

Service for Wednesday, March 3, 2021

**SERVICE OF THE WORD
GATHERING**

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prayer & Meditation

Gathering Hymn, "Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" ELW 520 vv. 1 & 4

**1. Dearest Jesus, at your word
we have come again to hear you;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near you
as the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.**

**4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise to you and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most:
all your gospel's consolation
while we here on earth await you,
till in heav'n with praise we greet you.**

Text: Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, sts. 1-3; Gesangbuch, Berlin, 1707, st. 4; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878,
adapt. Music Johann R. Ahle, 16-1673. Public Domain.

Greeting

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God.....through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Psalm 119:97-106

O how I love Your teaching! It is my study all day long.
Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies; they always stand by me.
I have gained more insight than all my teachers, for Your decrees are my study.
I have gained more understanding than my elders, for I observe Your precepts.
I have avoided every evil way so that I may keep Your word.
I have not departed from Your rules, for You have instructed me.
How pleasing is Your word to my palate, sweeter than honey.
I ponder Your precepts; therefore I hate every false way.
Your word is a lamp to my feet, a light for my path.
I have firmly sworn to keep Your just rules.

Sermon, "The Christian Habit of Study"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn, "Break Now the Bread of Life" ELW 515 vv. 1, 3

**1. Break now the bread of life,
dear Lord to me,
as once you broke the loaves
beside the sea.**

**Beyond the sacred page
I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you,
O living Word.**

**3. You are the bread of life,
dear Lord, to me,**

**your holy word the truth
that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live
with you above;
teach me to love your truth,
for you are love.**

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841-1913, alt. Music: William F. Sherwin, 1826-1899. Public Domain.

Responsive Prayer

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
C: **have mercy on us.**

**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.**

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty..... and the life everlasting. Amen.

P: Show us your mercy, O God,
C: **and grant us your salvation.**
P: Give us the joy of your saving help again,
C: **and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.**
P: Give us peace in all the world;
C: **For only in you can we live in safety.**
P: Keep the nations under your care,
C: **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
P: Let your way be known upon earth;
C: **your saving health among all nations.**
P: Let not the needy be forgotten,
C: **nor the hope of the poor taken away.**
P: Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C: **and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.**
P: Lord, hear my prayer,
C: **and let my cry come before you.**
P: We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.
C: **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

P: Let us bless the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**
P: Almighty God, bless us, defend us from evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
C: **Amen.**

Announcements

1. Loose Offering during Lent will go to the Food Shelf
2. March 6 – LIFE

Sending Hymn, “Now the Day is Over” ELW 570

All

1. **Now the day is over;
night is drawing nigh;
shadows of the evening
steal across the sky.**

Cantor

2. Jesus, give the weary
calm and sweet repose;
with your tend'rest blessing
may our eyelids close.

Cantor

3. Comfort ev'ry suff'rer
watching late in pain;
those who plan some evil,
from their sin restrain.

Cantor

4. Through the long night-watches
may your angels spread
their bright wings above me,
watching round my bed.

All

5. **When the morning wakens,
then may I arise
pure and fresh and sinless
in your holy eyes.**

All

6. **Glory to the Father,
glory to the Son,
and to you, blest Spirit,
while the ages run.**

Text: Sabine Baring-Gould, 1834-1924, alt. Music: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896. Public Domain

Sending Music

Confirmation Worship Notes
Wed., March 3, 2021

Name _____ Grade _____

1. Meaningful hymn for you this evening

_____.

2. The focus for the sermon is the Christian Habit of _____

3. What part of the body is very much involved in the habit of study? _____

4. Who is the pattern for our own thinking and acting? _____

5. In the Christian Habit of study who is the Teacher? _____

Who is the student? _____

6. What is the chief object of our Christian Habit of Study?

_____.

7. Psalm 119 speaks of wisdom, _____ and _____.

These gifts can only be ours because they are a part of God's character first.

Scripture text for this evening.

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