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*At Abiding Word  
We gather around the Word (worship)  
We grow in the Word (education)  
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*



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### **Welcome!**

To all who have gathered here this morning we welcome you in the name of Christ our Lord. Through him we have access to God in boldness and confidence. (Ephesians 3:12) Join us after the service for coffee. Join us for Bible Study at 11:00am.

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

Our worship service is open to all. The forgiveness received in the Lord's Supper is proclaimed to all throughout the service. However, the Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is to be received by those who have been instructed about its meaning and the unity it expresses.

*For this reason, we ask that guests speak with the Pastor  
before partaking of the Holy Supper.*

### **MEANINGFUL MINISTRY**

#### ***SENT WITH GOD'S OWN AUTHORITY***

When a child asks a sibling to do something there isn't much certainty as to the results. The sibling might simply ignore the request. However, if that same child goes to a brother or sister with "Dad said so," it's a very different story! Now the father's authority is behind the child's request.

As believers carry out gospel ministry, encouraging others to turn to Christ in repentance, people might push back. "What gives you the right?" Maybe we ask that question ourselves. "I'm far from perfect. So, what gives me the right to talk about things like sin?" This week we are given the answer to that question. "Dad said so." When our God calls us to do ministry, he also gives us authority. In calling us to ministry, God isn't asking us to share our advice or our opinion or even our values. We are sharing God's own authoritative Word. Gospel ministry is conducted by believers but with God's own authority behind the effort.

*Stand*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**CONFESSION**

*CW 154*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

**Amen.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

## **573 JESUS, YOUR BLOOD AND RIGHTEOUSNESS**

- 1 Jesus, your blood and righteousness my beauty are, my glorious dress;  
mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.**
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a word against me say?  
Fully absolved through these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**
- 3 Lord, I believe your precious blood, which at the very throne of God  
pleads for the captives' liberty, was also shed in love for me.**
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more than sands upon the ocean shore,  
you have for all a ransom paid, for all a full atonement made.**
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise to claim my mansion in the skies,  
this then shall be my only plea: Jesus has lived and died for me.**
- 6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly! Your boundless mercy has for me,  
for me and all your hands have made, an everlasting ransom paid.**

## **THE WORD**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

O Lord, you granted your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be Seated*

## **FIRST READING**

**AMOS 7:10–15**

<sup>10</sup>Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. <sup>11</sup>For this is what Amos is saying:

“ ‘Jeroboam will die by the sword,  
and Israel will surely go into exile,  
away from their native land.’ ”

<sup>12</sup>Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. <sup>13</sup>Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.”

<sup>14</sup>Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. <sup>15</sup>But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 78**

*The congregation will sing the hymn verses in bold.*

*Pastor will read the verses of the psalm.*

**Let children hear the mighty deeds which God performed of old,  
which in our younger years we saw, and which our parents told.**

<sup>1</sup> O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

<sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old—  
<sup>3</sup> what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us.

<sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done.

**O teach them with all diligence the truths of God’s own Word,  
to place in him their confidence, to fear and trust their Lord,**

<sup>5</sup> He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel,  
which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children,

<sup>6</sup> so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born,  
and they in turn would tell their children.

<sup>7</sup> Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds  
but would keep his commands.

**To learn that in our God alone their hope securely stands,  
that they may ne’er forget his works, but walk in his commands.**

## **SECOND READING**

**TITUS 1:5–9**

<sup>5</sup>The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. <sup>6</sup>An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. <sup>7</sup>Since an overseer manages God’s household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. <sup>8</sup>Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. <sup>9</sup>He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL**

**MARK 6:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

<sup>8</sup>These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. <sup>9</sup>Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. <sup>10</sup>Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”

<sup>12</sup>They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

***HYMN: SEND, O LORD, YOUR HOLY SPIRIT***

**898**

**SERMON on TITUS 1:5–9**

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Offering**

*Stand*



## **LORD'S PRAYER**

I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us.

First, we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

**Thy kingdom come.**

We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

We pray that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

**And lead us not into temptation.**

And finally, we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.

**But deliver us from evil.**

All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts "Amen," trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: "Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

# THE SACRAMENT

*Stand*

## **PREFACE**

CW 165

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## **♪ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ♪**

CW 167

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:**

**heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## **♪ O Christ, Lamb of God ♪**

CW 169

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

***HYMN: THE DEATH OF JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD***

**677**

Stand

***HYMN: IN PEACE AND JOY I NOW DEPART***

**949**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

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.

**Amen.**

***HYMN: O CHRISTIANS, HASTE***

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