



Heaven &
 Earth
will pass away, but my
WORDS
will never pass away.
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PRESERVICE PRAYER Oh Lord, who has caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our edification, grant us Your Holy Spirit that He might open our hearts to reverently hear Your Word, and hearing that we may be brought to a fuller knowledge of your glory revealed in our salvation in Jesus Christ. Grant that, having fed our souls upon the Bread of life, we may be invigorated to live our lives to the glory of our Savior's name. It is in His name alone that we pray. Amen.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE: (p. 22 Worship Supplement 2000)

HYMN: **296 Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth**

1. Speak, O Lord, thy servant heareth, To Thy Word I now give heed;
Life and spirit Thy Word beareth, All Thy Word is true indeed,
Death's dread pow'r in me is rife; Jesus, may Thy Word of Life
Fill my soul with love's strong fervor That I cling to Thee forever.

2. Oh, what blessing to be near Thee And hearken to Thy voice!
May I ever love and fear Thee That Thy Word may be my choice!
Oft were hardened sinners, Lord, Struck with terror by Thy Word;
But to him who for sin grieveth Comfort sweet and hope it giveth.

3. Lord, Thy words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty need;
Lord, Thy words are bread life-giving, On Thy words my soul doth feed.
Lord, Thy words shall be my light Thro' death's vale and dreary night;
Yea, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing.

4. Precious Jesus, I beseech Thee, May Thy words take root in me;
May this gift from heav'n enrich me So that I bear fruit for Thee!
Take them never from my heart Till I see Thee as Thou art,
When in heav'nly bliss and glory I shall greet Thee and adore Thee.

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

C: Amen.

P: God is light and Him is no darkness at all.

C: If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**C: If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Together let us pray.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus' sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Kings 19:9-18

And there (at Mount Horeb) he (Elijah) went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD *came* to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰ So he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life."

¹¹ Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into

the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, *but* the LORD *was* not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, *but* the LORD *was* not in the earthquake; ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, *but* the LORD *was* not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice.

¹³ So it was, when Elijah heard *it*, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice *came* to him, and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

¹⁴ And he said, “I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life.”

¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him: “Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael *as* king over Syria.

¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi *as* king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint *as* prophet in your place. ¹⁷ It shall be *that* whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. ¹⁸ Yet I have reserved seven thousand in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” (NKJV)

THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. ²³ And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. ²⁴ But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.

²⁵ Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶ And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out for fear.

²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.”

²⁸ And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.”

²⁹ So He said, “Come.” And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, “Lord, save me!”

³¹ And immediately Jesus stretched out *His* hand and caught him, and said to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” ³² And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased.

³³Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, “Truly You are the Son of God.” (NKJV)

THE APOSTLES CREED

Hymn 381: I know My Faith is Founded

1. I know my faith is founded On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing, Unmoved I stand upon His Word.
Man’s reason cannot fathom the truth of God profound;
Who trusts her subtle wisdom Relies on shifting ground.
God’s Word is all-sufficient, It makes divinely sure,
And trusting in its wisdom, My faith shall rest secure.

2. Increase my faith, dear Savior, For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with Thee beside me, I shall be undismayed;
And led by Thy good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior, A firmer faith bestow;
Then I shall bid defiance To ev’ry evil foe.

3. In faith, Lord, let me serve Thee; Tho’ persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to over-whelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;
And then at my departure Take Thou me home to Thee
And let me there inherit All Thou hast promised me.
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Thy heav’n I gain,
Where I by Thy great mercy The end of life obtain.

THE SERMON: Romans 9:1-5

Theme: The Christian’s Burden for Lost Souls.

- I. Concern for the Spiritual Welfare of Others.
- II. Appreciation for the Means of Grace
- III. Trusting Jesus as Our Savior God.

SERMON TEXT: Romans 9:1-5

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, ² that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, ⁴ who are Israelites, to whom *pertain* the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of *God*, and the promises; ⁵ of whom *are*

the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ *came*, who is over all, *the* eternally blessed God. Amen. (NKJV)

PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN 294: O Word of God Incarnate

1. O Word of God Incarnate O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky –
We praise thee for the radiance that from the hallowed page,
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

2. The Church from her dear Master Received the gift divine,
And still that light she lifteth O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the golden casket Where gems of truth are stored;
It is the heav'n-drawn picture Of Christ, the living Word.

3. It floateth like a banner Before God's host unfurled;
It shineth like a beacon Above the darkling world;
It is the chart and compass that o'er life's surging sea,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands, Still guides, O Christ, to Thee.

4. Oh, make Thy Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations Thy true light as of old!
Oh, teach Thy wandering pilgrims By this their path to trace
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see Thee face to face!

BENEDICTION;

C: Amen.

Hymn 283: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way, In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.

CALENDAR

TODAY: Thank you for coming to hear the Word. Please exit the building directly after the service. Used bulletins should either be taken home or deposited in the wastepaper basket at the narthex door. Your offerings may be placed in the offering plate at the rear of the nave.

NEXT SUNDAY: Worship at 9:30. Sermon text: Matthew 15:21-28.

SERVING TODAY

Organist: Denise Barthels

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL:

Attendance: August 16 worship – 15

Weekly Offerings Needed	\$ 1,250.00	Memorials
Offerings Received	\$1,475.00	
Needed for Year:	\$40,000.00	
Received for Year:	\$36,708.00	

Church Cleaning - Nelson

August lawn mowing - Mike Nelson

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