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Worship Focus

PSALMthing to Sing About – Teach Us to Number Our Days



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OPENING HYMN

753 – Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

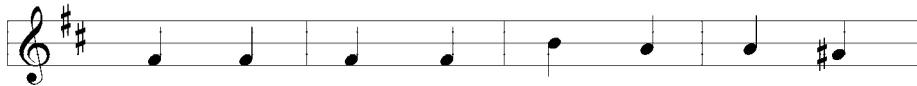
The small group will sing verses 1-2. The congregation is invited to join on verses 3-6.



1 Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew us,
2 We, your crea - tures, sinned a - gainst you,
3 Coun - sel - or, you bring as prom - ised
4 Lord, your change - less Word has fed us,
5 For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol - low,
6 Praise the Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor.



Chose us, named us as your own,
And our guilt was crim - son red.
From the Fa - ther and the Son
Span - ning time, tran - scend - ing space.
Drawn by Word and prom - ise true:
Praise the Son, who took our place.



Through e - ter - nal a - ges plan - ning
Son of God, you came in - car - nate,
Right - eous - ness ful - filled, ac - com - plished,
Wa - ter, bread, and wine sus - tained us
"To all na - tions preach the gos - pel;
Praise the Spir - it, Sanc - ti - fi - er,



To re - deem us in your Son.
Crushed the craft - y ser - pent's head,
Free for - give - ness, heav - en won.
When the dark - ness hid your face.
I am ev - er - more with you."
God of free and faith - ful grace!



Praise the Fa - ther, God who loved us
 Died our death, now live tri - um - phant:
 Praise the Spir - it! He as - sures us
 Keep us with you, faith - ful Shep - herd,
 Keep us faith - ful! Then, Lord Je - sus,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!
 Praise the first - born from the dead!
 Our sal - va - tion's work is done!
 By your sav - ing means of grace!
 Quick - ly come! Make all things new!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Masterfully minted for the 150th anniversary of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, this hymn calls to mind God's grace in the past, which compels us to proclaim his gospel promises into the future.

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 Tune: LAUDA ANIMA (87 87 87) John Goss, 1800–1880

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 C major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us." The notes are simple quarter and eighth notes, with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

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 C major. The melody consists of a few notes: a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, and a quarter note D. The lyrics "A - - men." are written below the staff.

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

CHERUB CHOIR

God Is Here with Me

Text and Tune: Christopher D. Hogan

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*God is in my voice when I am singing,
God is in my voice, right here in my song.
God is in my voice when I am singing,
God is in my voice, right here in my song.
God is here with me, Alleluia! God is here with me, Alleluia!*

*God is in my mind when I am praying,
God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.
God is in my mind when I am praying,
God is in my mind, right here in my prayer.
God is here with me, Alleluia! God is here with me, Alleluia!*

*God is in my heart when I am sleeping,
God is in my heart, right here in my sleep,
God is in my heart when I am sleeping,
God is in my heart, right here in my sleep,
God is here with me, Alleluia! God is here with me, Alleluia!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.



M Let us pray. Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Rather than be turned off by the strong words of Amos concerning wealth, may they produce in us a deep longing for God's mercy.

^{AMOS 5:6} Seek the LORD and live,
or he will sweep through the house of Joseph like a fire;
it will devour, and Bethel will have no one to quench it.

⁷ You who turn justice into bitterness
and cast righteousness to the ground

¹⁰ you hate the one who reproves in court
and despise him who tells the truth.

¹¹ You trample on the poor
and force him to give you grain.
Therefore, though you have built stone mansions,
you will not live in them;
though you have planted lush vineyards,
you will not drink their wine.

¹² For I know how many are your offenses
and how great your sins.

You oppress the righteous and take bribes
and you deprive the poor of justice in the courts.

¹³ Therefore the prudent man keeps quiet in such times,
for the times are evil.

¹⁴ Seek good, not evil,
that you may live.
Then the LORD God Almighty will be with you,
just as you say he is.

¹⁵ Hate evil, love good;
maintain justice in the courts.
Perhaps the LORD God Almighty will have mercy
on the remnant of Joseph.



