

Light a candle

Sign of the cross

In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sing

“Fairest Lord Jesus” – Maranatha Celtic <https://youtu.be/wdNASJDwvAU>

“Know (Be Still)” – Jeremy Riddle https://youtu.be/38zPi0k9_MQ

“No Longer Slaves” – Jonathan David and Melissa Helser

<https://youtu.be/f8TkUMJtK5k>

“Light of the World” – Lauren Daigle https://youtu.be/_cLhaZIBSpo

“Who Am I” – Casting Crowns <https://youtu.be/3rT8Re1EIQc>

“Goodness of God” – Bethel Music <https://youtu.be/-f4MUUMWMV4>

God’s Word

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:3-12

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



Reflection

We believe that God is our Creator. We know that God created everything in the beginning, but God has not stepped back to watch what happens to His creation from a distance. God is with us, here and now. God continues to create and has created us as his co-creators or co-workers. All of us have been created for and with a purpose. Wherever we are and whatever our work is, God is working through us. Martin Luther talked about the “masks of God.” We cannot see God directly, but He is hidden behind the faces we meet and the people who help us and provide what we need. When we serve God in our vocations of family, work and citizenship God is working through us creating food and clothing, love and protection, and order and peace in the world. Other people cannot see God, but we bear witness to the presence of Jesus Christ in the world, here and now. Jesus is our merciful Lord who loves and cares for us. When people are merciful, thoughtful, generous, kind, courageous and self-sacrificing they are the masks of our merciful God who is helping us in our time of need. God is hidden among us, His earthen vessels.

Activity (optional)

Do you know how to make a mask? Would you like to contribute towards making masks for a particular cause? Perhaps you can make cheerful looking masks for children.

Music

Sing/Listen to music. Ideas:

“What a Friend we have in Jesus” – Voice of Praise Quartet

<https://youtu.be/4XRmGEBH0qs>

“Spirit in the Sky” – Norman Greenbaum https://youtu.be/AZQxH_8raCI

“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)” – Chris Tomlin <https://youtu.be/Y-4NFvI5U9w>

“Goodness of God” – Tasha Cobbs Leonard <https://youtu.be/s9jmr0uoAYY>

Bible verses

Proverbs 2:1-9

Catechism

The Lord’s Prayer

– Fifth Prayer: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.



Prayer

Lord Jesus, you teach us that it is so important to forgive other people. We confess that we do not always want to forgive others. Help us to forgive others as it can be really difficult for us to do. Help us to know that we can forgive others with the strength and comfort that you give us. We pray that you would forgive us our sins. We thank you for loving us so much that you died for us to save us from our sins. We thank you that nothing can separate us from you or snatch us out of your hands. We praise you Lord Jesus, our Prince of Peace, who brings peace to our hearts. Amen.

Blessing

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus. Amen.

