

***Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.***

***3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.***

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*We Profess Our Faith: The Apostles' Creed LUYH 783A
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.
 The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
 From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers for the Church and World

Sending

*Benediction

*Closing Song: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" LUYH 965
***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host;
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

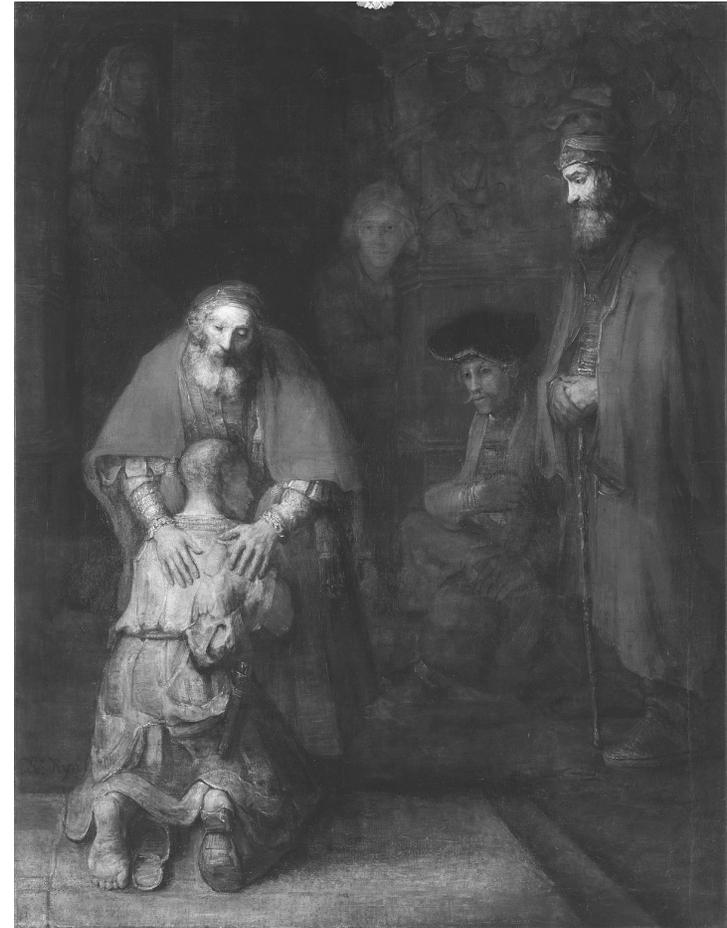
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Ordinary Time

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John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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Gathering

Welcome & Call to Worship

*Song: "How Great Thou Art"

LUYH 553

**1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

**2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)**

**3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)**

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*God Greets Us, We Greet One Another

*Song: "Beautiful Savior"

LUYH 17

**1. Beautiful Savior! King of creation! Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**2. Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**3. Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels in the sky.**

**4. Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!**

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Renewal

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon: "He Will Hold Me Fast"

**1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
when the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
for my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.**

*Chorus: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
for my Savior loves me so. He will hold me fast.*

**2. Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. (to chorus)**

**3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
till our faith is turned to sight when He comes at last! (to chorus)**

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Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: John 3:1-17

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Sermon: "The Sending of the Son into the Far Country"

Dr. Jason Lief

Response

*Song of Response: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer"

LUYH 43

**1. Guide me, O my great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty; hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**2. Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.**