

*“What more could
have been done for
my vineyard that
I have not already
done for it?”*

Isaiah 5:1

Absolution

God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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: A — men!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



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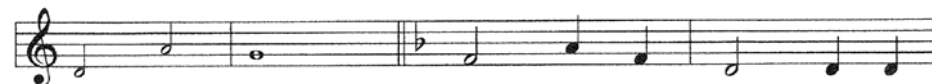
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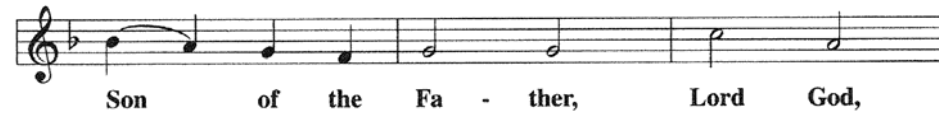
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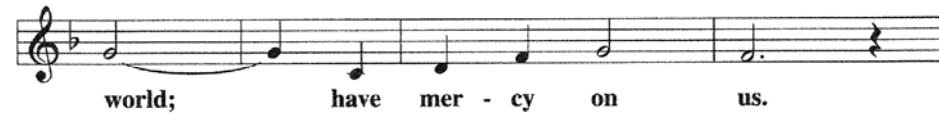
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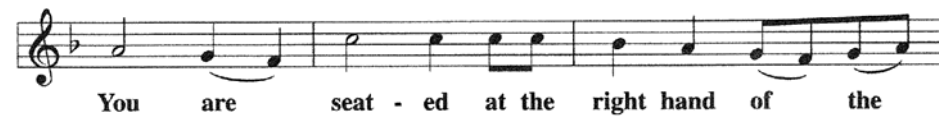
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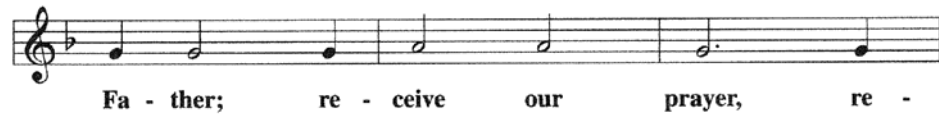
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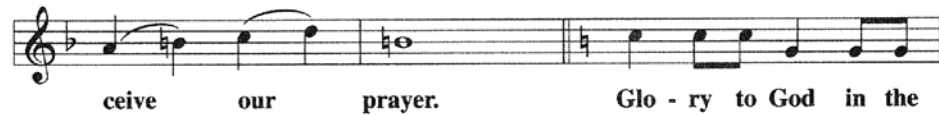
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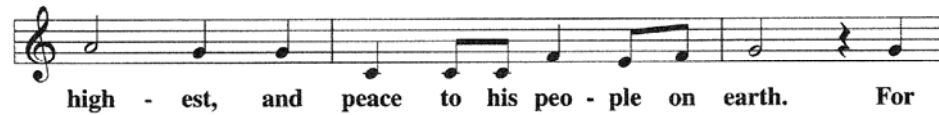
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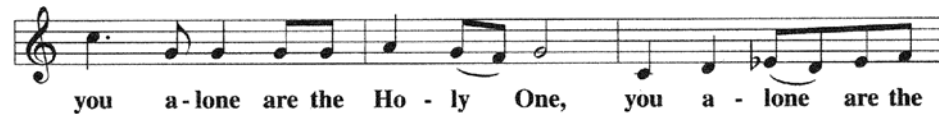
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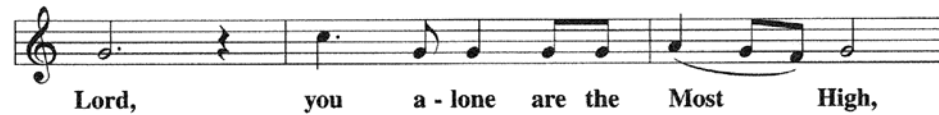
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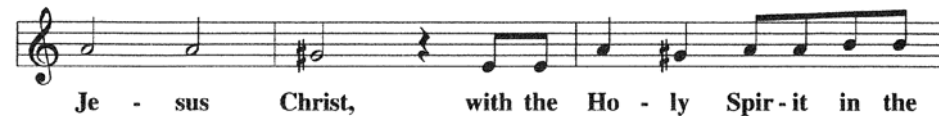
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Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And al— so with you.

