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TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

(Rite II—pp. 60-85, *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*)

A HYMN 24 “Lord, Open Thou My Heart to Hear”

1 Lord, open Thou my heart to hear
And through Thy Word to me draw near;
Let me Thy Word e'er pure retain;
Let me Thy child and heir remain.

2 Thy Word doth deeply move the heart,
Thy Word doth perfect health impart,
Thy Word my soul with joy doth bless,
Thy Word brings peace and happiness.

3 To God the Father, God the son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,

Shall glory, praise, and honor be
Now and throughout eternity.

THE INVOCATION *(Stand)*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:

“Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT **Psalm 86**

P: Bow down Your ear, O Lord, hear me. You are my God, save Your servant who trusts in You! Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I cry to You all day long. Rejoice the soul of Your servant, For to You, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

THE GLORIA PATRI

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, have mercy)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

C: ♪ Glory be to God on high:

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT (Prayer for the Day)

P: O Lord, we beseech You, let Your continual mercy cleanse and defend Your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without Your help, preserve it evermore by Your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 2 Kings 18:1-12

In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah, king of Israel, Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah, began to reign. ² He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. ³ And he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done. ⁴ He removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah. And he broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the people of Israel had made offerings to it (it was called Nehushtan). ⁵ He trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel, so that there was none like him among all the kings of Judah after him, nor among those who were before him. ⁶ For he held fast to the Lord. He did not depart from following him, but kept the commandments that the Lord commanded Moses. ⁷ And the Lord was

with him; wherever he went out, he prospered. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and would not serve him.⁸ He struck down the Philistines as far as Gaza and its territory, from watchtower to fortified city.

⁹ In the fourth year of King Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah, king of Israel, Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria and besieged it,¹⁰ and at the end of three years he took it. In the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken.¹¹ The king of Assyria carried the Israelites away to Assyria and put them in Halah, and on the Habor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes,¹² because they did not obey the voice of the Lord their God but transgressed his covenant, even all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded. They neither listened nor obeyed.

PSALM 115

P: ¹² The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron;

**C: ¹³ he will bless those who fear the Lord,
both the small and the great.**

P: ¹⁴ May the Lord give you increase,
you and your children!

**C: ¹⁵ May you be blessed by the Lord,
who made heaven and earth!**

P: ¹⁶ The heavens are the Lord's heavens,
but the earth he has given to the children of man.

**C: ¹⁷ The dead do not praise the Lord,
nor do any who go down into silence.**

P: ¹⁸ But we will bless the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the Lord!!

THE EPISTLE: Ephesians 5:15-21

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to

God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

THE ALLELUIA (*Stand*)

C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL **Matthew 22:1-14**

P: The Holy Gospel for this Sunday is written...

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, “Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.” ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, “The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.” ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹² And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: ♪ Praise be to You, O Christ.

THE CREED **Nicene Creed**

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the

Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life † of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN: CW 689 “Renew Me, O Eternal Light”

1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, and let my
2 De - stroy in me the lust of sin, from all im -
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, that glad - ly
4 Grant that I on - ly you may love and seek those

heart and soul be bright, il - lu - mined with the
pure - ness make me clean. O grant me pow'r and
I o - bey your Word. O let your will be
things which are a - bove till I be - hold you

light of grace that is - sues from your ho - ly face.
strength, my God, to strive a - gainst my flesh and blood.
my de - sire and with new life my soul in - spire.
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through your grace.

SERMON: “Trust and Serve the Lord without Compromise” 2 Kings 18:1-12

THE OFFERTORY VERSE *(Stand)*

C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING:

If you are a first time visitor with us, we encourage you to fill out a welcome card which is in the pew in front of you. You may place it in the offering plate as it comes by and our Pastor will happily reach out to you.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Stand)*

P: Let us pray for the Church and all people according to their needs: Almighty God and Father, we thank You for all Your goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Your dear Son, through whom You have revealed Your grace. We pray that You would plant Your Word in our hearts that we may cling to it in faith and bear much fruit in well doing.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Strengthen and defend Your Church, that by Your Word and Sacraments faith may grow and love toward all increase. Guide and protect all who spread abroad the light of Your truth throughout the world. Bless the schools, colleges, and seminaries of the Church that they may send forth laborers to serve in the ministry of Your Word, in the ministry of mercy, and in all godly walks of life. Let the light of Your Word shine continually in our homes. Keep the children of the Church in the grace of their Baptism, and grant that all entrusted with their care may bring them up in true faith and obedience to Your will.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You, let them shout for joy because You defend them.

