



## Raising the Widow's Son

February 7, 2021

10:30 a.m.

### PRELUDE

Air on "Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense," Op 78. No. 10

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### OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus says to us:

**"Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"**

Amazed, we speak well of him and his gracious works.

**How God has anointed him to bring good news to the poor,**

Release to the captives and let the oppressed go free.

**"We are not worthy; only speak the word and we will be healed."**

Jesus calls to us:

**"Come and stand here. Stretch out your hand. Do not weep. I say to you, rise!"**

Help us say:

**"A great prophet has risen among us. God has looked favorably on all people."**

### OPENING HYMN

"O God, Show Mercy to Us"

*A paraphrase of Psalm 67*

(see end of bulletin)

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Healing Lord, by your goodness you healed many who were ill, even raising the dead to life. Restore us to new life, healing our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may proclaim praise and gratitude for your compassion to all. In the name of the one who is himself new life, Jesus Christ our savior.

**Amen.**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

## FIRST READING

Psalm 119:105-107

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

<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.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## NARRATIVE READING

Luke 7:1-17

Today's narrative reading is from Luke:

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum.  
<sup>2</sup>A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death.  
<sup>3</sup>When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, <sup>5</sup>for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." <sup>6</sup>And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; <sup>7</sup>therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. <sup>8</sup>For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." <sup>9</sup>When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." <sup>10</sup>When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

<sup>11</sup>Soon afterwards he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup>As he approached the gate of the town, a man who had died was being carried out. He was his mother's only son, and she was a widow; and with her was a large crowd from the town. <sup>13</sup>When the Lord saw her, he had compassion for her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup>Then he came forward and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, rise!" <sup>15</sup>The dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup>Fear seized all of them; and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has risen among us!" and "God has looked favorably on his people!" <sup>17</sup>This word about him spread throughout Judea and all the surrounding country.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Live, My Sure Defense”

(see end of bulletin)

*The fourth stanza is sung in a solo version by Michael Gotthard Fischer (1773-1829), organist and teacher in Erfurt, Germany.*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*We gather our prayers using a sung response from the new supplement to the ELW “All Creation Sings.”*

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God’s creation.

Come, bring your bur-dens to God; come, bring your bur-dens to God;

come, bring your bur-dens to God for Je - sus will nev - er say no.

Text: South African; trans. Barbara Clark, Mairi Munro, and Martine Stemerick  
Music: South African melody, arr. Welile Sigabi  
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Each petition concludes:  
[Sung Response]

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

**Amen.**

## LORD’S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**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.**

**BENEDICTION**

God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.  
**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

“O God of Light”

(see end of bulletin)

**PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**POSTLUDE**

Postlude on “O God of Light”

Mark Sedio

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# O God, Show Mercy to Us

(Psalm 67)

The musical score is written in a single system with six staves. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The lyrics are: "O God, show mercy to us, and bless us with your grace; For you will judge the peoples in truth and righteousness, and cause to shine upon us the brightness of your face, and on the earth all nations will your just rule confess. so that your way most holy on earth may soon be known, Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing. and unto every people your saving grace be shown. Then earth in rich abundance to us its fruit will bring. Let all the peoples praise you; let all the nations sing; The Lord our God will bless us; our God will blessing send, in every land let praises and songs of gladness ring. and all the earth will worship to its remotest end."

Text: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*, 1909  
Music: *Thaxted*, Gustav Holst, 1918

**Stanzas 1, 2, 4 (solo), 5**

## Jesus Lives, My Sure Defense



1 Je - sus lives, my sure de - fense and my ev - er - last - ing Sav - ior!  
2 Je - sus, my re - deem - er, lives; I too un - to life shall wak - en.  
3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by hope for - ev - er;  
4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence I am tak - en.



Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence rests in hope and will not wa - ver,  
Bright the hope this prom - ise gives; shall my cour - age, then, be shak - en?  
faith's strong hand the rock has found, grasped it, and will leave it nev - er;  
But these eyes my Lord will know when from death I shall a - wak - en,



though the night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.  
Shall I fear then? Can the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?  
e - ven death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.  
with my Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.

5 Then take comfort and rejoice,  
for his people Christ will cherish.  
Fear not, you will hear his voice;  
dying, you will never perish;  
for the very grave is stirred  
when the trumpet's blast is heard.

6 Here on earth, then, let your hearts  
rise from longings vain and hollow.  
Seek what Christ your Lord imparts  
while you in his footsteps follow.  
As you now still wait to rise,  
set your hearts beyond the skies!

Text: Otto von Schwerin, 1616–1679; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.

Music: Jesus, MEINE ZUVERSICHT, attr. Johann Cru. ger, 1598–1662

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# O God of Light



1 O God of light, your word, a lamp un - fail - ing,  
2 From days of old, through blind and will - ful a - ges,  
3 Un - dimmed by time, those words are still re - veal - ing  
4 To all the world your sum - mons you are send - ing,



shall pierce the dark - ness of our earth - bound way  
though we re - belled, you gent - ly sought a - gain,  
to sin - ful hearts your jus - tice and your grace;  
through all the earth, to ev - 'ry land and race,



and show your grace, your plan for us un - veil - ing,  
and spoke through saints, a - pos - tles, proph - ets, sa - ges,  
and quest - ing spir - its, long - ing for your heal - ing,  
that myr - iad tongues, in one great an - them blend - ing,



and guide our foot - steps to the per - fect day.  
who wrote with ea - ger or re - luc - tant pen.  
see your com - pas - sion in the Sav - ior's face.  
may praise and cel - e - brate your gift of grace.

Text: Sarah E. Taylor, 1883–1954, alt.

Music: ATKINSON, H. Barrie Cabena, b. 1933

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