



*Rejoicing
in the
House of the Lord!*

Psalms 122:1

May 20, 2018

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Lord Jesus Christ, the children's friend, to each of them your presence send; call them by name and keep them true in loving faith, dear Lord, to you. In Christian homes, Lord, let them be your blessing to their family; let Christian schools your work extend in living truth as you intend, that caring parents, gracious Lord, and faithful teachers find reward in leading these, to whom you call, to find in Christ their all in all. Amen.

SERVICE THEME We praise God for the gift of Christ-centered, Lutheran education.

BELLS

COL. 3:16 IN SUNDAY SERVICES **"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**
& **SUNDAY SCHOOL IN 10:30 SERVICE** *by Rick Founds*

Lord, I lift your name on high Lord I love to sing your praises I'm so glad you're in
my life I'm so glad you came to save us You came from heaven to earth,
to show the way From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky Lord I lift your name on high

GAHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

HYMN 221 **"Blessed Jesus, at Your Word"**

♪ **Blessed Jesus, at your Word We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear you,
By your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love you solely.**

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: **for they are ever with me.**

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

♪ **All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.**

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

♪ **Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

M: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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: (spoken) Amen.

♪ **Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust, Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander, Till we sing your praises yonder.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn,

that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: (spoken) Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 2:1-5

The wisdom of God's Word is our sacred trust.

My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

COL. 3:16 IN SUNDAY SERVICES

"Forever"

The moon and stars they wept The morning sun was dead The Savior of the world
was fallen His body on the cross His blood poured out for us
The weight of every curse upon him

One final breath He gave As Heaven looked away The Son of God was laid in
darkness A battle in the grave The war on death was waged
The power of hell forever broken

The ground began to shake The stone was rolled away
His perfect love could not be overcome Now death where is your sting
Our resurrected King has rendered you defeated Forever, He is glorified Forever,
He is lifted high Forever, He is risen He is alive He is alive

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Our resurrected King has rendered you defeated Forever, He is glorified Forever,
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We sing Hallelujah We sing Hallelujah We sing Hallelujah The Lamb has overcome
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Forever, He is glorified Forever, He is lifted high Forever, He is risen He is alive He
is alive Forever, He is glorified Forever, He is lifted high Forever,
He is risen He is alive He is alive!

SECOND LESSON

2 Timothy 3:14-17

It is our sacred trust to hand God's Word down from generation to generation.

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

VERSE OF THE DAY



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:1-10

It is our sacred trust to raise God's children in the way of righteousness.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this

child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin! Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come! If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life maimed or crippled than to have two hands or two feet and be thrown into eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell. See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven."

HYMN

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Hymn 182

SERMON

Acts 2:14-21

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'"

"Thank God for Spirit-filled Education!"

Pastor Zuberbier

1. Through the Spirit-filled Word of God.
2. Through Spirit-filled people of God.

SERMON RESPONSE

“I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus”
Hymn 510

♪ I pray you, dear Lord Jesus, My heart to keep and train
That I your holy temple From youth to age remain.
Oh, turn my thoughts forever From worldly wisdom’s lore;
If I but learn to know you, I shall not want for more.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COLOSSIANS 3:16 DURING DISTRIBUTION SUNDAY

“I Will Rise”

There’s a peace I’ve come to know Though my heart and flesh may fail There’s an anchor for my soul I can say “It is well.” Jesus has overcome And the grave is overwhelmed The victory is won He is risen from the dead

And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no more pain I will rise on eagles’ wings Before my God, fall on my knees And rise. I will rise.

There’s a day that’s drawing near When this darkness breaks to light And the shadows disappear And my faith shall be my eyes

Jesus has overcome, And the grave is overwhelmed, The victory is won, He is risen from the dead And I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no more pain I will rise on eagles’ wings Before my God fall on my knees And rise I will rise.

And I hear the voice of many angels sing, “Worthy is the Lamb” And I hear the cry of every longing heart, “Worthy is the Lamb” And I hear the voice of many angels sing, “Worthy is the Lamb” And I hear the cry of every longing heart, “Worthy is the Lamb”

I will rise when He calls my name No more sorrow, no more pain I will rise on eagles’ wings Before my God fall on my knees And rise I will rise. I will rise. I will rise.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Gracious Savior, Gentle Shepherd”
Hymn 508

“O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand”
Hymn 511

CLOSING PRAYER

M: O almighty God, whom know is everlasting life, grant us perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life that, following his steps, we may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) Amen.

BENEDICTION

M: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do his will. May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives.

C: (spoken) Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Holy Spirit, Light Divine”
Hymn 183

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