P: Guide and bless all lawful authority, especially our President, the Congress, and the Governor and legislators of this state. Give them wisdom and sound judgement, that justice may prevail and wickedness be hindered and punished.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our Helper.

P: We commend into Your care all who are in trouble, want, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those who are suffering for Your name and Your truth. Comfort them, O God, with Your Holy Spirit, that in all their afflictions they may acknowledge Your fatherly will and rejoice in Your gracious and speedy deliverance.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your name.

P: Let Your blessing rest upon seed time and harvest, on commerce and industry, on medicine

and science; sanctify the arts and culture, the rest and leisure of Your people. Protect all who travel, and care for all whose labor is difficult or dangerous. Bless all who in their daily calling endeavor to do Your will, and give them the assurance that their work is pleasing in Your sight.

C: Blessed are You, O Lord, for You have not turned away from our prayer!

(Special intercessions may be added)

P: Protect our bodies and souls from all harm and danger; support us in our last hour with Your mercy; and finally admit us into Your eternal joy, to love and serve You in the blessed company of Your saints and angels forevermore; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. The righteous cry out and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Service of Holy Communion

Our Communion Practice.

Faith Lutheran Church practices closed communion, admitting to the Lord's Supper only those who are members of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) or of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We ask that all others refrain from communing out of respect for our practice.

If you would like to receive a blessing during the Lord's Supper, please come forward and signify by crossing your arms across your chest. Please speak with our Pastor if you have questions. Thank you.

A HYMN: 184 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" *(Sit)*

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!

As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray

From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,

Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

THE PREFACE (*Stand*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.

THE PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS (*Holy, Holy, Holy*)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty co-equal. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE EXHORTATION

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ; "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare. From Christ's words "for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins. And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and 'this do in remembrance of Me.' If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins. You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus

Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My † blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PAX DOMINI (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION *(Sit)*

A HYMN: 510 vv. 1,2,5 "Fear and Love Thy God and Lord"

1 Fear and love thy God and Lord,
And revere His name and Word,
Holy keep the Sabbath day,
Honor to thy parents pay.
Kill not, shun adultery,
Steal not, lies and slander flee,
Keep from covetousness free.
Help me, Lord, I trust in Thee!

2 In the Father I believe,
Who to all did being give,
And in Jesus Christ, His Son,
Who for all redemption won;
And my faith I also place
In the Holy Ghost, whose grace
Sanctifies our souls and ways.
Grant me faith through all my days!

5 Jesus, let my soul be fed
With Thyself, the living Bread,
For Thy flesh is meat indeed,
And Thy cleansing blood I need;

Let it cleanse from sin and shame,
Keep me from all harm and blame,
That Thy death I may proclaim,
And forever bless Thy name!

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (*Stand*)

C: ♪ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen

THE COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: ♪ And his mercy endures forever.

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with His favor and give † you peace.

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 597 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name”

1 Savior, again to Thy dear Name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise.
Once more we bless Thee ere our worship cease,
Then, lowly bending, wait Thy word of peace.

2 Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way;
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day:
Guard Thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Thy name.

3 Grant us Thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
Turn Thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep Thy children free;
For dark and light are both alike to Thee.

4 Grant us Thy peace throughout our earthly life,
Our Balm in sorrow and our Stay in strife.
Then, when Thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
Call us, O Lord, to Thine eternal peace.

TRINITY 15

Queen Jezebel was a strong, domineering character, and was self-willed and forceful. She was a fanatical devotee of the Tyrian Baal. By the time her husband, Ahab, was king, her staff numbered 450 of Baal's prophets and 400 prophets of the goddess Asherah. She clamored for her god to have at least equal rights with the God of Israel. Her concept of an absolute monarchy was at variance with the covenant relationship between the Lord, the king and the people. After Ahab's death, Jezebel continued as a power in Israel for ten years, in her role as queen-mother. Elijah was the prophet of God who openly opposed their idolatrous ways and accurately prophesied the ugly and disgraceful end of Ahab, Jezebel and their dynasty.

Sermon Thoughts

- 1) What does the law in this text teach us ourselves?
- 2) How does the Gospel in this text comfort us?
- 3) How may I personally apply this text to my life today?

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS for September 13, 2026

Tuesday 10:30 - 2:00 PM: **Little Lights Homeschool Collective**

Wednesday 9:30 AM: **Women's Bible Study - On Pause**

7:00 PM: **Women's Bible Study - On Pause**

7:00 PM: **Men's Bible Study - Philippians 2**

Sunday 9:00 AM: **Sunday School & Bible Study**

10:30 AM: **Divine Service**

(Voters meeting with potluck after service)