

~ *Turning Hearts to Christ Through Love* ~  
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**Reflecting the Faithful Work of Jesus**

*In today's Readings, James encourages us toward good works of service and love, and Jesus does the good work of healing by restoring a man's hearing and speech. Our faith in Jesus is marked by our reflection of His love and service. While we are not able to do all the things Jesus can do, we are called to reflect His faithful work as we serve in our vocations by loving our neighbors.*

GATHERING MUSIC:

"Our God"

Allison Ulmer

THE BELL

✠ ✠ ✠

CANDLES

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WELCOME

✠ ✠ ✠ **CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION** ✠ ✠ ✠

(Order of service: Divine Service—Setting One, page 151 LSB)

OPENING HYMN:

"Open Our Eyes"

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**Open our eyes, Lord,  
We want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch him,  
And say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord,  
And help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord,  
we want to see Jesus.**

**SING 2X**

INVOCATION:

(P:) In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(C:) **AMEN.**

EXHORTATION:

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**who made heaven and earth.**

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

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

CONFESSON:

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**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.**

ABSOLUTION:

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **AMEN.**

✠ ✠ ✠ **SERVICE OF THE WORD** ✠ ✠ ✠

(Order of service: Divine Service—Setting Four, page 203 LSB)

INTROIT

*Psalm 28:1–2, 6–7; antiphon: Ps. 28:8*

The LORD is the strength of his people;

**he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

**lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

**when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.**

Blessèd be the LORD!

**For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

**my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

**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.**

The LORD is the strength of his people;

**he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

KYRIE: Lord, Have Mercy

♪ In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
 For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; 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; Christ, have mercy; 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; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**  
 Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: Glory to God in the Highest

♪ 1) *To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
 Good will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
 We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
 Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.*

♪ 2) *To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son we pray;  
 O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.  
 Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,  
 Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—*

♪ 3) *For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.  
 Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;  
 You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,  
 In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.*

SALUTATION: The Lord be with you.  
**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY: Let us pray.  
O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**AMEN.** [ Sit ]

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 35:4-7a*

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

GRADUAL:

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
**for those who fear him lack nothing!**  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

EPISTLE

*James 2:1-10, 14-18*

My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it... What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

[ Stand ]

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:

♪ **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**  
**These things are written that you may believe**  
**that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD.**

*Mark 7:24-37* – From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. And he said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” And he said to her, “For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter.” And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

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*Hymnal, inside back cover [ Sit ]*

SERMON HYMN: “Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness ” #849

*♪ Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
With a liberating light;  
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners,  
Turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,  
Healing ev’ry dread disease,  
Calming storms, and feeding thousands  
With the very Bread of peace.*

*♪ Praise the One who blessed the children  
With a strong, yet gentle, word;  
Praise the One who drove out demons  
With the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the One who brings cool water  
To the desert’s burning sand;  
From this Well comes living water,  
Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.*

*♪ Let us praise the Word Incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place.  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
That we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
Seeing what our God has done;  
Let us praise the true Redeemer,  
Praise the One who makes us one.*

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SERMON:

*“Jesus For All”*

*Mark 7:24-37*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

*Remember in prayer—*

JoAnn Douglas - Dick Dudley - Beverly Filla-Streib - Chuck Fredrikson - Eddy Frost - Blake Gibson - Frances Kahanek - Gerald Kubsch - Evelyn Loewe - Virginia Loewe - Pam Lukenbach - Michael Lyons - Janice Michalk - Corrie Mosqueda - Barbara Rapstein - Cyndee Remmert - Lane Rex - John Salinas - Helen Schneider - Kendra Schroeder - Rosie Lee Schroeder - Ann Shipley - Michael Spieglehour - Lee Tiller - Helen Witzsche - Alex Wurtz - Mike Denkeler - Nancy Kieschnick - Sweetie McNair - Joan Miller - Dale Moerbe - Friends & Family of Harvey Becker - Howard Crawford - Our Military & their Families - Our Nation - Business Owners - Seasonal Weather - Students returning to school - All affected by Hurricane Ida

**✚ ✚ ✚ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✚ ✚ ✚**

PREFACE:

The Lord be with you.  
**AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Lift up your hearts.

**WE LIFT THEM 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, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS:

*♩ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

LORD'S PRAYER:

*(Hymnal, inside back cover)*

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**Our Father who art in heaven, . . .**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✝}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI:

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**AMEN.**

AGNUS DEI: Lamb of God

*♩ 1) O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord we pray.*

*♩ 2) O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.*

[ Sit ]

DISTRIBUTION HYMN:

"Draw Near And Take The Body Of The Lord"

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*♩ Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;  
Offered was He for greatest and for least,  
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.  
♩ He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
To all believers life eternal yields;  
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,  
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.  
♩ Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,  
And take the pledges of salvation here.  
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.*

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NUNC DIMITTIS: Song of Simeon

[ Stand ]

*♩ 1) O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace.  
For I have seen the glory of Your redeeming grace;  
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,  
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.  
♩ 2) All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;  
For as in the beginning, is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**AMEN.**

BENEDICAMUS:

Let us bless the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD.**

BENEDICTION:

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.

[ Sit ]

**AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN:

*“Jesus Shall Reign”*

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- ♪ **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more**
- ♪ **To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.**
- ♪ **People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.**
- ♪ **Blessings abound where'er He reigns:  
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.**
- ♪ **Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
Honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen.**

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SILENT PRAYER



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*Thank you.*