P: O gracious Lord, as we consider all you have done to make us yours, we can only marvel at your undeserved love and faithfulness. You never gave up on us. You never abandoned us. You never dealt with us the way we deserved. Because you have graciously made us your own, we recognize you have great expectations for us. You want us to live to your glory. You want us to follow your will and Word. You want us to be faithful in all things. Continue to keep us in your grace that we live as you desire. At the end of this life, receive us into your presence where we will praise you—together with your Son and the Spirit—for your undeserved love and every needed blessing.

C: A — men!

The Lessons from God's Word
"Great is the Lord and Most Worthy of Praise!"

Old Testament

Isaiah 5:1-8

¹Let me sing for my loved one a song about my loved one's vineyard.

My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile ridge.

²He dug it up and gathered the stones out of it.

He planted it with the best vines.

He built a tower in the middle of it.

He also cut a winepress into it.

He expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes,
but it produced only sour grapes.

³So now, you residents of Jerusalem and you men of Judah,
judge between me and my vineyard.

⁴What more could have been done for my vineyard
that I have not already done for it?

When I expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes,
why did it produce sour grapes?

⁵Now, let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

I will take away its hedge, and it will become a pasture.

I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a wasteland.

It will not be pruned or hoed.

So briars and thorns will shoot up.

I will also command the clouds not to pour rain on it.

⁷Yes, the vineyard of the LORD of Armies is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah are the planting that was pleasing
to him.

He expected justice, but instead there was oppression.

He expected righteousness, but there was an outcry.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 80

*The congregation will respond to the psalm verses with
the singing of Hymn 441—Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

P: O Shepherd of Israel, give ear, you who lead Joseph like a flock. You who are seated above the cherubim, shine forth. Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up your might. Come with salvation for us!

Congregation sings

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
Christian Worship 441 st. 1

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

P: LORD God of Armies, how long will your anger smoke against the prayer of your people? You make them eat bread with tears, and you make them drink tears by the quart. You create strife between us and our neighbors, so our enemies join together in mocking us.

Congregation sings

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
Christian Worship 441 st. 2

**Under the shadow of your throne your saints
have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.**

P: God of Armies, return now! Look down from heaven and see, and take care of this vine, the shoot that your right hand has planted, the son that you made strong for yourself. It is burned with fire like garbage. Because of the rebuke from your face they perish. Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, on the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself. Then we will not turn away from you. Cause us to live, and we will call on your name.

Congregation sings

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”
Christian Worship 441 st. 6

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!**

Epistle*Philippians 3:12–21*

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus also took hold of me. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it yet, but there is one thing I do: Forgetting the things that are behind and straining toward the things that are ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal, for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Therefore, let all of us who are mature continue to think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this to you too. ¹⁶Only let us think the same thing and walk in line with what we already have attained.

¹⁷Brothers, join together in imitating me and in paying attention to those who are walking according to the pattern we gave you. ¹⁸To be sure, many walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. I told you about them often, and now I am saying it while weeping. ¹⁹Their end is destruction, their god is their appetite, and their glory is in their shame. They are thinking only about earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. We are eagerly waiting for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹By the power that enables him to subject all things to himself, he will transform our humble bodies to be like his glorious body.

Theme for the Day

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he gave us new life into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, into an inheritance that is undying, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you.

Through faith we are being protected by God's power for the salvation that is ready to be revealed at the end of time. Because of this you rejoice very much, even though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various kinds of troubles, so that proven character of your faith—which is more valuable than gold, which passes away even though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.



C: Al - le - lu — ia! Al - le - lu — ia! Al - le - lu — ia!

The Gospel

P: The “Good News” about our Savior is recorded in the twenty-first chapter of Matthew, reading from the thirty-third verse.



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. He leased it out to some tenant farmers and went away on a journey. ³⁴When the time approached to harvest the fruit, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. ³⁵The tenant farmers seized his servants. They beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶Then the landowner sent even more servants than the first time. The tenant farmers treated them the same way. ³⁷Finally, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. ³⁸But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance!’ ³⁹They took him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰So when the landowner comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?”

