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SERVICE NOTES: THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

After reliving the great events of the life of Christ, the worshipping Church spends half a year focusing on the teachings of Christ. The Church wears green (except for Trinity Sunday) during the season of Pentecost as the Spirit uses those teachings of Jesus to grow the faith of believers.

BEFORE WORSHIP

As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet minutes in prayer before the service. Review the lessons, the service notes, and pray this prayer:

Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INFORMATION

Restrooms are located across the hallway as you exit the gymnasium by the water foundations.
A Mother's Room is available for your use at any time during the service. It's located down the hallway to the right as you exit the gymnasium by the water fountains.
Children's Activity Sheets give activities and lesson pertaining to the Scripture lessons for the day. Pick one up at the information table or speak to an usher.

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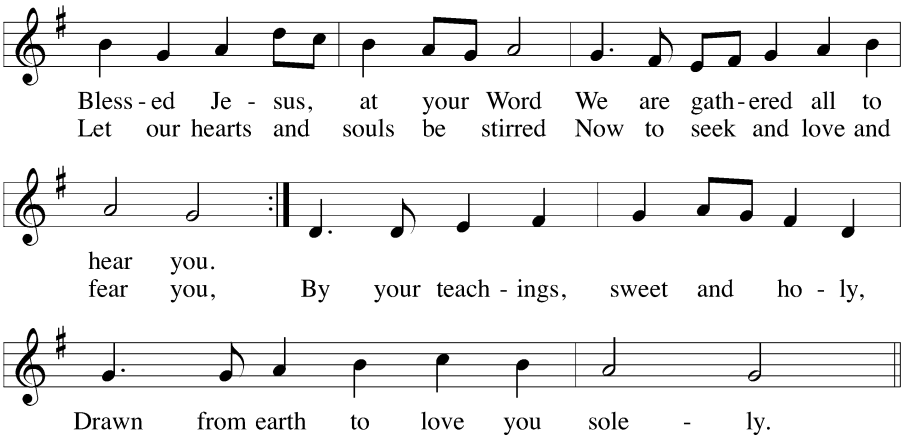
GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD[1]

L(*eader*): In the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C(*ongregation*): Amen.

After a brief introduction the congregation sings the gathering hymn.



L: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

L: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies

C: for they are ever with me.

L: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

L: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth![2]

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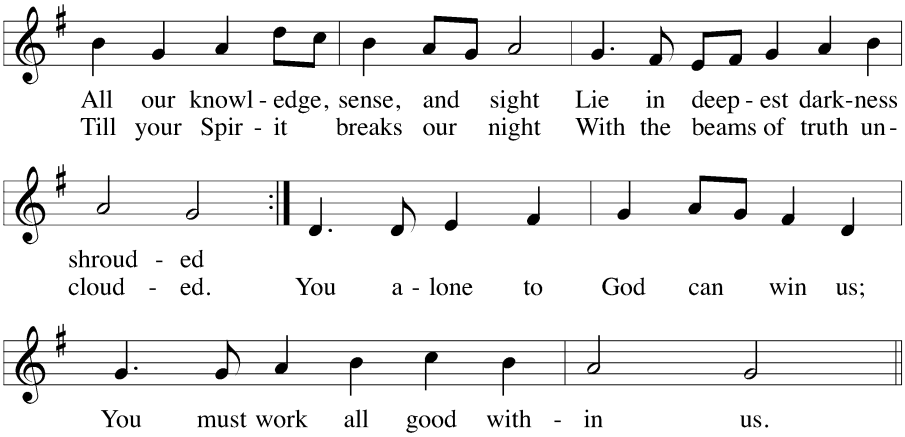
[1] *God's people long to gather together for strength from God and for mutual encouragement. This alternate beginning for worship is used to remind people of the blessings of God's Word.*

[2] *Psalm 119:97-99,103*



L: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.[3]

L: Yet so often we despise God's Word and fail to gladly hear and learn it. For this and for all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his 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.

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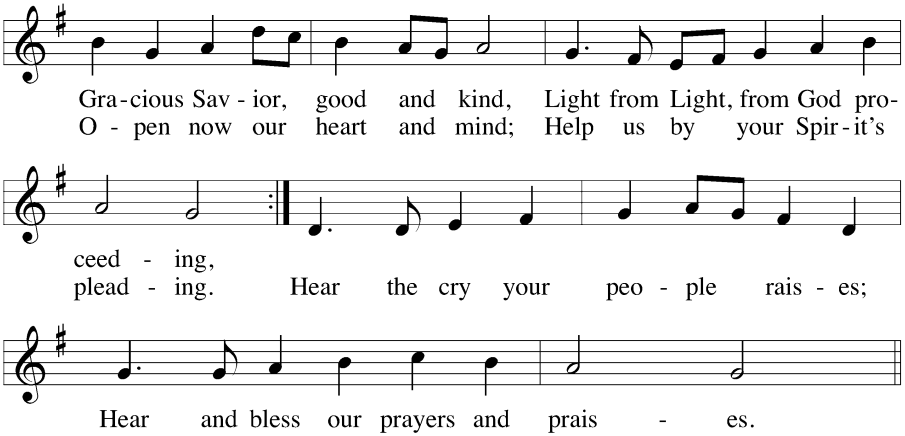
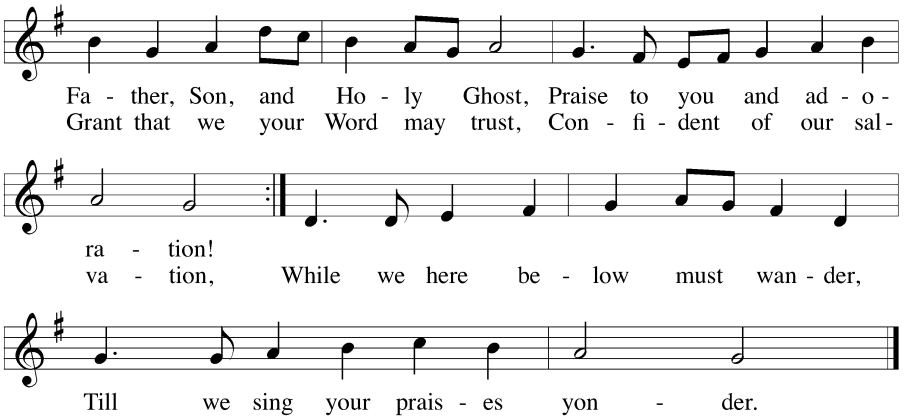
[3] *2 Timothy 3:16,17*



