#### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

### **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

# CALL TO WORSHIP

### OPENING 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!
- 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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#### Stand

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- 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,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **G** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- 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.
- 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.
- **C** Amen.

# INTROIT

### PSALM 74:1-3

For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me. O God, why do you cast us off forever? Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture? Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage! Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt. Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins; the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!

# 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.

# SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

# **C□And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C几Amen.

#### Sit

# OLD TESTAMENT READING

# When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant'?" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. Then the priests and the prophets

# JEREMIAH 26:8–15

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said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears."

Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

# ADULT CHOIR ANTHEM: "", "CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER" LSB 725

#### **EPISTLE**

PHILIPPIANS 3:17—4:1

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved. **P** This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### Stand

# HOLY GOSPEL

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the thirteenth chapter.

# **G□**, Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

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

**G□** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

# APOSTLES' CREED

**I** believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

# LUKE 13:31–35

# CATECHETICAL VERSE

# **The Fourth Petition**

**G** Give us this day our daily bread.

#### What does this mean?

God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

#### What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

#### Sit

### SERMON HYMN: J, "LORD, THEE I LOVE WITH ALL MY HEART"

Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave My body, soul, and all I have In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place May glorify Thy lavish grace And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile. Give strength and patience unto me To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,

In death Thy comfort still afford.

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3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come, To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home, That I may die unfearing; And in its narrow chamber keep My body safe in peaceful sleep Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me, That these mine eyes with joy may see, O Son of God, Thy glorious face, My Savior and my fount of grace. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend, And I will praise Thee without end.
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### SERMON: "WHOSE LEAD WILL YOU FOLLOW?"

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

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.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

# Sit

HYMN: Ŋ "I'M BUT A STRANGER HERE"

- I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home;
   Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home.
   Danger and sorrow stand Round me on ev'ry hand;
   Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.
- What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home;
  Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home;
  And time's wild wintry blast
  Soon shall be overpast;
  I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.

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3 Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand
There at my Lord's right hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

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#### Stand

**P** Collect

**C**刀Amen

#### **BENEDICTION**

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**G**, Amen, amen, amen.

#### CLOSING HYMN: J"ON MY HEART IMPRINT YOUR IMAGE"

 On my heart imprint Your image, Blessèd Jesus, King of grace, That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase; Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me, Is my life, my hope's foundation, And my glory and salvation!
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# SILENT PRAYER

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