



✝ SERVICE OF PREPARATION ✝

Greeting

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

Hymn of Invocation “By All Your Saints In Warfare” #518:1, 25, 3 (G)

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✝ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✝

Introit^① *Psalm 107:29-32; antiphon: Psalm v. 28*



P I desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.*
For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.

C It is good to give thanks | to the LORD,*
to sing praises to your name, | O Most High;

P to declare your steadfast love in the | morning,*
and your faithful- | ness by night,

C to the music of the lute | and the harp,*
to the melody | of the lyre.

P For you, O LORD, have made me glad | by your work;*
at the works of your hands I | sing for joy.

C How great are your works, | O LORD!*
Your thoughts are | very deep!

All Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P I desire mercy, and not | sacrifice.*
For I came not to call the righteous, but | sinners.

①“Introit” is pronounced “in-troh-it” – it is Latin for “he enters.” Here the Celebrant enters the Chancel with the reading/chanting of these Psalm/Scripture verses.

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Salutation and Collect of the Day^③Page 189

P [♪] Let us pray. O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C [♪] **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading **Ezekiel 2:8-3:11**

“But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. And he spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe.

And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. And he said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me. Because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” Moreover, he said to me, “Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual^④ *Psalm 119:105, 103; 45:1a, c.*

P Your word is a lamp | to my feet*
and a light | to my path.

How sweet are your words | to my taste,*
sweeter than honey | to my mouth!



① “**Kyrie**” is pronounced ‘keer-ee-ay’ – shortened from the Greek phrase *Kyrie Eleison* (“*Lord, have mercy*”) and reminds us of pleas for mercy like the one recorded in *St. Matthew 15:22*

② “**Gloria in Excelsis**” is Latin for “*Glory To God In The Highest*” is based on the song of the angels announcing the birth of Jesus.

③ The “**Salutation**” (greeting) is reminiscent of an Old Testament greeting recorded in *Ruth 2:4*. The “**Collect**” is a short prayer which ‘collects’ or summarizes the thoughts of the day. The Collects for every Sunday come to us from the rich treasury of the church’s heritage.

④ “**Gradual**” comes from the Latin “*gradus*” meaning ‘step.’ In the ancient church these Psalm & Scripture verses were chanted from the steps of the Altar. It is a response to the First Lesson and a bridge to the Second Lesson.

My heart overflows with a | pleasing theme;*
my tongue is like the pen of a | ready scribe.

Epistle..... **Ephesians 4:7-16**

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore it says,

“When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men.”

(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

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All [♪] **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P [♪] Go therefore and make disciples of all | nations.*
And behold, I am with you always, to the end | of the age.

All [♪] **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy + Gospel^① **St. Matthew 9:9-13**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 9TH Chapter. **C** [♪] **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** [♪] **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene CreedPage 191

Hymn of the Day **“What Is The World To Me” #730**

^① In the “Gospel” we hear a reading from the New Testament accounts of Jesus’ life and message. In Lutheran Worship we believe that in the Reading of the Gospel Christ is in our midst, and so we stand to honor His presence. We also sing short verses before (to greet Christ) and after (to offer our joyful praise) the reading.

Sermon “Gift of Yahweh” St. Matthew 9:9-13

Offertory^① ~ *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Pages 191-193

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mercy.

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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Hymn of Departure “Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation” #909 (E)

Silent Prayer

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① The “**Offertory**” is a hymn from Psalm 51 which is sung as we prepare to bring our tithes and offerings to God. In doing so we are reminded that the offering of monetary offerings is a public testimony that we have first “*given [ourselves] to the Lord*” (2 *Corinthians* 8:5)

② “**Sanctus**” is Latin for “*Holy*.” This Hymn is based on *Isaiah* 6:3 & *St. Matthew* 21:9

③ These are the very Words of Christ which make the elements of bread and wine a sacrament. Our Confessions state “When the Word is joined to the external element, it becomes a sacrament” (Large Catechism, v.10).

④ “*The Peace of the Lord*” – The purpose of the Pax is a confessional declaration that the peace that passes all understanding is here present in the body and blood of Christ. For this reason the Celebrant now lifts the Chalice and Host.

⑤ “**Agnus Dei**” (pronounced ‘ahn-yoos day-ee’) is Latin for “Lamb of God”

⑥ “**Nunc Dimittis**” is Latin for ‘now depart.’ Simeon first sang this hymn of thanksgiving as recorded in *St. Luke* 2:29-32.

⑦ “**Benedicamus**” is Latin for ‘*bless we.*’