

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME and INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (850)



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Your peo - ple
 2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure Your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils



pour Your pow'r; Crown Your an - cient Church's sto - ry;
 sail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; Let the gift of Your sal - va - tion



Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
 Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age For the fac - ing of this
 grant us cour - age For the liv - ing of these
 grant us cour - age Lest we miss Your king - dom's
 grant us cour - age, Serv - ing You whom we a -



hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, Lest we miss Your king - dom's goal.
 dore, Serv - ing You whom we a - dore.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

C: Heavenly Father, I confess all my sins to You, the sins that I know of and I acknowledge that there are others that are unknown to me. Your Word teaches that I will be held accountable for my sins. But, Your Word also teaches me about Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world. Lord,

I ask that You forgive me of my sins, that my sins not stay with me. "God, have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18.13b).

P: Friends of God, heaven rejoices when we acknowledge our sins for God desires to shower His mercy and love upon us. Know, therefore, that your sins, your known and unknown sins, are removed from you as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103.12). The words I speak, I now speak for God: You are forgiven of your sins! They are no longer with you!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

KYRIE PRAYER (Spoken)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Lord Jesus, You promised that where two or three are gathered in Your name, You are there with them. We are gathered together at a distance from our fellow brothers and sisters in You. But, we have gathered in Your name. Bless our worship this morning as this is a new experience for all of us. Receive our praise and prayers. Strengthen and renew us all for the facing of these days. Grant us wisdom and courage. May we not lose sight of You or the blessings we have in You. We pray this in Your name, Amen!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our Old Testament reading for today is **Deuteronomy 33.27a**. In these words, Moses pronounced a blessing upon the Israelites before his death.

The Psalm for today is **Psalm 142**. This Psalm is a timely Psalm for our situation today. **We will speak this Psalm together.**

¹I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.

²I pour out before him my complaint; before him I tell my trouble.

³When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who watch over my way. In the path where I walk people have hidden a snare for me.

⁴Look and see, there is no one at my right hand; no one is concerned for me. I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

⁵I cry to you, LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

⁶ Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me. ⁷ Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name. Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.

The Gospel reading is **John 9.1-12**. Jesus addresses the question of “Who sinned that this man was born without sight? This man or his parents?” Notice Jesus’ answer to the question.

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSING LUTHER’S EXPLANATION OF THE 1ST ARTICLE

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

SERMON HYMN: “Christ Be My Leader” (861)



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion; with Je - sus I reign.

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THE SERMON

Psalm 142

“For Such a Time”

THANKOFFERING and OFFERTORY

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

Heinz Werner Zimmermann

PRAYERS & THE LORD’S PRAYER

*Congregational response is: **Hear our prayer.***

HOLY TRINITY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P: To You, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, in Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

**C (Loudly): CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN!
 CHRIST SHALL COME AGAIN!**

THE BENEDICTION

(Latin: Bene = ‘good’ and diction = ‘talk’, more specifically, “God speaking good on us”)

C (Loudly): AMEN!

CLOSING HYMN: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (733)



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 Soon bears us all away;
 We fly forgotten as a dream
 Dies at the op’ning day.

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

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Pastor: Go in peace! Love one another!
 Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!
 People: **Thanks be to God!**

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