

SONG: ELW 592 Just As I Am OR Gather 524 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

OPENING DIALOGUE (from Psalm 51:1-12 NRSV)

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
**according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.***

*Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
**and cleanse me from my sin.***

*For I know my transgressions,  
**and my sin is ever before me.***

*Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,  
**so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.***

*Indeed, I was born guilty,  
**a sinner when my mother conceived me.***

*You desire truth in the inward being;  
**therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.***

*Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
**wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.***

*Let me hear joy and gladness;  
**let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.***

*Hide your face from my sins,  
**and blot out all my iniquities.***

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**and put a new and right spirit within me.***

*Do not cast me away from your presence,  
**and do not take your holy spirit from me.***

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**and sustain in me a willing spirit.***

PRAYER

*The Lord be with you*

***And also with you/your spirit.***

*Let us pray...Almighty God, we give you thanks for your free gift of salvation that gives us new life. Empower your church to be servants to nothing except this good news and to the one who gave his life for our salvation, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen***

READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

GOSPEL: John 3:1-8

MEDITATION/HOMILY

SONG: Gather 476 The Servant Song/ELW 659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant (note that verse 5 is different in Catholic and Lutheran hymnal) OR Gather 434/ELW 779 Amazing Grace

PRAYERS

*Gathered together by God's grace and gift of salvation, let us pray to our holy and gracious God for the church, the world and all in need.*

*Cleanse your church, that we may witness to your gospel in word and in action. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.***

*Teach us to care for the air, land and water you have given to us as a gift. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.***

*Give wisdom to all in leadership positions in the world, in our country and in our communities, that they would work for the good of all in their charge. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.***

*We pray for those who are sick or suffering in mind, body or spirit, especially those we name before you out loud or in our hearts...(names may be spoken) Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.***

*For the future of the relationship between our Lutheran and Roman Catholic churches, that we may encourage one another in faith and in our mission. Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.***

*To you, Holy Father, we lift up these prayers, thankful that you promise to hear us for the sake of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.*

**Amen**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. **Amen.**

#### BLESSING

*The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace, in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

SONG: Gather 358/ELW 677 This Little Light of Mine

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