**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

**RINGING OF THE BELLS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING HYMN:** ♫“LORD, OPEN NOW MY HEART TO HEAR”  

1 Lord, open now my heart to hear,  
And through Your Word to me draw near;  
Let me Your Word e’er pure retain;  
Let me Your child and heir remain.

2 Your Word inspires my heart within;  
Your Word grants healing from my sin;  
Your Word has pow’r to guide and bless;  
Your Word brings peace and happiness.

3 To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Shall glory, praise, and honor be  
Now and throughout eternity.  

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**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** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**C** O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Amen.

Sit

**HYMN: ♫“HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION”**

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov’reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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**PSALM 130**

P Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!  
C O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
P If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?  
C But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.  
P I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;  
C my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.  
P O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption.  
C And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.
HYMN: "CHIEF OF SINNERS THOUGH I BE"  

1 Chief of sinners though I be,
   Jesus shed His blood for me,
   Died that I might live on high,
   Lives that I might never die.
   As the branch is to the vine,
   I am His, and He is mine.

2 Oh, the height of Jesus' love,
   Higher than the heav'ns above,
   Deeper than the depths of sea,
   Lasting as eternity!
   Love that found me—wondrous thought!
   Found me when I sought Him not.

3 Only Jesus can impart
   Balm to heal the wounded heart,
   Peace that flows from sin forgiv'n,
   Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n,
   Faith and hope to walk with God
   In the way that Enoch trod.

4 Chief of sinners though I be,
   Christ is all in all to me;
   All my wants to Him are known,
   All my sorrows are His own.
   He sustains the hidden life
   Safe with Him from earthly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford
   By Your Spirit and Your Word!
   When my wayward heart would stray,
   Keep me in the narrow way;
   Grace in time of need supply
   While I live and when I die.

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INTROIT  

PSALM 50:1–2, 14–15

P The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice glorifies me;
C to one who orders his way rightly I will show the
   salvation of God!

P The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the
   earth

C from the rising of the sun to its setting.

P Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,

P and perform your vows to the Most High,
and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

**CREEDAL HYMN: ♫“WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD”**

1. We all believe in one true God,
   Who created earth and heaven,
The Father, who to us in love
   Has the right of children given.
He in soul and body feeds us;
   All we need His hand provides us;
Through all snares and perils leads us,
   Watching that no harm betide us.
He cares for us by day and night;
   All things are governed by His might.

2. We all believe in Jesus Christ,
   His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne, and might,
   Source of ev’ry grace and blessing;
Born of Mary, virgin mother,
   By the power of the Spirit,
Word made flesh, our elder brother;
   That the lost might life inherit,
Was crucified for all our sin
   And raised by God to life again.

3. We all confess the Holy Ghost,
   Who, in highest heaven dwelling
With God the Father and the Son,
   Comforts us beyond all telling;
Who the Church, His own creation,
   Keeps in unity of spirit.
Here forgiveness and salvation
   Daily come through Jesus’ merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be
   In bliss with God eternally.
   Amen.

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

REVELATION 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

‡ This is the Word of the Lord.

‡ Thanks be to God.
HyMN: ♫“JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA” ♫

1 Just as I am, without one plea
   But that Thy blood was shed for me
   And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
       O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am and waiting not
   To rid my soul of one dark blot,
   To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
       O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about
   With many a conflict, many a doubt,
   Fightings and fears within, without,
       O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
   Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
   Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
       O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
   Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
   Because Thy promise I believe,
       O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
   Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
   Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
       O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Epistle

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.
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.

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HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

HYMN: "A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
   A trusty shield and weapon;
   He helps us free from ev’ry need
   That hath us now o’ertaken.
   The old evil foe
   Now means deadly woe;
   Deep guile and great might
   Are his dread arms in fight;
   On earth is not his equal.

