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Worship Focus

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OPENING HYMN

282 - Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, And through your
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; Your Word grants
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the



Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -
heal - ing from my sin. Your Word has pow'r to guide and
Spir - it, Three in One, Shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; Let me your child and heir re - main.
bless; Your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.
be Now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Johannes Olearius, 1611–84; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, st. 1, 3, alt.; Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 2.
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Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR (LM) Klug, *Geistliche Lieder zu Wittenberg*, Wittenberg 1543, alt.

INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



Congregation A - - men.

M Beloved in the Lord: Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord have mercy on me a sinner.**

LORD HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us."

ABSOLUTION

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: A - men.

The image shows a single staff of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody consists of a few notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics are: "C: A - men."

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

Songs of praise the angels sang, Heav'n with alleluias rang, When creation was begun, When God spoke and it was done.	And shall man alone be still? Has he neither breath nor skill? No, the Church delights to raise Psalms and hymns and songs of praise.
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**Saints below, with heart and voice,
Still in songs of praise rejoice,
Learning here, by faith and love,
Songs of praise to sing above. (222:1,4,5)**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, you Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Genesis 18:1-14

While the world laughs with Sarah at the seemingly impossible promises of God, we, like Abraham, hear the Word of the Lord and believe it.

GENESIS 18:1 The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ² Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³ He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵ Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

⁶ So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of fine flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

⁷ Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸ He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹ “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he said.

¹⁰ Then the LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹ Abraham and Sarah were already old and well advanced in years, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my master is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

¹³ Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year and Sarah will have a son.”



The LORD **appeared to him**
by the **oaks of Mamre**, as he
sat at the door of his tent
in the **heat of the day**.

Genesis 18:1, ESV

PSALM

Psalm 119a

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Pastor will sing the first line of each verse. The congregation is invited to sing the 2nd line of each verse, the Refrains, and the Gloria.



Blessed are they whose ways are | blameless,*
who walk according to the law | of the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his | statutes*
and seek him with | all their heart.

You have laid down | precepts*
that are to be ful | ly obeyed.

Refrain

Oh, that my ways were | steadfast*
in obeying | your decrees!

Then I would not be | put to shame*
when I consider all | your commands.

I will praise you with an | upright heart*
as I learn your | righteous laws.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON Colossians 1:21-29

Paul became a servant of the Church to present the Word of God in its fullness. That Word opens up the great mystery of God's reconciliation – a Word we listen to and believe.

COLOSSIANS 1:21 Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. ²²But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— ²³if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

²⁴Now I rejoice in what was suffered for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. ²⁵I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints. ²⁷To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

²⁸We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. ²⁹To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me.

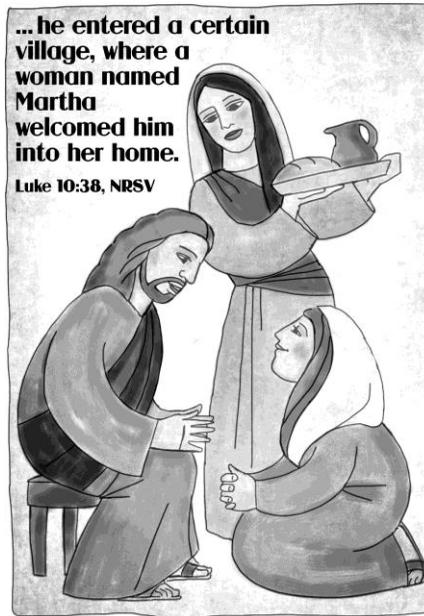
VERSE OF THE DAY



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:





GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42

God urges us to be like Mary and find the One Thing Needful, that is, to listen to the Word.

³⁸As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

⁴¹“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴²but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the reading of the Gospel the congregation responds:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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

**I believe 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.

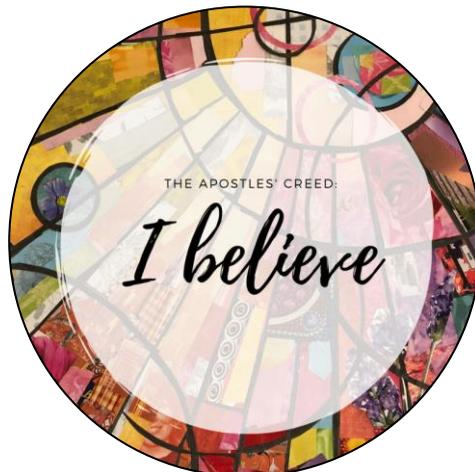
The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

