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✢ Opening Prayer ✢

Hymn: TLH #496 *"Hark! The Voice of Jesus Crying"*

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen!**

The Introit *Ps. 34:1-3, 8-10*

P Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!
C **I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**
P My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.
C **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**
P Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!
C **The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**
P Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins to the Lord:
C **Dear Father in heaven, You are mighty in all You do and say. You have shown Your unfailing love to us even though we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We worship and adore You because You have sacrificed Your only beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, for the full payment and forgiveness of all our sins. As sinful human beings, we often fail to share Your Word and have often been poor examples as Your dear children.**

Forgive us, Lord, for these offenses, and give us the courage and strength to boldly confess and glorify Your name and Your truth to all. Let us walk before You as a light to this dark world. All this we confess and pray in the name of Your Son, our risen and eternal Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P God, in His great mercy, has shown His love for you. While you were still sinners, Christ died for you, being delivered to death for your sins and raised for your justification. Upon this your confession, 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 Amen.

P In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

Response to the Absolution *TLH #498:3-4*

C ♫ ***If Thou, merciful Redeemer,***
Hadst not saved us from this plight,
In like darkness we should languish
Hopeless, helpless, in sin's night.
Lovingly Thou, Lord, didst seek us
In the beauty of Thy grace;
Now with joy we freely serve Thee,
We, Thy blessed, chosen race.

Knowing Thee and Thy salvation,
Grateful love dare never cease
To proclaim Thy tender mercies,
Gracious Lord, Thy heav'nly peace.
Sound we forth the Gospel tidings
To the earth's remotest bound
That the sinner has been pardoned
And forgiveness can be found.

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P Almighty God, in Your kindness You cause the light of the Gospel to shine among us. By the working of Your Holy Spirit, help us to share the good news of Your salvation that all who hear it may rejoice in the gift of Your unending love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Isaiah 43:1-12

But now, thus says the LORD,
who created you, O Jacob,
And He who formed you, O
Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called *you*
by your name; You *are* Mine. 2 When you pass through the
waters, I *will be* with you; And through the rivers, they shall not
overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not
be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. 3 For I *am* the LORD
your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for
your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. 4 Since you
were precious in My sight, You have been honored, And I
have loved you; Therefore I will give men for you, And people
for your life. 5 Fear not, for I *am* with you; I will bring your
descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; 6 I
will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not
keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters
from the ends of the earth-- 7 Everyone who is called by My
name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him,
yes, I have made him." 8 Bring out the blind people who have
eyes, And the deaf who have ears. 9 Let all the nations be
gathered together, And let the people be assembled. Who
among them can declare this, And show us former things? Let
them bring out their witnesses, that they may be justified; Or
let them hear and say, "*It is* truth." 10 "You *are* My witnesses,"
says the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That
you may know and believe Me, And understand that I *am* He.
Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after
Me. 11 I, *even* I, *am* the LORD, And besides Me *there is* no
savior. 12 I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, And
there was no foreign *god* among you; Therefore you *are* My
witnesses," Says the LORD, "that I *am* God.



1 Peter 2:1-10

Therefore, laying aside all
malice, all deceit, hypocrisy,
envy, and all evil speaking, 2
as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you
may grow thereby, 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord
is gracious. 4 Coming to Him *as to* a living stone, rejected

indeed by men, but chosen by God *and* precious, 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame." 7 Therefore, to you who believe, *He is* precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone," 8 and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense." They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C ♫ ***Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***
These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession of Faith *The Explanation to the 3rd Article*

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith.

C **I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.**

Choir *"This Is My Word"*

Hymn: TLH #421 *"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"*



John 1:35-51

Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. 36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" 37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek? " They said to Him, "Rabbi " (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" 39 He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). 40 One of the two who heard John *speak*, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah " (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus. Now when Jesus looked at him, He said, "You are Simon the son of Jonah. You shall be called Cephas " (which is translated, A Stone). 43 The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote-- Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49 Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50 Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51 And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

God's "Come and See" Guarantee

I. He offers it *to* you **II.** He offers it *through* you

The Offertory *WS #770:5*

In this prayer we offer our hearts, asking God for the best gift, the Holy Spirit.

C ♫ ***I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!***
Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity.
And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea:
Prepare me for my mission For You are calling me!

✢ **The Offering of Thankful Hearts** ✢

Hymn: WS #773 *"Rise, Shine, You People!"*

✢ **The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer** ✢

The Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C Amen!

Hymn: WS #765 *"Christ High-Ascended"*

Thank you to Pastor Naumann and Andrew Lau for sharing the Word of God with us this morning. We will be having a potluck following today's service—all are invited to attend!

A Joint Reformation Service will be hosted by Faith in New Ulm, November 1, at 4:00 pm, with a meal to follow. If you are interested in singing in the joint Reformation Choir and would like a copy of the music, please reach out to Phil Strike.

Ushers	9/20	Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	9/27	Kendall B, Larry B, Caleb E.
	10/4	Phil S, Nathan V, Daniel R.
Cleaning		This Week – The Boernsens (wk. 1)
		Next – Zuehlke, Winters, Buck

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

September 21st - 26th, 2026

Mon Luke 7:11-17 A large funeral procession meets Jesus and another large crowd at the city gate. Jesus has compassion on a widow and calls her son back to life. The funeral is called off and God is praised by all!

Tues Ephesians 3:13-21 Paul asks his Gentile readers not to lose heart over his sufferings, and prays that God may mightily strengthen them by His Spirit, granting them ever stronger faith and love in Christ Jesus.

Wed Deuteronomy 32:39-40 Toward the close of the song of Moses, he points to the always living God as the only source of life. He alone is the difference between life and death, between living and dying.

Thurs Psalm 36 David compares the rebellion of the wicked (v1-4) to the mercy and faithfulness of the Lord (v5-9). Then he prays for the protection of the Lord against the evil of the wicked (v10-12).

Fri 1 Corinthians 15:21-28 Just as death came into the world through Adam, so also Life came into the world through Jesus, who always carries out His Father's will. He rescued us for the kingdom of God forever.

Sat Psalm 119:121-128 The servant of God (v125) prays for help against oppressors (v122). As he watches for God's merciful salvation and righteousness, he wants to learn from all of the Lord's words.

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