2 With might of ours can naught be done,
   Soon were our loss effected;
   But for us fights the valiant One,
   Whom God Himself elected.
   Ask ye, Who is this?
   Jesus Christ it is,
   Of Sabaoth Lord,
   And there’s none other God;
   He holds the field forever.

3 Though devils all the world should fill,
   All eager to devour us,
   We tremble not, we fear no ill;
   They shall not overpow’r us.
   This world’s prince may still
   Scowl fierce as he will,
   He can harm us none.
   He’s judged; the deed is done;
   One little word can fell him.
4 The Word they still shall let remain
   Nor any thanks have for it;
He’s by our side upon the plain
   With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
   Though these all be gone,
Our vict’ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

Stand

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!

Sit

HYMN: ♫ "GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO THAT HE GAVE"
LSB 571
1 God loved the world so that He gave
   His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe
   Should everlasting life receive.

2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
   Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
   Are built on this chief cornerstone.
3 God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven’s heirs.

4 Be of good cheer, for God’s own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus’ blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessèd Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

Sit

HYMN: ♫”SALVATION UNTO US HAS COME”  
LSB 555

All:
1 Salvation unto us has come  
   By God’s free grace and favor;  
   Good works cannot avert our doom,  
   They help and save us never.  
   Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
   Who did for all the world atone;  
   He is our one Redeemer.

Men:
2 What God did in His Law demand  
   And none to Him could render  
   Caused wrath and woe on ev’ry hand  
   For man, the vile offender.  
   Our flesh has not those pure desires  
   The spirit of the Law requires,  
   And lost is our condition.
It was a false, misleading dream
That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem
And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright
To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

From sin our flesh could not abstain,
Sin held its sway unceasing;
The task was useless and in vain,
Our guilt was e’er increasing.
None can remove sin’s poisoned dart
Or purify our guileful heart—
So deep is our corruption.

Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God’s anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father’s vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, “Come unto Me!”
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.

The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.
9 Faith clings to Jesus’ cross alone
   And rests in Him unceasing;
   And by its fruits true faith is known,
   With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
   Works serve our neighbor and supply
   The proof that faith is living.

All:
10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
   To Father, Son, and Spirit,
   The God who saved us by His grace;
   All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav’n above,
   You have revealed Your saving love;
   Your blessed name we hallow.

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Stand

P  Collect
C♫ Amen

BENEDICTION
P  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.
C♫ Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: ♫“BUILT ON THE ROCK” LSB 645
1 Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
   Even when steeples are falling.
   Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land;
   Bells still are chiming and calling,
   Calling the young and old to rest,
   But above all the souls distressed,
   Longing for rest everlasting.

2 Surely in temples made with hands
   God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
   High above earth His temple stands,
   All earthly temples excelling.
   Yet He who dwells in heav’n above
   Chooses to live with us in love,
   Making our bodies His temple.
3 We are God’s house of living stones,
   Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
   With all His grace and His favor.

4 Here stands the font before our eyes,
   Telling how God has received us.
The altar recalls Christ’s sacrifice
   And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
   And evermore, our Redeemer.

5 Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
   That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
   Where Christ His message is bringing:
“I know My own; My own know Me.
   You, not the world, My face shall see.
   My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

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SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG FOR RAIN: ♫“O LORD, OUR HEARTS TO THEE WE RAISE” ♪

O Lord, our hearts to Thee we raise,
Humbly we bow before thee.
Provide us fields for which we’ll praise;
For all things are gifts from Thee.
Grant us all some fruit, grain and wine
And for those things which are all Thine.
Keep us from harm and danger

We come to Thee during this drought
As fields lay bare and perish.
Men ev’rywhere lament about
As we are now in anguish.
Cattle are parched with thirst for rain,
Provide relief from all their pain;
Grant us all a gen’rous rain.

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Increase our faith and calm our fears,
Thy love for us we cherish.
And lead us through this vale of tears;
From storms let us not perish.
Give us this day our daily bread
As Christ in mercy thousands fed.
Grant us all a bles-sed end