PSALM 90

O God Our Help in Ages Past



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, Soon



hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your
 earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that
 bears us all a - way; We fly, for - got - ten,



storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home,
 arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure,
 you are God, To end - less years the same.
 ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun,
 as a dream Dies at the op'n - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Still be our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home!

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 3:1-6

How will we resist gods of pleasure and ease... "Fix your thoughts on Jesus!"

HEBREWS 3:1 Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. ³ Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself. ⁴ For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. ⁵ Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. ⁶ But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

VERSE OF THE DAY



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation responds:



GOSPEL Mark 10:17-27

God's gifts to us of wealth more than most of his other gifts can become snares to our salvation when we treasure them more than the Giver and more than our salvation.

^{MARK 10:17} As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁸ "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good--except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

²⁰ "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²² At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

HYMN OF THE DAY

477 - What Is the World to Me



1 What is the world to me With all its vaunt-ed
 2 The world seeks to be praised And hon-ored by the
 3 The world seeks af-ter wealth And all that mon-ey
 4 What is the world to me! My Je-sus is my



plea-sure When you, and you a-lone, Lord
 might-y, Yet nev-er once re-flects That
 of-fers, Yet nev-er is con-tent Though
 trea-sure, My life, my health, my wealth, My



Je-sus, are my trea-sure! You on-ly, dear-est
 they are frail and flight-y. But what I tru-ly
 gold should fill its cof-fers. I have a high-er
 friend, my love, my plea-sure, My joy, my crown, my



Lord, My soul's de-light shall be; You are my
 prize A-bove all things is he, My Je-sus,
 good; Con-tent with it I'll be; My Je-sus
 all, My bliss e-ter-nal-ly. Once more then



peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
 he a-lone. What is the world to me!
 is my wealth— What is the world to me!
 I de-clare: What is the world to me!

Text: Georg M. Pfefferkorn, 1645–1732, abr.; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
 Tune: WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT (67 67 66 66) Ahasverus Fritsch, 1629–1701, alt.

SERMON

Psalm 90

View Your Life with Sober Judgment

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

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

Heavenly Father, look with compassion on Your Church. Protect all Your children from an evil, unbelieving heart that would lead us away from You into the deceitfulness of sin. By Your Spirit's power, enable us to hold our confidence firm to the end. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, we commend all ministers and servants of the Word. Help them to proclaim with boldness that none is good save Your Son alone, who came as true God and true man to fulfill for us all Your will and make us heirs of heavenly treasure. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In kindness, remember the president of our country, our Congress and justices, and all who bear office in this land. Protect them from the temptations of power and wealth that would lead them away from their calling, and make them a blessing of Yours in their service. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy One, Your Son always warns of the danger that attachment to wealth and earthly goods poses to us. Give us hearts that are content with His promises and hands that are generous with this world's goods. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Only Good One, we place into Your hands this day those we know and love [*especially Your servants _____*] together with those known only to You who are passing through difficult and trying days, asking for each a share in Your healing and peace, hope and joy. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks and praise for Your faithful of every time and place who, hearing Your Word, held their confidence firm to the end. May we with them have our share in the promised eternal inheritance through Christ, our Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, 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.



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SERMON HYMN

421 - All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
 2 He who to this day has fed me And to man - y
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles
 4 Well he knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing
 5 If on earth my days he length - en, He my wea - ry



grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me Is and ev - er shall be mine.
 and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.
 hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day,
 soul will strength - en; All my trust in him I place.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en In their God are
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, He who dai - ly
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me
 I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er— As God wills, so
 Earth - ly wealth is not a - bid - ing, Like a stream a -



not for - sak - en And e'er keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, Will re - main my help di - vine.
 last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.
 be it ev - er— I to him com - mit my way.
 way is glid - ing; Safe I an - chor in his grace.

Text: Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.

Tune: ALLES IST AN GOTTES SEGEN (887 887) Johann Löhner, 1645-1705, alt.



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.



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.



*Teach us to number
our days aright, that we
may gain a heart
of wisdom.*



Psalm 90:12

CLOSING HYMN

439 – Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear;
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For you, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that you will strength - en My steps toward home,



With - out your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
And noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend!



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

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Tune: SO NIMM DENN MEINE HÄNDE (74 74 D) P. Friedrich Silcher, 1789–1860.

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