

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us come together, all who find favor in the eyes of the Lord.

People: Together let us find strength to face the tests of the world.

Leader: And let us lift each other up in prayer for God's strength in life.

People: For only as we serve the Lord, do we grow in genuine dignity.

Leader: Then let us turn our hearts to God in joyful songs and praise.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Let us worship God.

† HYMN # 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise they name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

† OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Faithful God, you care for us with compassion and firmness, urging us to grow in love for you. Through Christ, may we hear more deeply your call to be rooted in your way. Amen.

† CALL TO CONFESSION

God saves us despite us being unworthy of that salvation. In response to that grace, let us confess the ways we have fallen short. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

O Lord, as the prophet Isaiah tells us, we are like sheep gone astray. We find ourselves wandering away from you and going our own way. Our thoughts and ideas often lead us into trouble. It seems as if you are far away from us or perhaps we even think that you have forgotten us. Forgive us Lord, for this sin, and help us to

remember that you are the good shepherd who gave his life for the sheep of the world, and may we not stray from you. Amen.

A brief silence is kept for private confession.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God pardons those who humbly repent and truly believe the gospel. Since Jesus died for us, we have peace with God, to whom be praise and honor forever.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

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THE PEACE

To the Lord who speaks to us, strengthens us, and blesses us with peace, be all glory and honor forever. The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of all truth, put a new and right spirit within us—your Holy Spirit—so that, as we listen for your Word in the Scripture and the sermon, we may hear your voice and respond with courage.

Amen.

LESSON Psalms 37: 1-9 (page 510 OT)

† HYMN # 11 “Source and Sovereign”

Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud,
Fortress, Fountain, Shelter, Light,
Judge, Defender, Mercy, Might,
Life whose life all life endowed:
May the church at prayer recall
That no single holy name
But the truth behind them all
Is the God whom we proclaim.

SERMON

† **HYMN # #321** “Sing the Might power of God”

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God’s command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the lord who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word, and then pronounce them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye,
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!

† **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good. We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death. We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need. We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (debt/debtors)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION

† **HYMN # 69** “Go to the World !”

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

BLESSING AND CHARGE

POSTLUDE “We Shall Overcome”