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## Invocation

- L In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

## Opening Hymn – My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

*LSB 575*

## Confession and Absolution

- V In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C **Amen.**

- V 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.**

- V 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.**

- V In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. 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.**

## Service of the Word

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

- V In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
V For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
V For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
V For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
C **Lord, have mercy.**  
V Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C **Amen.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

V The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

V Let us pray.

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Job 40.6 - 14 & Job 42.1 - 6*

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said:

“Dress for action like a man;  
I will question you, and you make it known to me.  
Will you even put me in the wrong?  
Will you condemn me that you may be in the right?  
Have you an arm like God,  
and can you thunder with a voice like his?  
“Adorn yourself with majesty and dignity;  
clothe yourself with glory and splendor.  
Pour out the overflowings of your anger,  
and look on everyone who is proud and abase him.  
Look on everyone who is proud and bring him low  
and tread down the wicked where they stand.  
Hide them all in the dust together;  
bind their faces in the world below.  
Then will I also acknowledge to you  
that your own right hand can save you.

Then Job answered the LORD and said:

“I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.  
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’  
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.  
‘Hear, and I will speak;  
I will question you, and you make it known to me.’  
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;  
therefore I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes.”

V This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b*

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,

**and his greatness is unsearchable.**

On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

**and I will declare your greatness.**

## Epistle

*Romans 9.30 - 10.4*

What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, as it is written,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

V This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

C **Alleluia.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5.17 - 24*

V The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

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

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell of fire. So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

V This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

## Children's Message – The Robe

Message Hymn – Not Unto Us, Not Unto Us Be Glory, Lord

*LSB 558*

Message – Blameless With A Capital “T”

*Stand*

## Nicene Creed

C 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 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

Offering – All for Christ I Have Forsaken

*LSB 753*

## Prayer of the Church

- L For the Church, the world, and our poor sinful selves, let us pray to our Lord, who is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

*A brief silence*

- L Let your Church count everything as loss, compared to the surpassing worth of knowing you as Savior. Fill it with the longing to make you known to every sinner in the world, until you truly are the “all in all,” for all. Especially we pray for the persecuted Church, and for seminarians, pastors, and missionaries. Lord, in your mercy...
- C **Hear our prayer.**
- L Strengthen this congregation in faithful worship, loving fellowship, generous outreach, and holy living. Make this place a place of refreshment and refuge for souls battered by sin, sorrow, and suffering. Lord, in your mercy...
- C **Hear our prayer.**
- L Give peace, justice, health, and safety to every nation, especially our own. Grant wisdom and integrity to all who have been entrusted with authority and power, especially our elected and appointed leaders. Teach us to love one another through deeds of mercy and words of understanding. Lord, in your mercy...
- C **Hear our prayer.**
- L Give your Church pastors, bishops, deacons, and theologians who adorn your Gospel with holy lives and grace-filled words. Through their wise leadership, lead many people to deeper faith, unshakable hope, and generous charity. Lord, in your mercy...
- C **Hear our prayer.**
- L Look with kindness upon the people and ministries of this congregation. Help us keep the main thing the main thing: loving you, and generously sharing your love with others, however and wherever we can. Lord, in your mercy...
- C **Hear our prayer.**
- L So many people hunger for healing and thirst for reconciliation. They long for encouragement and seek understanding. They desire forgiveness, comfort, faith, and hope. Refresh them in the wilderness of their suffering, dear Lord – especially those we lift before you now {\_\_\_\_\_}. Lord, in your mercy...
- C **Hear our prayer.**
- L In gratitude and hope, we entrust our beloved dead into your keeping, dear Lord. Bestow the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, upon all who mourn. Through the same Spirit, grant that we truly know you, O Christ, and the power of your resurrection. Give us grace to share in your suffering. Claim us as your own, and clothe us with your righteousness. In your mercy, welcome us and all whom you have redeemed into your Father’s everlasting Kingdom. Lord, in your mercy...
- C **Hear our prayer.**

L Holy Father, in this the end of the ages you have spoken to us through your Son, Jesus. We thank you for the Gospel, and we pray that you would keep our ears open to hear it anew each day. Give us your Holy Spirit, that we may never reject or despise this grace-filled gift. Lord, in your mercy...

C **Hear our prayer.**

L Hear us, dear Lord; and answer our prayers according to your will, to your glory and for the benefit of the people you long to save.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Service of the Sacrament

### Musical Interlude as the Altar is prepared

#### Preface

*LSB 160*

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

L Let us pray...

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 161*

L Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

L 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."

L As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

L O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## 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.**

## Pax Domini

*LSB 163*

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## Distribution

*Stand*



## Post-Communion Collect

- L Let us pray.  
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

## Collect

- L God of new life, you have drawn us through the waters of baptism and into your everlasting reign. Through Christ's life within us, guide us daily through death to sin and brokenness and into new life in grace and love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C **Amen.**

## Benediction

*LSB 166*

- L 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.**

## Sending Hymn – Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

*LSB 685*

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