



Service Elements

Suggested Liturgical Settings:

Any of the Divine Service settings
Service of Prayer and Preaching (LSB 260)

Suggested Readings:

Old Testament: 2 Kings 22:3—13
Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40
Epistle: 1 Timothy 4:7—16
Gospel: John 5:31—40

Sermon: *The Building Without the Book* — 2 Kings 22:3—13

Suggested Collect for the Day (Luther's Prayer to Receive the Word)

“Eternal God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, grant us Your Holy Spirit who writes the preached word into our hearts so that we may receive and believe it, and be gladdened and comforted by it in eternity. Glorify Your Word in our hearts. Make it so bright and warm that we may find pleasure in it, and through Your inspiration think what is right. By Your power fulfill the Word, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.”¹

Suggested Petitions to include with Prayers of the Church:

Merciful God, You desire that all mankind would come to a knowledge of the truth and be saved. Bless the work of Lutheran Bible Translators and their partners around the world as they work to put Your Word in the hands of those who have not yet come to know You as You have revealed Yourself in the Scriptures. Lord in Your Mercy.
(Hear our prayer)

—OR—

That the work of Bible translation will go forth to the ends of the earth and people from every nation, tribe, people, and language would know Christ as He is revealed in the Scriptures, let us pray to the Lord.
(Lord have mercy)

Hymn suggestions:

God's Word is Our Great Heritage (*LSB 582*)
Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (*LSB 655*)
Thy Strong Word (*LSB 578*)
How Shall They Hear (*LSB 831*)

Contemporary Worship suggestions:

“Ancient Words” Michael W. Smith
“We Fall Down” (with lyrics in Setswana language of Botswana) Chris Tomlin
“This I Believe (the Creed)” Hillsong Worship
“We Speak to Nations” Isaiah Houghton

¹Edward Engelbrecht, comp. and ed. *The Lord Will Answer: A Daily Prayer Catechism Drawn from Holy Scripture, the Church Fathers, and Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation*. St. Louis: Concordia, 2004, p. 38.