

**HISability**  
AWARENESS SUNDAY

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn 149: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: Lord, we praise Your holy name.**

P: In silence meditate on God's Word and our need for Jesus' forgiveness.

**C: We confess before our brothers and sisters in Christ and before our Lord that we have sinned in thought, word and deed against each other, our families, the people in the community in which we live, those around us who are in need and our Lord. We deserve nothing but God's wrath and punishment, temporal death and eternal damnation for our sins. We place ourselves into the gracious hand of our crucified, risen and ascended Lord for complete and full forgiveness. In His precious name we pray. Amen.**

P: God's grace abounds to us through Jesus Christ our Lord who has removed our sins from us as far as the east is from the west. No longer are they counted against us as He has forgiven us fully and freely. As His called servant I pronounce His forgiveness upon you in the name of the Father and of the Son(+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Hymn "Brothers and Sisters in Christ" (printed on a separate sheet)

The Psalmody (congregation please read the bold print)

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

**Serve the Lord with gladness;**

come before Him with joyful songs.

**Know that the Lord is God.**

It is He who made us, and we are His;

**we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving

**and His courts with praise;**

give thanks to Him

**and praise His name.**

For the Lord is good

**and His love endures forever;**

His faithfulness continues

**through all generations.**

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.**

P: Let/us pray together

**Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Saint Luke the physician to be an evangelist and physician of the soul, grant that the healing medicine of Your Word and the Sacraments may put to flight the disease of our souls that with willing hearts we may ever love and serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Lessons:

Isaiah 35:3-8

II Timothy 4:5-11

Luke 4:16-21

Hymn 519: "How Great Thou Art"

The Sermon

P: We confess our faith in Jesus, our Lord and Savior, in the words of Luther's explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.

**"I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, for death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, even as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true."**

The Offering

The Prayers (printed on a separate sheet)

The Lord's Prayer

\*The Words of Institution

\*Hymn During the Distribution, "Jesus Your Blood and Righteousness"

The Blessing:

Hymn 520: "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

## LITANY FOR HISABILITY SUNDAY 2004

Pastor: Lord, our God, we thank and praise you, because in the beginning you created the heavens and the earth.

Congregation: We praise you for your wonderful creation.

P: We confess that sometimes we have remained silent while others claim that we are the result of millions of years of evolution.

C: For the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us our sin.

P: Today we affirm that you made us.

C: We praise you because we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

P: This we believe even when our body does not work as you intended, for reasons known only to you.

C: Yes, Father, we do praise you in all situations.

P: We confess that sometimes we focus more on people's disabilities than on the abilities you have given them.

C: For the sake of Jesus Christ, show mercy and forgive us our sin.

P: Lord Jesus, we thank you for becoming a man like us in all things, yet remaining sinless.

C: We praise you, Lord, because you understand our weaknesses and frailties.

P: Holy Spirit, we praise you for giving us faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior, and for the spiritual gifts that come along with that faith.

C: We praise you, Holy Spirit, for sanctifying our bodies and making them your temples.

P: O Triune God, lead your church to reach out with the love of Jesus to all people, including people with disabilities.

C: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

P: Lord, we ask you to lead your church to remove any barrier that would prevent people with disabilities from full participation in the life of your church.

C: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Note: Here the pastor may add petitions relating to special needs in the congregation.

Hymn Suggestions:

LW 295 Blest Be the Tie that Binds

LW 415 All Depends on Our Possessing

LW 353 Dear Christians One and All Rejoice  
Children of the Heavenly Father

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