

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

BENEDICTION

(Please sit)

CLOSING SONG

"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"
LSB 707

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

* * * **To God Be the Glory** * * *

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THE CONNECTION

September 10, 2023
10:30am

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please fill out Friendship Pads)*

WORSHIP SONG "Thy Word Is a Lamp"

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.

1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me,
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. Refrain:

2. I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side,
And I will love You to the end. *Refrain:*

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(Please stand)

INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

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CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.

C. Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.

P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

(Please sit)

FIRST READING *Deuteronomy 6:4-12*

⁴"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

¹⁰"And when the LORD your God brings you into the land that he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you—with great and good cities that you did not build, ¹¹and houses full of all good things that you did not fill, and cisterns that you did not dig, and vineyards and olive trees that you did not plant—and when you eat and are full, ¹²then take care lest you forget the LORD, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

L. Here ends the first reading.

SECOND READING 2 *Timothy 3:12-17*

¹²Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and 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. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 28:16-20*

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

STATEMENT OF FAITH *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

(Please sit)

TITHES & OFFERING

(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG *"Go Into the World"*

Verse:

Go ye, go ye into the world and make disciples
of all the nations,
Go ye, go ye into the world and I will be with
you there!

I am the vine, you are the branches,
ever the fruit to bear;
I am the light, you, the reflection ev'rywhere.

Repeat verse

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MESSAGE OF THE DAY

(Text: Matthew 28:16-20)
The Rev. Hal Rex. Longshore

(Please stand)