

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS RECEPTION OF MEMBERS BY TRANSFER/PROFESSION OF FAITH

OPENING HYMN		"GOD HIMSELF IS PRESENT"	LSB 907
1	God Himself is present:		
	Let us now adore Him		
	And with awe appear before Him.		
	God is in His temple;		
	All within keep silence;		
	Humbly kneel in deepest rev'rence.		
	He alone		
	On His throne		
	Is our God and Savior;		
	Praise His name forever!		
2	God Himself is present:		
	Hear the harps resounding;		
	See the hosts the throne surrounding	J.	
	"Holy, holy, holy!"	-	
	Hear the hymn ascending,		
	Songs of saints and angels blending		
	Bow Your ear		
	To us here:		
	Hear, O Christ, the praises		
	That Your Church now raises.		
3	Fount of ev'ry blessing,		
	Purify my spirit,		
	Trusting only in Your merit.		
	Like the holy angels,		
	Worshiping before You,		
	May I ceaselessly adore You.		
	Let Your will		
	Ever still		
	Rule Your Church terrestrial		
	As the hosts celestial.		
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INVOCATION			

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- \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

OPENING COLLECT

C Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 204

- C 1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.
 - 2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away. Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry, Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—
 - 3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord. Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High, In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply. Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

FIRST READING

It is the glory of God to conceal things,

but the glory of kings is to search things out.

As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,

so the heart of kings is unsearchable.

Take away the dross from the silver,

Proverbs 25:2-10

and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end. This is the Word of the Lord. С Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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Hebrews 13:1–17

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

С

P This is the Word of the Lord.

"SON OF GOD, ETERNAL SAVIOR"

Thanks be to God.

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1 Son of God, eternal Savior,

HYMN

Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race, You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead: Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

- As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
 Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
 Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
 We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
- Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace; Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
 By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain, Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace, Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race: By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one, Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done. Text: Somerset T. C. Lowry, 1855–1932, alt. Text: Public domain

THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" And they could not reply to these things.

Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 14:1–14



Praise to You, O Christ.

"HUMBLED"

THE SERMON

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I believe in one God,		
the Father Almighty,		
maker of heaven and earth		
and of all things visible and invisible.		
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,		
the only-begotten Son of God,		
begotten of His Father before all worlds,		
God of God, Light of Light,		
very God of very God,		
begotten, not made,		
being of one substance with the Father,		
by whom all things were made;		
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven		
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary		
and was made man;		
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.		
He suffered and was buried.		
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures		
and ascended into heaven		
and sits at the right hand of the Father.		
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,		
whose kingdom will have no end.		
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,		
the Lord and giver of life,		
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,		

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P When you call to Me, I will answer you, says the Lord.
- **C** I will be with you in trouble; I will rescue you and honor you.
- **P** With long life the Lord will satisfy you
- **C** and show you His salvation.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- **C** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most

grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.
- May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **C** Amen.

PAX DOMINI

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

HYMN"JESUS COMES TODAY WITH HEALING"LSB 620Sts. 1, 4

- Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing, Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace. He Himself makes preparation, And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessèd feast."
- God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour In this ordinary sign.
 On my tongue His pledge receiving, I accept His grace, believing That I taste His love divine.
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PREFACE

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

C Holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord; Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Text. Stephen P. Starke

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P Holy and gracious Father: In Your infinite love You made us for Yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, You, in Your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, Your only and eternal

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Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to You, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out His arms upon the cross, and offered Himself, in obedience to Your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night on which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat: This is My Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also after supper, He took the cup; and when He had given thanks, He blessed it and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, drink of this all of you: This cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for You and for many for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this our act of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling His death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine. Sanctify them by Your Holy Spirit to be for Your people the Body and Blood of Your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve You in unity, steadfastness, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all Your saints into the joy of Your eternal kingdom.

THE GREAT AMEN

- All this we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ: By Him, and with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

 Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION

- P Welcome to the Lord's Table. Receive the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.
- **C** Amen.

AGNUS DEI

C 1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, LSB 210

Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray. Text: Stephen P. Starke

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"LORD JESUS CHRIST, LIFE-GIVING BREAD" LSB 625

- Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread, May I in grace possess You.
 Let me with holy food be fed, In hunger I address You.
 Prepare me well for You, O Lord, And, humbly by my prayer implored, Give me Your grace and mercy.
- 2 To pastures green, Lord, safely guide, To restful waters lead me; Your table well for me provide, Your wounded hand now feed me. Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak, Refuge in You alone I seek, To share Your cup of healing.
- O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight, For full and free remission
 I come with prayer before Your sight In sorrow and contrition.
 Your righteousness, Lord, cover me That I receive You worthily, Assured of Your full pardon.
- 4 I do not merit favor, Lord, My weight of sin would break me; In all my guilty heart's discord, O Lord, do not forsake me.
 In my distress this comforts me That You receive me graciously, O Christ, my Lord of mercy! Text: Johan Rist, 1607–67; tr. Arthur T. Russell, 1806–74, alt. Text: Public domain

"LORD OF ALL HOPEFULNESS"

LSB 738

- Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy, Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy: Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray, Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
- 2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith, Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:

Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray, Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

- Lord of all kindliness, Lord of all grace,
 Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
 Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
 Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
- Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm, Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm: Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray, Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day. Text: Jan Struther, 1901–53 Text: © Oxford University Press. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005819

"YOUR TABLE I APPROACH"

LSB 628

- Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
 Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.
- Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;
 A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me, Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.
- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord, That earth and hell combined May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light. Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt. Text: Public domain

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

▶ Eternal God, Heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with the spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and unity of heart; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

BENEDICAMUS

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- **C** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN "LOVE IN CHRIST IS STRONG AND LIVING"

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- Love in Christ is strong and living, Binding faithful hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giving. May His will in us be done.
- Love is patient and forbearing, Clothed in Christ's humility,
 Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring, Reaching out in charity.
- Love in Christ abides forever, Fainting not when ills attend; Love, forgiving and forgiven, Shall endure until life's end. Text: Dorothy R. Schultz, 1934 Text: © 1979 Concordia Publishing House. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005819

DISMISSAL

P Go in God's peace; love and serve your neighbor!

C Thanks be to God!

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