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THE ORDER OF VESPERS

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Saturday, August 31, 2024
5:30 PM

+ In The Name Of Jesus Christ +

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please fill out Friendship Pads.)

OPENING HYMN "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage" LSB 582, st. 1

Please stand

INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen

CONFESSION

- P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

- People of God, I have good news for you! Know with joy that upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P O Lord, open my lips,
- **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- make haste to help me, O Lord.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

PSALM 119:129-136 (Spoken responsively by whole verse)

- P 129 Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
- 130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
- P ¹³¹I open my mouth and pant, because I long for your commandments.
- ¹³²Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is your way with those who love your name.
- P ¹³³Keep steady my steps according to your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.

- O 134 Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep your precepts.
- **P** ¹³⁵Make your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes.
- ¹³⁶My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your law.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT. AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.

Please be seated

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord
- **C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord
- Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL READING Mark 7:14-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, from the seventh chapter.

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach,

and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

- P O Lord, have mercy on us.
- Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

COMMON RESPONSORY

- P Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
- **Q** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- P Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
- **Q** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
- P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- **©** Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

MAGNIFICAT

- P My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;
- for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
- **P** For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.
- For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;
- **P** and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.
- He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

- P He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.
- He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.
- P He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN "By Grace I'm Saved" *LSB* 566, sts. 1-3, 6

SERMON The Rev. Hal Rex Longshore

TITHES & OFFERING

Please stand

KYRIE



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.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Each intercession ends with the words P "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, C "Hear our prayer"

PRAYER FOR PEACE

- P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen

BENEDICAMUS

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways" LSB 707, sts. 1-4

- P Go in peace and serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God!

* * * To God Be the Glory * * *

Leading Worship

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Preaching The Rev. Hal Rex Longshore

Music Barbara Mrosko, Organist

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