

# Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church

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Praying the Scriptures (Lectio Divina)*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN #870 - "Blessed Assurance"

#### Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

#### *Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830-1908

## PASTORAL GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**Psalm 119:103-112 (read responsively)**

<sup>103</sup>How sweet are your words to my taste,  
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

<sup>104</sup>**Through your precepts I get understanding;  
therefore I hate every false way.**

<sup>105</sup>Your word is a lamp to my feet  
and a light to my path.

<sup>106</sup>**I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,  
to observe your righteous ordinances.**

<sup>107</sup>I am severely afflicted;  
give me life, O LORD, according to your word.

<sup>108</sup>**Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD,  
and teach me your ordinances.**

<sup>109</sup>I hold my life in my hand continually,  
but I do not forget your law.

<sup>110</sup>**The wicked have laid a snare for me,  
but I do not stray from your precepts.**

<sup>111</sup>Your decrees are my heritage forever;  
they are the joy of my heart.

<sup>112</sup>**I incline my heart to perform your statutes  
forever, to the end.**

**FIRST READING – Proverbs 3:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; <sup>2</sup>for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. <sup>3</sup>Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. <sup>4</sup>So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people. <sup>5</sup>Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. <sup>6</sup>In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING – Hebrews 4:12-16**

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. <sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus,

the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

This is the good news according to St John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

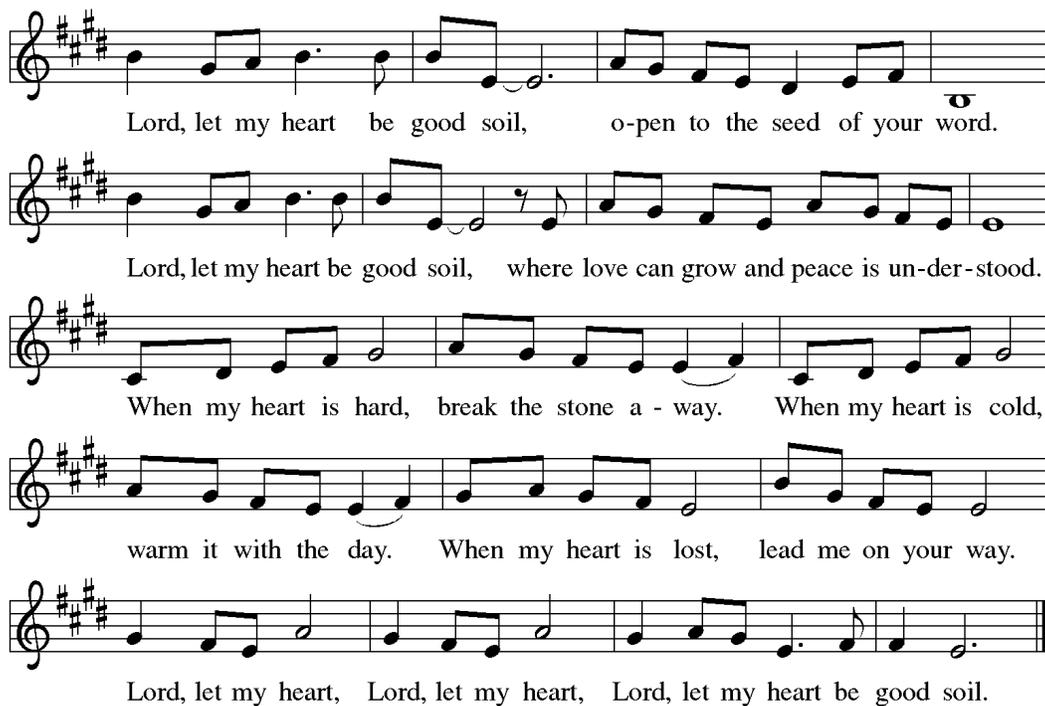
### **Gospel - John 1:1-5**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON: Praying the Scriptures**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY #512 - "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil " Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil**



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Prayers and the Lord's Prayer.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

### BENEDICTION

#### CLOSING HYMN #793 - "Be Thou My Vision"

#### Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

### DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. And serve the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**