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AS WE GATHER

The word *mentor* can be both a noun describing a trusted counselor or a verb meaning to guide someone in new learning. The word originally was the name of a person from classical literature: Mentor was a friend of the Greek hero Odysseus who was entrusted with the education of his son Telemachus. You may have had special mentors throughout your life. We are reminded that Jesus our Lord is our best and most devoted mentor. A well-loved hymn by German writer Sigismund von Birken begins with these words: “Let us ever walk with Jesus, follow His example pure” (*LSB* 685:1). Jesus is our merciful mentor who gently leads us day by day along the path that leads to eternal life. We follow gladly in His footsteps!

Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
Follow His example pure,  
Through a world that would deceive  
us  
And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
Pilgrims here, our home above,  
Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
I shall follow where You guide.  
*LSB* 685:1

Opening Hymn: *LSB* #579 “The Law of God Is Good and Wise

Opening Versicles

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Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel* 33:7–9

Psalm Reading

*Psalms* 32:1–7

New Testament Reading

*Romans* 13:1–10

Holy Gospel Reading

*Matthew* 18:1–20

Responsory

Ten Commandments

Apostles’ Creed

Lord’s Prayer

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *LSB* #820 “My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker”

Offering

Prayer

Collect of the Day

Collect for the Word

Morning Prayer

New Testament Canticle

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Blessing

Closing Hymn: *LSB* #686 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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