

L: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

L: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven ✠ and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord,

C: we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRAYER LAB MINUTE

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Where can I Turn for Peace"

arr. Mandi Kitchen; Lisa Funk, viola

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #174 *CELTIC ALLELUIA*

R: A Gospel reading from the 19th chapter of Luke

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back

four times as much.” ⁹Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE Pastor John Klawiter

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #517 *LORD, KEEP US STEADFAST IN
YOUR WORD*

Lord, keep us steadfast in your word; curb those who by deceit or sword would wrest the kingdom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.

Lord Jesus Christ, your pow’r make known, for you are Lord of lords alone; defend your holy church, that we may sing your praise eternally.

O Comforter of priceless worth, send peace and unity on earth; support us in our final strife and lead us out of death to life.

APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERING *“Foundations of Faith”* arr. Joseph Martin; Lisa Funk, violin; Faith Choir, Alan Ball, organ; Linda Burk, director

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Gracious God,

C: in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

L: May the LORD bless us and keep us; May the LORD's face shine upon us and be gracious unto us, May the LORD look upon us with favor, + and give us peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG ELW #504 *A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD*

stz 1, 2 ~ spooky interlude 3 ~ 4

A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe, has sworn to work us woe! With craft and
dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected
But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be? The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus,
mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

Interlude - please read stanza 3 silently while listening to the organ
Though hordes of devils fill the land all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us.
Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is
doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word
subdues him.

God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Chorale Prelude on "Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort"*
(ELW #517) by Johann Pachelbel

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