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Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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) Join us for coffee after the service. If you would like to socialize responsibly before and after the service, please use the fellowship hall. To allow for social distancing, please don't linger in front of the kitchen and bathroom.

### **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.

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Renew Me, O Eternal Light



1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
 2 De - stroy in me the lust of sin; From all im -  
 3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
 4 Grant that I on - ly you may love And seek those



heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
 pure - ness make me clean. Oh, grant me pow'r and  
 I o - bey your Word. Oh, let your will be  
 things which are a - bove Till I be - hold you



light of grace That is - sues from your ho - ly face.  
 strength, my God, To strive a - gainst my flesh and blood.  
 my de - sire And with new life my soul in - spire.  
 face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through your grace.

Text: Johann F. Ruopp, 1672–1708, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.  
 Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS (LM) *As hymnodus sacer*, Leipzig, 1625, alt.



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

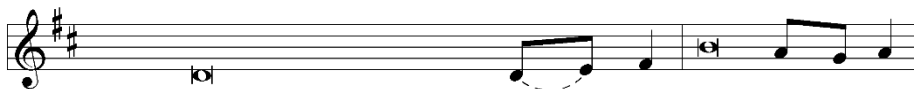
M: Let us confess our sins.

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 119c

*Refrain*



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

*Psalm tone*



Oh, how I love your law!  
I meditate on it all day long.  
I have more insight than all my teachers,  
for I meditate on your statutes.  
I have more understanding than the elders,  
for I obey your precepts.

## **REFRAIN**

I have kept my feet from every evil path  
so that I might obey your word.  
I have not departed from your laws,  
for you yourself have taught me.  
How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

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**

## **DEUTERONOMY 4:1,2,6-8**

Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?

## SECOND LESSON

## EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

## GOSPEL

## MARK 7:1-8,14,15,21-23

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?" He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men."

You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men."

Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.'"

For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"

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

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O God, My Faithful God



1 O God, my faith - ful God, O Foun - tain ev - er  
 2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and  
 3 Keep me from say - ing things That lat - er need re -  
 4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and



flow - ing, Who good and per - fect gifts In mer -  
 will - ing What - ev - er you com - mand, My call -  
 call - ing; Grant that no i - dle words May from  
 ac - tions, And let me find good friends For coun -



cy are be - stow - ing, Give me a health - y  
 ing here ful - fill - ing, That I do what I  
 my lips be - fall - ing, But then, when in my  
 sel and cor - rec - tion. Help me, as you have



frame, And may I have with - in A con -  
 should While trust - ing you to bless The out -  
 place I must and ought to speak, My words  
 taught, To love both great and small And by



science free from blame, A soul un - hurt by sin.  
 come for my good, For you must give suc - cess.  
 grant pow'r and grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
 your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585–1647, abr., adapt.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
 Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT (II) (67 67 66 66) *Neu-vermehrtes ... Gesangbuch*, 3rd ed., Meiningen, 1693, alt.



## God's Word is Our Great Heritage

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;  
 ove are rais - ing; Proph - ets, mar - tyrs join the throne,  
 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.



**M:** In the morning, O Lord, I call to you; be merciful to me and hear my prayer.



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

O God, Lord of Hosts, by the great and living way of your Son Jesus Christ, we enter your gates with thanksgiving and your courts with praise. You have filled the earth with riches that mankind may harvest the fruit of its toil, find joy in the birth of each new day, and rest in the peace of each night.

Most especially we praise you for sending your one and only Son into this world that by his innocent sufferings and death, we might receive the forgiveness of sins, strength to overcome all evil, and the gift of eternal life.

Bless our homes and counsel our parents, that your teachings may not depart from our midst but be continued in the lives of all children. Guide our youth that their hearts may be kept faithful to you and their lives free from blame.

We pray for all who must walk along the hard and stony path of affliction with sickness, suffering or peril. Let their way be filled with that light which shines more and more brightly till the dawn of the perfect day in heaven.

*Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here*

These and all the hidden yearnings of our souls, and any other thing we should have sought of your mercy, grant to us in our Lord Jesus, who ever lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## 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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God's Word is our great her - i - tage And shall be ours for -  
ev - er; To spread its light from age to age Shall be our  
chief en - deav - or. Through life it guides our way; In death it  
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, We keep its  
teach - ings pure Through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925.  
Tune: REUTER (87 87 66 66 7) Friedrich O. Reuter, 1863–1924.