
Even when I am old and gray,  
do not forsake me, O God,  
till I declare your power to the next generation,  
your might to all who are to come.

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.

**REFRAIN**

## **FIRST LESSON**

**JOSHUA 24:1,2a,14-18**

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Joshua said to all the people,

"Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God."

## **SECOND LESSON**

**EPHESIANS 5:21-31**

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church--for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

## **GOSPEL**

**JOHN 6:60-69**

On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him."

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

M: Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

JUSTIFICATION

# 401 Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ



1 Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad -  
2 Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal  
3 Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne  
4 Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid  
5 Your right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone



ness to this heart. They tell me all  
my sin - ful soul; Your wounds, not mine,  
the dread - ful load Of sins that none  
the ran - som due; Ten thou - sand deaths  
can cov - er me; No oth - er right -



is done; They bid my fear de - part.  
con - tain The balm that makes me whole.  
could bear But the in - car - nate God.  
like mine Would have been all too few.  
eous - ness Can set a sin - ner free.

*Refrain*



To whom but you, who can a - lone For



sin a - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-89, at.  
Tune: ST. JOHN (66 66 88) *The Parish Choir*, London, 1850.



## Two All-Decisive Questions

HYMNS OF THE LITURGY

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## Holy God, We Praise Your Name

*Te Deum*

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial song An - gel choirs a -  
 3 Blest Re - deem - er, vir - gin's Son, O - ver death his  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;  
 bowe are rais - ing; Proph - ets, mar - tyrs join the throng,  
 vic - t'ry claim - ing, Now as - cend - ed to his throne,  
 three we name you; Though in es - sence on - ly one,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing With the Church in  
 Judge and king, his grace pro - claim - ing, O - pens heav'n to  
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, Then, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 one ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 all his own. Praise and thanks to God a - lone!  
 bend the knee And con - fess the mys - ter - y.

Text: *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774, abr., adapt., st. 1-2, 4; Ruth M. Glaeske, b. 1941, st. 3;  
 tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820-1900, st. 1-2, 4, alt.

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Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH (78 78 77) *Katholisches Gesangbuch*, Vienna, 1774, alt.



## PRAYER FOR GRACE

**M:** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**C:** Amen.



**M:** Let us praise the Lord.



**C:** Thanks be to God.



**M:** The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



**C:** A - men.

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# Rise, Shine, You People



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un -  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to



en - tered Our hu - man sto - ry; God in  
 reel - ing; He brings us free - dom, light and  
 furl - ing, Your songs and prayers a - gainst the  
 save us. Tell of the Son, who life and



him is cen - tered. He comes to us, by death  
 life and heal - ing. All men and wom - en, who  
 dark - ness hurl - ing, To all the world go out  
 free - dom gave us. Tell how the Spir - it calls



and sin sur - round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
 by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en,  
 and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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