

SECOND READING

1 John 4:7-21

Word of God!

Word of life!

Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Luke 15:1-8

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you. O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

“Abide with Me”

ELW #629

Vs 1 - 3

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us
and answer in steadfast love.*

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

SHARE THE PEACE

OFFERING

(Offering plates are on the table as you come into church)

WE SHARE THE MEAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARE THE LORD'S MEAL

BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

ELW #860

“I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

DISMISSAL

Go in Peace.

Serve the Lord.

Remember the poor!

Thanks be to God!

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# **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 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 and self-examination.*

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**ELW #442**

OPENING SONG ***“All Who Believe and Are Baptized”***

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. . .

**O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WE HEAR THE WORD**

### FIRST READING

Acts 8:26-40

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### PSALM 22:25-31

Read responsively

<sup>25</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

<sup>26</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek him shall praise the LORD.  
May your hearts live forever!**

<sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
the LORD;

and all the families of the nations shall worship  
before him.

<sup>28</sup>**For dominion belongs to the LORD,  
and he rules over the nations.**

<sup>29</sup>To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow  
down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,  
and I shall live for him.

<sup>30</sup>**Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord,**

<sup>31</sup>and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,  
saying that he has done it.