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In Deuteronomy God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses, who will speak for God; in Psalm 111 God shows the people the power of God's works. For the church these are ways of pointing to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING SONG

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

ELW 520 verses 1 & 4

Dearest Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most:
all your gospel's consolation
while we here on earth await you,
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619–1684, sts. 1–3; Gesangbuch, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, adapt.

Music: Johann R. Ahle, 1625–1673

Tune Name: Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

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GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

THE PSALMODY: Psalm 111

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.
Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.
You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.
You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.
You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.
The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.
They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.
You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord**

²¹[Jesus and his disciples] went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The Gospel of the Lord given to you. **ALL: Praise to you O Christ.**

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE

Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

ELW 814 Sing twice

Take, oh, take me as I am;
summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart
and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: John L. Bell

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Tune Name: Take Me As I Am

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.*
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. All: **And also with you.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

SENDING

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you; Jesus the beloved fill you; and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you
 in peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

ELW 545 verses 1 & 2

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
 fill our hearts with joy and peace;
 let us each, your love possessing,
 triumph in redeeming grace.
 Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
 trav'ling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration
 for your gospel's joyful sound.
 May the fruits of your salvation
 in our hearts and lives abound.
 Ever faithful, ever faithful
 to your truth may we be found.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.

Music: Sicilian, 18th cent.

Tune Name: Sicilian Mariners, O sanctissima

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

+++++ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER LIST+++++

A Special Thank you to Salem's choir for providing the voices for today's hymns. Special thank you to Chrissy Hadding for reading today.

Thank you for continuing to support the ministries of our congregation during these unprecedented times. As it becomes clear that we're in this phase for a longer haul, we want to say a particular thanks for your faith, your generosity, and your perseverance. Your faithful stewardship of all God's gifts is the heart of disciple-making and neighbor-loving.

Our Daily Bread casseroles totaled 22 for the month of January. Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and your generosity.

Souper Bowl Sunday ~ Canned Soup Drive. February 7th is *Souper* Bowl Sunday!

Join in filling baskets with canned soups for Mason-Dixon Community Services Food Pantry. Drop off at church starting this week. Tuesdays 9:30 – 4:30

Wednesdays 1:00 – 4:30

Thursdays 9:30 – 4:30

Great news from Thrivent! *We have been granted matching funds up to \$250 to use toward the purchase of cans of soup for the Souper Bowl Drive. Together with Thrivent we can make an impact for our community.*

Participation in a Thrivent Action Team project is prayer. Since the members of our congregation are the team, let's us pray the prayer written below.

Dear Heavenly Father,

We thank you for giving us gifts and talents to use in service and share our love for others. Place in our hearts a desire to live faithfully and do the things you have prepared in advance for us to do. Today we pray that you would bless the work of our hands. May we be good stewards of your blessings and may many lives and hearts be impacted. May all honor and glory be yours. Amen

Ongoing Prayer Concerns: Carol Porter, Cindy Miller, Family and friends of Ed Barthlome, Charlie Phoebus, Barb Vogel, Douglas Porter, Austin Phoebus (deployed), Deana Vanhart, Family and friends of Phil Kulinski, Family and friends of Sandy Barthel, Family and friends of David (friend of the Temples), Family and Friends of Jerry Shank, Faith LeBrun, Howard Kramer, James Rickman, Mike, Thelma Preisinger, Brenda Baker, Kimberley, Donna Glorioso, John Bragg, Jenny's mom and sister Donna, Norma Knudsen, Anne Mills, Rachel's baby girl Diana, Capt'n Jim McMahan, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Karen, Donna Miller, Laura Riley, Judy Newsome, Bruce Greer, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Steve Sussan, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret Shank, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

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