

asleep. ²⁵ And they came to *Him* and woke Him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing!” ²⁶ He *said to them, “Why are you afraid, you men of little faith?” Then He got up and rebuked the winds and the sea, and it became perfectly calm. ²⁷ The men were amazed, and said, “What kind of a man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?”

Wisdom—an everyday path to journey on

THE OFFERTORY (sung) *Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

HYMN # 609 *Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

OFFERING – PRAYER – LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION

The Bible teaches what we call “Close Communion,” that is: God wants you to commune only with those people with whom you are agreed in ALL the Bible’s teachings. Therefore, if you are a guest with us today, and BEFORE you come up to commune with us, you’ll want to find out all that we teach since communion is such an intimate sacrament. The pastor would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience!

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE DISTRIBUTION

THE INDIVIDUAL PRAYER after receiving the Sacrament (page 118)

OUR PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Sung to tune of Hymn 473)

*The good Lord bless and keep us,
Lift up His shining face,
With favor look upon us,
And grant eternal peace.
God – Father, Son and Spirit,
Most gracious One-in-Three,
Be praised throughout creation
And to eternity!*

THE BENEDICTION

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

HYMN # 625

Oh, Blest the House, Whate'er Befall

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

HYMN # 773

Rise, Shine, You People

THE INVOCATION and CONFESSION

P: We begin this worship service in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P/C: Merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like wandering sheep. Too often we have followed the desires of our own hearts. Too often we have failed to do Your Will. Be merciful unto us, gracious Lord. Restore the repentant, O Lord, according to Your promises spoken to humanity in Jesus Christ our Savior. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit that we may live godly and righteous lives of faithful service, to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

P: (God’s Absolution) Announcement of Forgiveness through Pastor

INTROIT (*Psalm 119:1-8*)

P: Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the LORD!

C: Blessed *are* those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!

P: They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways.

C: You have commanded *us* to keep Your precepts diligently.

P: Oh, that my ways were directed to keep Your statutes!

C: Then I would not be ashamed, when I look into all Your commandments.

P: I will praise You with uprightness of heart, when I learn Your righteous judgments.

C: I will keep Your statutes; Oh, do not forsake me utterly!

PSALM 100

Sing from the Supplement

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

O LORD God, as we continue to walk in Your ways and by Your Word, may we do so trusting both in Your grace and Your power. It is Your love that sustains us, Your wisdom that guides us, and Your presence that enables us to fulfill our respective callings. Grant that we might serve You with faithfulness until You call us home to heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING (Join in with the bold words)

JOB 38:1-11 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said, ²“Who is this that darkens counsel By words without knowledge?” ³“**Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me!**” ⁴“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell *Me*, if you have understanding, ⁵Who set its measurements? Since you know. Or who stretched the line on it?” ⁶“On what were its bases sunk? Or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷When the morning stars sang together And all the sons of **God** shouted for joy?” ⁸“**Or *who* enclosed the sea with doors When, bursting forth, it went out from the womb;** ⁹When I made a cloud its garment And thick darkness its swaddling band, ¹⁰ And I placed boundaries on it And set a bolt and doors, ¹¹ And I said, ‘Thus far you shall come, but no farther; And here shall your proud waves stop’?”

P: Let us praise the Lord for giving us His Word.

C: *Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

BIBLE MEMORY PASSAGE

John 15:5 -- I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you

can do nothing.

EPSITILE READING

C: *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

1 PETER 2:13-17 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good. ¹⁵ **For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—** ¹⁶ as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. ¹⁷ Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

ROMANS 13:1-5 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ² Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. ⁴ **For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to *execute* wrath on him who practices evil.** ⁵ Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it.

C: *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

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HYMN #758

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

THE SERMON

MATTHEW 8:18-27

Now when Jesus saw a crowd around Him, He gave **orders** to depart to the other side *of the sea*. ¹⁹ Then a scribe came and said to Him, “Teacher, I will follow You wherever You go.” ²⁰ Jesus *said to him, “The foxes have holes and the birds of the ^[u]air *have* ^[u] nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head.” ²¹ Another of the disciples said to Him, “Lord, permit me first to go and bury my father.” ²² But Jesus *said to him, “Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead.” ²³ When He got into the boat, His disciples followed Him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose ^[v] a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being covered with the waves; but Jesus Himself was