PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: ♫“LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN YOUR WORD” ♫ LSB 655

1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
   Curb those who by deceit or sword
   Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
   And bring to naught all He has done.

2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow’r make known,
   For You are Lord of lords alone;
   Defend Your holy Church that we
   May sing Your praise eternally.

3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
   Send peace and unity on earth;
   Support us in our final strife
   And lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the †Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching
   Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

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.
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.

Amen.

INTROIT

Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage! Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs, and a foolish people reviles your name. Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts; do not forget the life of your poor forever. Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame; let the poor and needy praise your name. Have regard for the covenant; arise, O God, defend your cause.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav’nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; 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

The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day has broken.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” And he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then he said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed.” Then
Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL**

He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

**EPISTLE**

2 TIMOTHY 3:14—4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

**ALLELUIA**


**HOLY GOSPEL**

LUKE 18:1–8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.

♫ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♫ Praise be to Thee, 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.

CATECHETICAL VERSE

The Tenth Commandment

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor’s wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

Sit

SERMON HYMN: ♫"COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING"

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I’ve come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand’ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.
3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
    Daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
    Bind my wand’ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
    Prone to leave the God I love.
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it,
    Seal it for Thy courts above.

4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
    I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
    How I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
    Take my ransom’d soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
    Me to realms of endless day.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–90, alt. Text: Public domain

SERMON: “CONTINUE IN WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED” 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5
By Pastor John Schmidt

Stand

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

OFFERTORY

♫ 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.

Sit

OFFERING

As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.

OFFERING HYMN:

♫ “WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN” LSB 781 V. 1-2

1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
   All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
   And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
**PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you.
♫ And with thy spirit.
P Lift up your hearts.
♫ We lift them up unto the Lord.
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
♫ It is meet and right so to do.
P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

♫ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**LORD’S PRAYER**

P 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 WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
♫ Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

♫ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

**Sit**

**DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME”**

LSB 940

1 Holy God, we praise Thy name;
   Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
   All on earth Thy scepter claim,
   All in heav’n above adore Thee.
   Infinite Thy vast domain,
   Everlasting is Thy reign.
2 Hark! The glad celestial hymn
   Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
   In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav’ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!

3 Lo, the apostles’ holy train
   Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain,
   And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.

4 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;
   Son of God, yet born of Mary.
For us sinners sacrificed,
   As to death a Tributary,
First to break the bars of death,
Thou hast opened heav’n to faith.

5 Holy Father, holy Son,
   Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
   Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

Text: Latin, c. 4th cent.; German version Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1774, Vienna; tr. Clarence A. Walworth, 1820–1900, alt. Text: Public domain

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♫ “JESUS LOVES ME”
1 Jesus loves me! This I know,
   For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
   They are weak, but He is strong. Refrain

Refrain:
   Yes, Jesus loves me!
   Yes, Jesus loves me!
   Yes, Jesus loves me!
   Yes, Jesus loves me!
   The Bible tells me so.

2 Jesus loves me! He who died
   Heaven’s gates to open wide.
He has washed away my sin,
   Lets His little child come in. Refrain

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt Text: Public domain
1 Children of the heav’nly Father  
   Safely in His bosom gather;  
   Nestling bird nor star in heaven  
   Such a refuge e’er was given.

2 God His own doth tend and nourish;  
   In His holy courts they flourish.  
   From all evil things He spares them;  
   In His mighty arms He bears them.

3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
   From the Lord His children sever;  
   Unto them His grace He showeth,  
   And their sorrows all He knoweth.

4 Though He giveth or He taketh,  
   God His children ne’er forsaketh;  
   His the loving purpose solely  
   To preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958  
Text: Public domain

Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
and His mercy endureth forever.  
Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.  
Bless we the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.
**BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

Amen, amen, amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: ♫ “LORD, TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD ME”**

1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
   Upon life’s way;
   Direct, protect, and feed me
   From day to day.
   Without Your grace and favor
   I go astray;
   So take my hand, O Savior,
   And lead the way.

2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
   I need not fear,
   For You, the Rock of Ages,
   Are always near.
   Close by Your side abiding,
   I fear no foe,
   For when Your hand is guiding,
   In peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
   And night has come,
   I know that You will strengthen
   My steps toward home.
   Then nothing can impede me,
   O blessèd Friend;
   So take my hand and lead me
   Unto the end.


**SILENT PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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