# CALL TO WORSHIP “CASCADING BELLS”

# WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

# HANDBELL ANTHEM “GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS”

OPENING HYMN

“GRACIOUS GOD, YOU SEND GREAT BLESSINGS” LSB 782

1 Gracious God, You send great blessings  
 New each morning all our days.  
For Your mercies never ending,  
 For Your love we offer praise. Refrain

ref Lord, we pray that we, Your people  
 Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings  
 May bring glory to Your name.

2 By Your Word You formed creation  
 Filled with creatures large and small;  
As we tend that endless treasure  
 May our care encircle all. Refrain

3 In His earthly life, our Savior  
 Knew the care of faithful friends;  
May our deeds of dedication  
 Offer love that never ends. Refrain

D 4 Heav’nly Father, may our caring  
 Bear the imprint of Your grace;  
With the Son and Holy Spirit,  
 Praise be Yours in ev’ry place! Refrain

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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 T 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.

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Amos 5:6–7, 10–15

6Seek the Lord and live,  
 lest He break out like fire in the house of Joseph,  
 and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,  
7O you who turn justice to wormwood  
 and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . .

10They hate him who reproves in the gate,  
 and they abhor him who speaks the truth.  
11Therefore because you trample on the poor  
 and you exact taxes of grain from him,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
 but you shall not dwell in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
 but you shall not drink their wine.  
12For I know how many are your transgressions  
 and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
 and turn aside the needy in the gate.  
13Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,  
 for it is an evil time.  
14Seek good, and not evil,  
 that you may live;  
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
 as you have said.  
15Hate evil, and love good,  
 and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
 will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Hebrews 3:12–19

12Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. 13But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. 14For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. 15As it is said,

“Today, if you hear His voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

16For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? 17And with whom was He provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? 19So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 10:17–22

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

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

17As [Jesus] was setting out on His journey, a man ran up and knelt before Him and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 18And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone. 19You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” 20And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” 21And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” 22Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

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** T **everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

“THEE WILL I LOVE, MY STRENGTH, MY TOWER” LSB 694

1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;  
 Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.  
Thee will I love with all my power,  
 With ardor time shall ne’er destroy.  
Thee will I love, O Light divine,  
So long as life is mine.

2 Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,  
 Who art my best and truest friend.  
Thee will I love and praise forever,  
 For never shall Thy kindness end.  
Thee will I love with all my heart—  
Thou my Redeemer art!

3 I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,  
 Whose radiance hath brought light to me;  
I thank Thee, who hast richly given  
 All that could make me glad and free;  
I thank Thee that my soul is healed  
By what Thy lips revealed.

4 O keep me watchful, then, and humble;  
 Permit me nevermore to stray.  
Uphold me when my feet would stumble,  
 And keep me on the narrow way.  
Fill all my nature with Thy light,  
O Radiance strong and bright!

5 Thee will I love, my crown of gladness;  
 Thee will I love, my God and Lord,  
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,  
 And not for hope of high reward,  
For Thine own sake, O Light divine,  
So long as life is mine.

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

C **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 T 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 T 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 “TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US” LSB 915

1 Today Your mercy calls us  
 To wash away our sin.  
However great our trespass,  
 Whatever we have been,  
However long from mercy  
 Our hearts have turned away,  
Your precious blood can wash us  
 And make us clean today.

2 Today Your gate is open,  
 And all who enter in  
Shall find a Father’s welcome  
 And pardon for their sin.  
The past shall be forgotten,  
 A present joy be giv’n,  
A future grace be promised,  
 A glorious crown in heav’n.

3 Today our Father calls us;  
 His Holy Spirit waits;  
His blessèd angels gather  
 Around the heav’nly gates.  
No question will be asked us  
 How often we have come;  
Although we oft have wandered,  
 It is our Father’s home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy,  
 O ever-open Door,  
What should we do without You  
 When heart and eye run o’er?  
When all things seem against us,  
 To drive us to despair,  
We know one gate is open,  
 One ear will hear our prayer.

“O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST” LSB 733

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1 O God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
 And our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne  
 Thy saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,  
 And our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood  
 Or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God,  
 To endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight  
 Are like an evening gone,  
Short as the watch that ends the night  
 Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream  
 Dies at the op’ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last  
 And our eternal home!

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

C **Amen.**

THANK THE LORD LSB 164

C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy**

**with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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 LSB 166

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 T give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS” LSB 575

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev’ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

DISMISSAL

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

C **Thanks be to God!**