⁴¹They told him, “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end. Then he will lease out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him his fruit when it is due.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?

⁴³“That is why I tell you the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruit.

⁴⁴Whoever falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will

crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they knew that he was talking about them. ⁴⁶Although they were looking for a way to arrest him, they were afraid of the crowds because the people regarded him as a prophet.

P: This is the Word of our God; and his will for our life!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

(We unite in the words of the Apostles Creed)

**C: 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.**

Hymn of the Day

“May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill”
Christian Worship 458

Sermon

Isaiah 5:7

⁷Yes, the vineyard of the LORD of Armies is the house of Israel,
and the men of Judah are the planting
that was pleasing to him.
He expected justice, but instead there was oppression.
He expected righteousness, but there was an outcry.

Theme

“God has Great Expectations!”

Justice instead of oppression
Righteousness instead of rebellion

“Create in Me”

Psalm 51



C: Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-



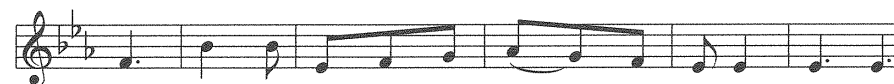
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way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir-it



from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-va-



tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A-men.

Pray, Praise and Give Thanks
“Our loving response to the Lord’s Love!”

Prayer for the Lord’s Blessing
Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord’s Prayer
(congregation joins with the pastor)

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

Hymn “Let Me Be Yours Forever”
Christian Worship 596

Closing Prayer

P: Father, Son, and Spirit—our true, gracious, and eternal God—you have set us apart to be your people. You have also given us your will and Word to make sure we would live as your people. Sadly, we find ourselves in a sinful world with sinful people. We also know our sinful nature always works against us. Strengthen us to resist the suggestions and deceptions of our nature. Strengthen us to overcome the attacks of the world. Strengthen us to rejoice in the great expectations you have set before us, and graciously help in achieving them. Through your mercy you have

claimed us for this life. You have also claimed us for eternal life. Bring us safely to your heavenly kingdom where we will praise you throughout all eternity.



C: A — men!

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord make his face shine upon you

and be gracious to you;

The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace.



C: A—men. A—men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

Christian Worship 471

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in our Savior's blessed name.* May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ lead us to rejoice in being declared God's children, and encourage us to live up to our heavenly Father's great expectations. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book or a visitor card, and come us again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to stay after the service for a cup of coffee and a snack served by the ladies of the congregation.
- Bible Class will start at 11:00 am. We will focus on the Epistle reading where Paul reminds us of our “upward call

through grace.”

Monday—Handbell practice at 7:00 pm.

Tuesday—Outreach Committee meeting at 7:00 pm. Final plans will be made for the Fall Festival along with future plans for November and December.

Wednesday—There will be no Bible Class this evening, however, we will resume October 25th with a new DVD on Martin Luther—“Luther vs. Rome.”

Friday—Office hours from 10:30—2:30 pm

Saturday—Church Cleaning: Aitkins

- Mowing beginning October 1st—Todd
- The Fall Festival will be at 4:00 pm. Please check to see where you can help, and possibly bring chili or a pie. Also, invite a friend to come!

Sunday, October 15th—Sunday Worship and Live-streaming at 9:30 am. Jesus’ parable on the “Wedding Banquet” is an important reminder about how we need to value the kingdom of heaven. It is not something we can pick or choose. Nor is it something we can consider after everything else in our life. It is the “one thing” we truly need, and the one thing we need to cherish first.

- There will be no Christian Education this week because of the **Quarterly Congregational** meeting. It will be after the worship service. Plan to be there!

Thank You!

To Al Todd, our Hymnsoft operator; to Josh Schueler and Jim Everson for controlling the audio and video portions of the streaming; to Margaret and Jim Brown for placing flowers on the altar—to the glory of God and in grateful thanks for the resurrection to eternal life for Ted Manilla, Margaret’s father; and to Margaret Brown and Caroline Pettus for serving snacks after the service



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