

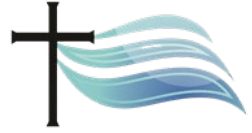
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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL † SEEK THE THIRSTY † TEACH THE WORD

† **Preparation** †

OPENING SONG

Thy Word

(Video Screen)

Praise Team

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel a - fraid, think I've lost my way,
2 I will not for - get Your love for me, and yet My

Still You're there right be - side me. And
heart for - ev - er is wan - der - ing.

noth - ing will I fear as long as You are near.
Je - sus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And

Please be near me to the end. _____
I will love You to the end. _____

Refrain

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

L In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Psalm 32:5; 119:7-8; 119:105; 124:8

L Beloved in the Lord, the psalmist declares that the learning of God's Word is to His praise, saying, "I will praise You with an upright heart, when I learn Your just and righteous decrees. Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes." As disciples of Jesus and followers of His holy Word, we believe that when we humbly approach God with our prayers of confession, our brokenness is mended, our wounds are healed, and our lives are made whole. Let us therefore confess our sins unto God our Father.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

L Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

L "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Forgiven and redeemed children of God, may the Lord bless you as you continue to grow in the knowledge and wisdom of the only true and saving God. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SONG

(Video Screen)

White As Snow

Praise Team

White as snow, white as snow, though my sins were as scarlet,
Lord, I know, Lord, I know that I'm clean and forgiven.

Through the power of Your blood,

Through the wonder of Your love,

Through faith in You I know that I can be white as snow.

(repeat)

✠ Service of the Word ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 119:33-34, 105-106, 111, 114

- L Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees, that I may follow it to the end.
C **Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law and obey it with all my heart.**
- L Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
C **I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to keep your righteous rules.**
- L Your testimonies are my heritage forever, for they are the joy of my heart.
C **You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.**
- C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

SALUTATION

- L The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L Let us pray.
C **Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

¹Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. ...

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 3:1-17

¹But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. ²For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people. ⁶For among them are those who creep into households and capture weak women, burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, ⁷always learning and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth. ⁸Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men corrupted in mind and disqualified regarding the faith. ⁹But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all, as was that of those two men.

¹⁰You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, ¹¹my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra—which persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me. ¹²Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, ¹³while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. ¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 14:23-26

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³[Jesus said,] "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words. And the word that you hear is not mine but the Father's who sent me.

²⁵"These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

(Video Screen)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stephanie Womack

SERMON SONG

Ancient Words

(Video Screen)

Praise Team

Holy words long preserved for our walk in this world;
They resound with God's own heart, O let the ancient words impart;
Words of life, words of hope, give us strength, help us cope;
In this world where'er we roam, ancient words will guide us home.

Chorus: Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you;
We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith handed down to this age,
Came to us through sacrifice; O heed the faithful words of Christ. *Chorus*

Martyr's blood stains each page, they have died for this faith;
Hear them cry through years; Heed these words and hold them dear. *Chorus*

We have come with open heart, O let the ancient words impart.
O let the ancient words impart.

SERMON

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

BENEDICAMUS

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

(Video Screen)

Earth and All Stars

LSB 817 (v. 1, 5-7)



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the
5 Class - rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes! Sing to the
6 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom! Sing to the
7 Chil - dren of God, Dy - ing and ris - ing, Sing to the



Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing
Lord a new song! Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing
Lord a new song! Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing
Lord a new song! Heav - en and earth, Hosts ev - er -



ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!
peo - ple! Sing to the Lord a new song!
mem - bers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
last - ing, Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

He has done mar - vel - ous things.
I too will praise Him with a new song!



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