L: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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: Amen.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The leader says the Prayer of the Day.

C: Amen.

The Word of God

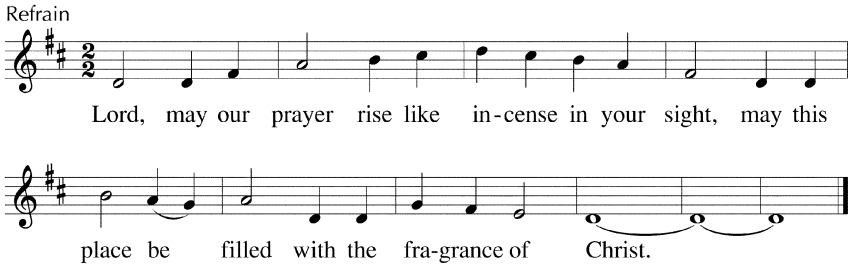
CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST LESSON *Deuteronomy 11:1-7, 16-21*

1 Love the Lord your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his
commands always. 2 Remember today that your children were not the ones who saw and
experienced the discipline of the Lord your God: his majesty, his mighty hand, his
outstretched arm; 3 the signs he performed and the things he did in the heart of Egypt,
both to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his whole country; 4 what he did to the Egyptian
army, to its horses and chariots, how he overwhelmed them with the waters of the Red
Sea as they were pursuing you, and how the Lord brought lasting ruin on them. 5 It was
not your children who saw what he did for you in the wilderness until you arrived at this
place, 6 and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab the Reubenite, when the
earth opened its mouth right in the middle of all Israel and swallowed them up with their
households, their tents and every living thing that belonged to them. 7 But it was your
own eyes that saw all these great things the Lord has done.

16 Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down
to them. 17 Then the Lord's anger will burn against you, and he will shut up the heavens
so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from
the good land the Lord is giving you. 18 Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds;
tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 19 Teach them to
your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the
road, when you lie down and when you get up. 20 Write them on the doorframes of your
houses and on your gates, 21 so that your days and the days of your children may be
many in the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the
heavens are above the earth.

THE PSALM OF THE DAY *The Fragrance of Christ* | **Psalm 138**



Cantor: Refrain

All: Refrain

Cantor: I will thank you, Lord, with all of my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. In the presence of the Lord I will bless you, I will adore before your holy temple.

All: Refrain.

Cantor: I will thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love, beyond all my hopes and dreams. On the day that I called you answered; you gave life to the strength of my soul.

All: Refrain.

Cantor: All who live on earth shall give you thanks when they hear the words of your voice. And all shall sing of your ways: "How great is the glory of God!"

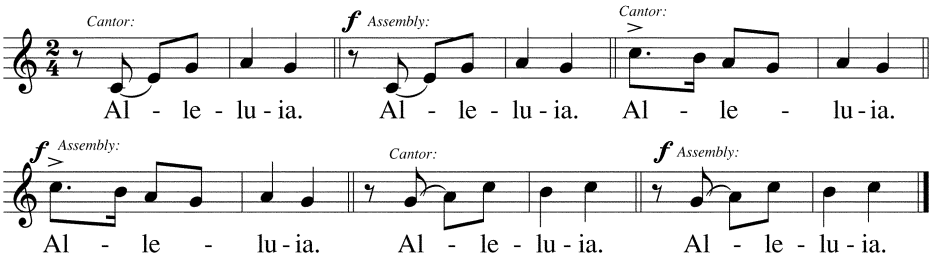
All: Refrain.

SECOND LESSON *2 Timothy 3:14-17*

14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of,
because you know those from whom you learned it, 15 and how from infancy you have
known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in
Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking,
correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly
equipped for every good work.

VERSE OF THE DAY

The cantor and the congregation sing the refrain antiphonally, with the congregation echoing the cantor.



Cantor/Assembly: **Refrain**

Cantor: The word of the Lord remains forever. This is the word that has been proclaimed to you. (1 Peter 1:25)

Cantor/Assembly: **Refrain**

GOSPEL

Matthew 7:24-27

please stand

24 "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like
a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 The rain came down, the streams rose, and
the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its
foundation on the rock. 26 But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put
them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. 27 The rain came
down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a
great crash."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY *Shepherd of Tender Youth* | **515**

SERMON *Text*

Theme

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

Thanksgiving

OFFERING

The members of Christ Alone Lutheran Congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. Visitors need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

LORD'S BLESSING

L: Brother and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus* | **510**