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GREETING AND SERVICE INTRODUCTION

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son ✚ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

M: God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace.

C: **Your mercies are new every morning.**

Lamentations 3:23

M: Guide our steps by the light of your Word.

Psalm 119:105

C: **Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.**

M: Better than life is your love.

Psalm 63:3

C: **Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Amen!**

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

Silence for private confession

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✚ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

M: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

LESSON

Job 2:7-13 (EHV)

⁷ Satan then went out from the presence of the LORD. He struck Job with very painful sores from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. ⁸ So Job took a piece of broken pottery to scrape himself as he was sitting among the ashes.

⁹ Then his wife said to him, "Are you still maintaining your integrity? Curse God and die!"

¹⁰ But he said to her, "You are talking like a woman who lacks moral judgment. If we accept the good that comes from God, shouldn't we also accept the bad?" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said.

¹¹ Three friends of Job heard about all this adversity that had come upon him, and each of them came from his own homeland: Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Na'amathite. They met together and went to sympathize with Job and to comfort him. ¹² When they caught sight of Job from a distance, they did not recognize him. They raised their voices and wept. Each man tore his robe and tossed dust into the air and onto his head. ¹³ They sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights, but no one spoke a word to him because they saw that his suffering was very great.

Sermon

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

There Is A Safe Place

¹ One who lives in the shelter of the Most High
will stay in the shadow of the Almighty.

² I will say to the LORD,
“My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.”

³ Surely he will rescue you from the fowler’s trap,
from the destructive plague.

⁴ With his feathers he will cover you,
and under his wings you will find refuge.
His truth will be your shield and armor.

⁵ You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,

⁶ nor the plague that prowls in the darkness,
nor the pestilence that destroys at noon.

¹⁴ The LORD says,
Because he clings to me, I will rescue him.
I will protect him, because he acknowledges my name.

¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him.
I will be with him in distress.

I will deliver him and I will honor him.

¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him,
and I will let him see my salvation.

OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

C: I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

M: May the grace of the Lord Jesus sanctify us and keep us from all evil; may Christ drive all hurtful things far from us and purify both our souls and bodies; may Christ bind us to himself by the bond of love; and may his peace abound in our hearts.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*