

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING HYMN

### “O GOD, O LORD OF HEAVEN AND EARTH”

LSB 834

1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth,  
Thy living finger never wrote  
That life should be an aimless mote,  
A deathward drift from futile birth.  
Thy Word meant life triumphant hurled  
In splendor through Thy broken world.  
Since light awoke and life began,  
Thou hast desired Thy life for man.

2 Our fatal will to equal Thee,  
Our rebel will wrought death and night.  
We seized and used in prideful spite  
Thy wondrous gift of liberty.  
We housed us in this house of doom,  
Where death had royal scope and room,  
Until Thy servant, Prince of Peace,  
Breached all its walls for our release.

3 Thou camest to our hall of death,  
O Christ, to breathe our poisoned air,  
To drink for us the dark despair  
That strangled our reluctant breath.  
How beautiful the feet that trod  
The road that leads us back to God!  
How beautiful the feet that ran  
To bring the great good news to man!

△ 4 O Spirit, who didst once restore  
Thy Church that it might be again  
The bringer of good news to men,  
Breathe on Thy cloven Church once more,  
That in these gray and latter days  
There may be those whose life is praise,  
Each life a high doxology  
To Father, Son, and unto Thee.

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-76, alt.  
Text: © 1967 Augsburg Fortress. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005819

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve

**Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.

#### **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful Father, Your patience and loving-kindness toward us have no end. Grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may always think and do those things that are pleasing in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Genesis 2:18–25**

<sup>18</sup>Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”  
<sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
she shall be called Woman,  
because she was taken out of Man.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup>And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### **EPISTLE**

**Hebrews 2:1–13**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup>For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup>how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup>while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.

<sup>5</sup>Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup>It has been testified somewhere,

“What is man, that you are mindful of him,  
or the Son of Man, that you care for Him?”

<sup>7</sup>You made Him for a little while lower than the angels;

You have crowned Him with glory and honor,  
<sup>8</sup>putting everything in subjection under His feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to Him, He left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to Him. <sup>9</sup>But we see Him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>For it was fitting that He, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup>For He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why He is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will tell of Your name to my brothers;  
in the midst of the congregation I will sing Your praise.”

<sup>13</sup>And again,

“I will put my trust in Him.”

And again,

“Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:2–16

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>2</sup>Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and they shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

<sup>10</sup>And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>And they were bringing children to Him that He might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw it, He was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup>Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And He took them in his arms and blessed them, laying His hands on them.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

**was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

### **SERMON HYMN**

### **“OUR FATHER, BY WHOSE NAME”**

**LSB 863**

- 1 Our Father, by whose name  
All fatherhood is known,  
Who dost in love proclaim  
Each family Thine own,  
Bless Thou all parents, guarding well,  
With constant love as sentinel,  
The homes in which Thy people dwell.
- 2 O Christ, Thyself a child  
Within an earthly home,  
With heart still undefiled,  
Thou didst to manhood come;  
Our children bless in ev'ry place  
That they may all behold Thy face,  
And knowing Thee may grow in grace.
- 3 O Spirit, who dost bind  
Our hearts in unity,  
Who teachest us to find  
The love from self set free,  
In all our hearts such love increase  
That ev'ry home by this release  
May be the dwelling place of peace.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984  
Text: © The Church Pension Fund. Used by permission: LSB Hymn License no. 110005819

### **SERMON**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **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.**

### **THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when 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  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **PAX DOMINI**

**LSB 163**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### **AGNUS DEI**

**LSB 163**

**C** **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMNS      “WITH THE LORD BEGIN YOUR TASK”**

**LSB 869**

- 1 With the Lord begin your task;  
    Jesus will direct it.  
For His aid and counsel ask;  
    Jesus will perfect it.  
Ev’ry morn with Jesus rise,  
    And when day is ended,  
In His name then close your eyes;  
    Be to Him commended.
- 2 Let each day begin with prayer,  
    Praise, and adoration.  
On the Lord cast ev’ry care;  
    He is your salvation.  
Morning, evening, and at night  
    Jesus will be near you,  
Save you from the tempter’s might,  
    With His presence cheer you.
- 3 With your Savior at your side,  
    Foes need not alarm you;  
In His promises confide,  
    And no ill can harm you.

All your trust and hope repose  
In the mighty Master,  
Who in wisdom truly knows  
How to stem disaster.

4 If your task be thus begun  
With the Savior's blessing,  
Safely then your course will run,  
Toward the promise pressing.  
Good will follow ev'rywhere  
While you here must wander;  
You at last the joy will share  
In the mansions yonder.

5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task  
Be to You commended;  
May Your will be done, I ask,  
Until life is ended.  
Jesus, in Your name begun  
Be the day's endeavor;  
Grant that it may well be done  
To Your praise forever.

### “LOVE IN CHRIST IS STRONG AND LIVING”

LSB 706

1 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.

2 Love is patient and forbearing,  
Clothed in Christ's humility,  
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,  
Reaching out in charity.

3 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

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**BENEDICTION**

**P** 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****“OH, BLEST THE HOUSE”**

- 1 Oh, blest the house, whate'er befall,  
 Where Jesus Christ is all in all!  
 A home that is not wholly His—  
 How sad and poor and dark it is!
  
- 2 Oh, blest that house where faith is found  
 And all in hope and love abound;  
 They trust their God and serve Him still  
 And do in all His holy will!
  
- 3 Oh, blest the parents who give heed  
 Unto their children's foremost need  
 And weary not of care or cost.  
 May none to them and heav'n be lost!
  
- 4 Oh, blest that house; it prospers well.  
 In peace and joy the parents dwell,  
 And in their children's lives is shown  
 How richly God can bless His own.
  
- 5 Then here will I and mine today  
 A solemn promise make and say:  
 Though all the world forsake His Word,  
 I and my house will serve the Lord!

**DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God!