From there 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.**



HYMN OF THE DAY

290 - One Thing's Needful



1 One thing's need - ful; Lord, this trea - sure Teach me high - ly
 2 How were Mar - y's thoughts de - vot - ed Her e - ter - nal
 3 Wis - dom's high - est, no - blest trea - sure, Je - sus, can be



to re - gard. All else, though it first give plea - sure,
 joy to find As in - tent each word she not - ed,
 found in you. Let me find in you my plea - sure;



Is a yoke that press - es hard. Be - neath it the
 At her Sav - ior's feet re - clined. How kin - dled her
 Make my will and ac - tions true, Hu - mil - i - ty



heart is still fret - ting and striv - ing, No true, last - ing
 heart, how de - vot was its feel - ing, While hear - ing the
 there and sim - plic - i - ty reign - ing, In paths of true



hap - pi - ness ev - er de - riv - ing. This one thing is
 les - sons that Christ was re - veal - ing; All earth - ly con -
 wis - dom my steps ev - er train - ing. If I learn from



need - ful; all oth - ers are vain— I count
 cerns she for - got for her Lord And found
 Je - sus this knowl - edge di - vine, The bless -



all but loss that I Christ may ob - tain.
 her con - tent - ment in hear - ing his Word.
 ing of heav - en - ly wis - dom is mine.

SERMON

Colossians 1:21-29

Teach with All Wisdom

PRAISE AND PRAYER

RESPONSE TO THE WORD



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A - men.

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MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Having the assurance of all things hoped for and with the conviction of all things not yet seen, we come, O Lord, before Your throne, with prayers for ourselves and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we have heard through Your Word of the saints of old, whose faith was vindicated and whose trust was well placed in Your promise. Deliver us from every doubt, fear, error and pride, that we, too, may be steadfast in hope with them, their sons and daughters by faith. As You are not ashamed to be called our God, teach us not to be ashamed to be called Your people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You have clothed us with Your mercy and delivered us from our sins, that we may be Your own and live under You in Your Kingdom forever. Place Your blessing upon the proclamation of Your Word, and prosper the work of all pastors and church workers in their various callings. Bless those being called to Your service and those preparing for church-work vocations. We ask especially for You to bless all seminaries and those who teach and learn Your Word therein. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, be with those troubled in mind and heart. Give clarity to their thoughts and end the terrors of their minds, that they may know peace. Bless the counselors and hospitals that work to care for those who are a danger to themselves, and give to their families patience, endurance and courage. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, You know our needs before we ask, and yet You invite us to pray for health and healing, comfort and consolation, and peace at the last. Deliver from suffering those who are sick, and bring the healthful Spirit of Your grace to all who cry to You for mercy [*especially _____*]. Grant to us the perfect consummation of our hope and the full healing of body and soul, when at last Your Son comes in His glory to deliver us to You forevermore. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, the good things of this earth are also Your gifts, and yet we have failed to receive them with thanksgiving and use them wisely and for Your purpose. Grant us the treasure of a grateful heart, that we may receive all Your gifts, use them for Your glory, and especially so that Your Church and Your work may not be hindered by any need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, heavenly Father, though we can add nothing to the span of our lives, You have clothed us with Your grace and favor far beyond what we deserve or discern. Open our eyes to Your mercies, fill us with confident faith and teach us to rejoice in Your good gifts, that when we fall asleep into the arms of our Savior we may receive the eternal treasure that does not disappoint us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, knowing that You will hear the prayers of Your people and answer us with Your mercy, providing all things needful and beneficial to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

The
LORD'S
Prayer

SERMON HYMN

735 - Speak, O Lord



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
 2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
 3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.



Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will



fash - ion us in your like - - ness That the
 ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
 e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
 faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
 grace we'll stand on your pro - mis - es, And by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
 love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
 walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your



fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
 nev - er fail, Let their truth pre-vail o - ver
 Church is built And you fill the earth with your



glo - ry.
 un - be - lief.
 glo - ry.

Tune: SPEAK, O LORD (8 10 8 10 10 8 10)

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PRAYER AND BLESSING

M Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING SONG

You Are My All in All

*Text and Tune: Dennis L. Jernigan, JERNIGAN 8.8.5.8.8.5 with refrain
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The congregation is invited to sing along with the small group.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics printed below the notes. Measure numbers 4, 8, 12, and 16 are indicated above the staff. The piece concludes with a double bar line at the end of the final measure.

You are my strength when I am
Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my
weak, You are the trea - sure that I seek; You are my all in all.
shame, Ris - ing a - gain I bless Your name; You are my all in all.
Seek - ing You as a pre - cious
When I fall down, You pick me
jewel, Lord to give up, I'd be a fool; You are my all in all. Je - sus,
up; When I am dry, You fill my cup; You are my all in all.
Lamb of God, Wor - thy is Your name! Je - sus, Lamb of God,
Wor - thy is Your name!

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.