vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of y		SignatureSigna	8 18
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH	1 Timothy 2:1-4	Please register your presence with us by filling out one of the Member/Guest cards found in the pew rack in front of you and giving it to an usher or placing into the offering plate.	
LORD'S PRAYER	Matthew 6:9-11; pg. 162	AS WE GATHER	
COLLECT		What was so different in one leper's life in today's Gospel? All ten hoped they could be cured, but only he believed in Jesus personally. He lived out that faith in his thanksgiving, and he heard Jesus tell him, "Your faith has made you well" (Luke 17:19). In the Old Testament Reading, faith moved Ruth to decide to	
BENEDICTION (Numbers 6:24-26) pg. 166 P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace. Image: Comparison of the compari		stay with Naomi and to announce, "Your people shall be my people, and your God my God" (Ruth 1:16). What a change in her life, including becoming Jesus' ancestor! In the Epistle, Paul encourages Timothy to live out his faith even amid opposition. Today, God's Word asks us to review the faith the Holy Spirit has given us. How shall we live out that faith? In churchly words and music, in caring for people around us, in using our unique gifts to God's glory? The day is open for lively faith.	
CLOSING HYMN "I Leave All Things to God's Direction"	# 719	PRELUDE "Lord, Have Mercy"	Edward Broughton
		WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	
POSTLUDE — KINGSFOLD	arr. Noel Rawsthorne	OPENING HYMN "For All the Faithful Women"	sts 1, 7, 3, 4; # 855
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		CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION	pg. 151
		INVOCATION	Matthew 28:19; [18:20]
		 P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. C Amen. 	
ACKNOWLEDGMENTS		EXHORTATION	1 John 1:8-9
Portions of the Order of Service are from Lutheran Service Book © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.		 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 	
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Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- **C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. John 20:19-23
- **C** Amen

+ SERVICE of the WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a

- ²My soul makes its boast in the Lord let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!
- ⁴I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
- ¹⁷When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

¹Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47; pg. 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



HOLY GOSPEL (Only one leper thanks Jesus for his healing.) Luke 17:11-19

 \mathbf{P} The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17^{th} chapter.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED	pg. 159
HYMN OF THE DAY "Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old"	# 846
SERMON	
OFFERING — ST. PETER	Paul Bouman
OFFERTORY (Stand) Psalm 116:12-13, 17 What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-er me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing call on the name of the Lord. I will take the of	e-fits to and will
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If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, He remains faithful—

for He cannot deny Himself.

This is the Word of the Lord. L С

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 111:7-10

- L The works of His hands are faithful and just;
- С all His precepts are trustworthy;
- L they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. С
- L He sent redemption to His people;
- He has commanded His covenant forever. С Holy and awesome is His name!
- L The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
- С all those who practice it have a good understanding. **His praise endures forever!**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE CHOIR "When to Our World the Savior Came"

Robert Schumann



L Alleluia.

Now even more the report about Him went abroad,

С and great crowds gathered to hear Him and to be healed of their infirmities. Alleluia.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

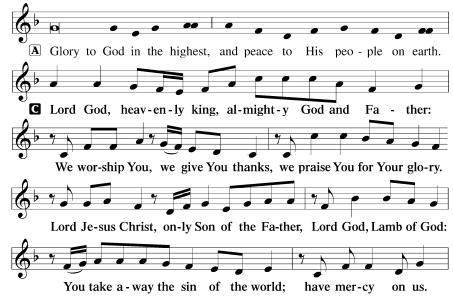


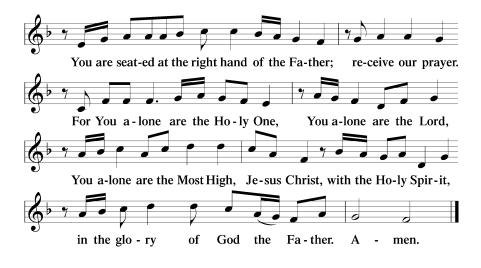
P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



HYMN OF PRAISE— Gloria in Excelsis ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29; pg. 154





SALUTATION and COLLECT of the DAY

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2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

And al - so with you.

- ▶ Let us pray...Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles.
- **C** Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name;
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen. (Sit)

OLD TESTATMENT READING

Ruth 1:1-19a

(Widowed Ruth stays with Naomi and moves to Bethlehem with her.)

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited His people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and

with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 111:4-6

 \mathbf{L} ⁴He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;

C the Lord is gracious and merciful.

- **L** ⁵He provides food for those who fear Him;
- **C** He remembers His covenant forever.

 \mathbf{L} ⁶He has shown His people the power of His works,

C in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

EPISTLE (Paul encourages Timothy to be a good soldier for Christ.) 2 Timothy 2:1–13

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for: