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OPENING HYMN *“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”* **p. 904**

Invocation, Confession and Absolution *LSB 151*

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

Cong.: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Cong.: 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.

DECLARATION OF GRACE

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Cong.: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

+ **INTROIT** +

Psalm 44: 1-2, 7-8

Pastor: Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?

Cong.: Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!

Pastor: For our soul is bowed down to the dust.

Cong.: Rise up; come to our help!

Pastor: O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us,

Cong.: what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old:

Pastor: you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted;

Cong.: you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free.

Pastor: But you have saved us from our foes

Cong.: and have put to shame those who hate us.

Pastor: In God we have boasted continually,

Cong.: and we will give thanks to your name 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.

+ **KYRIE** +

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Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the LORD.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

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

Cong.: LORD, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious LORD.

Cong.: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE (sung) *“Gloria in Excelsis”*

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Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Cong.: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

+ **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY** +

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Cong.: And also with you.

Pastor: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully grant that by Your power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55: 10-13

¹⁰ *“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹ so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹² “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³ Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”* This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 11:19-12:9

¹⁹ For you gladly bear with fools, being wise yourselves! ²⁰ For you bear it if someone makes slaves of you, or devours you, or takes advantage of you, or puts on airs, or strikes you in the face. ²¹ To my shame, I must say, we were too weak for that! But whatever anyone else dares to boast of—I am speaking as a fool—I also dare to boast of that. ²² Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they offspring of Abraham? So am I. ²³ Are they servants of Christ? I am a better one—I am talking like a madman—with far greater labors, far more imprisonments, with countless beatings, and often near death. ²⁴ Five times I received at the hands of the Jews the forty lashes less one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I was stoned. Three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I was adrift at sea; ²⁶ on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; ²⁷ in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. ²⁸ And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. ²⁹ Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant? ³⁰ If I must boast, I will boast of the things that show my weakness. ³¹ The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. ³² At Damascus, the governor under King Aretas was guarding the city of Damascus in order to seize me, ³³ but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall and escaped his hands. **12** I must go on boasting. Though there is nothing to be gained by it, I will go on to visions and revelations of the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows. ³ And I know that this man was caught up into paradise—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—⁴ and he heard things that cannot be told, which man may not utter. ⁵ On behalf of this man I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses—⁶ though if I should wish to boast, I would not be a fool, for I would be speaking the truth; but I refrain from it,

so that no one may think more of me than he sees in me or hears from me. ⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, “*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.*” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. This is the Word of the LORD.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

+ALLELUIA & VERSE+ (sung)

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*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia*

+ THE HOLY GOSPEL +

Luke 8: 4-15

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 8th chapter.

Cong.: Glory to you, O LORD.

⁴ And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, ⁵ “*A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.*” As he said these things, he called out, “*He who has ears to hear, let him hear.*” ⁹ And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰ he said, “*To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’*” ¹¹ *Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.* This is the Gospel of the LORD.

Cong.: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN: “*Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast*”

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SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence 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.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,
Cong.: hear our prayer.

CREATE IN ME

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+ THE LORD'S PRAYER + (sung)

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**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 have trespassed 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**

COLLECT

Pastor: Lord God, we humbly confess to You that we deserve Your fatherly chastisement for our sins; yet we earnestly implore You, for Your name's sake, to spare us in this time of disaster. Restrain all harmful powers and help Your suffering people that Your Word may be declared faithfully and without hindrance and that we, amending our sinful lives, may walk in safety and peace according to Your holy commandments; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

BENEDICTION

LSB 166

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Cong.: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN *“On What Has Now Been Sown”*

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Rev. Patrick Poock
Organist: Bill Vlasak

Happy Birthday

Kaleb Guy 12th
Linda Kochan 16th
Jim Jones 18th

6:00 pm Church Council

Happy Anniversary

Ray & Vicky Gilbert 18th (16 yrs.)

Wednesday, February 15

3:30 pm Bible Study
5:00 pm Divine Service
6:30 pm Bible Study

THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES AT FAITH:

Sunday, February 12

Volunteer Recognition Sunday

8:00 am Divine Service
9:15 am Bible Study
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Divine Service
12:00 pm Youth Catechism

Friday, February 17

7:00 pm Lighthouse Bible Study

Saturday, February 18

10:00 am Choir Practice

Monday, February 13

6:30 pm GriefShare

Looking Ahead

February 22 – Ash Wednesday Divine Service @ 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm. No Bible Study.

The LWML are collecting baby items for Redeeming Life Maternity home through the month of February.

Tuesday, February 14