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M: Minister

A: All

WELCOME

HYMN:

“How Precious Is the Book Divine”
found on page 6 of this worship folder

INVOCATION

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

A: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

A: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

A: Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

The minister offers the Prayer of the Day.

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST LESSON:

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day."⁷ "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties."⁸ Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number."⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this.¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice,¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be."

SECOND LESSON:

Romans 8:28-30

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**A: 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.**

HYMN:

“By Grace I’m Saved”
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MESSAGE

“What Is Grace Like”
based on Matthew 13:44-51

Matthew 13:44-51

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age.

The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

PRAYERS & BLESSING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

The minister offers the Prayer of the Church.

LORD'S PRAYER

A: 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.

M: May God grant you good health and hope in Jesus.

HYMN:

“Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness”
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BLESSING

How Precious Is the Book Divine

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1 How pre - cious is the Book di - vine, By in - spi - ra - tion giv'n!
2 Its light, de - scend - ing from a - bove Our gloom - y world to cheer,
3 It shows to us our wan - d'ring ways And where our feet have trod
4 This lamp through all the drear - y night Of life shall guide our way

Bright as a lamp its doc - trines shine To guide our souls to heav'n.
Dis - plays a Sav - ior's bound - less love And brings his glo - ries near.
But brings to view the match - less grace Of a for - giv - ing God.
Till we be - hold the clear - er light Of an e - ter - nal day.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, abr., alt.
Tune: Johann J. Walder, 1750-1817

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test! 1000. By Grace I'm Saved

1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be -
 2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to
 3 By grace! Oh, mark this word of prom - ise When you are
 4 By grace to tim - id hearts that trem - ble, In trib - u -
 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; In Je - sus'

lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of
 earth to bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own
 by your sins op - pressed, When Sa - tan plagues your trou - bled
 la - tion's fur - nace tried — By grace, de - spite all fear and
 prom - ise I re - joice. For though I know my heart's con -

prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? So then this
 mer - it That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was
 con - science, And when your heart is seek - ing rest. What rea - son
 trou - ble, The Fa - ther's heart is o - pen wide. Where could I
 di - tion, I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is

word must true re - main: By grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
 grace, and grace a - lone, That brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
 can - not com - pre - hend God by his grace to you did send.
 help and strength se - cure If grace were not my an - chor sure?
 glad; all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace a - lone.

Text: Christian L. Scheidt, 1709-61, abr.; tr. composite
 Tune: Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697-1775, alt.

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Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

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1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day — Who can a
 3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more Than sands up -

are, my glo - rious dress; Mid flam - ing worlds, in
 word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly through you ab -
 ver - y throne of God For - ev - er will for
 on the o - cean shore. You have for all a

these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 solved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 sin - ners plead, For me — e'en for my soul — was shed.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies,
 E'en then this shall be all my plea:
 Jesus has lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
 Your boundless mercy has for me,
 For me and all your hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.

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