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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL + SEEK THE THIRSTY + TEACH THE WORD

\mathcal{P}_s We Gather \mathcal{P}_s

After Jesus' victory over death and the grace, and the Spirit's gift of faith, we along with the disciples know that He has overcome the world, all opposition, and even death itself. John's vision in Revelation depicts a perfect Jerusalem, clear and beautiful, with the Lamb as its lamp. Anticipating such nearness of God, in this our day we can pray, asking for whatever we need, confident of our Father's hearing.

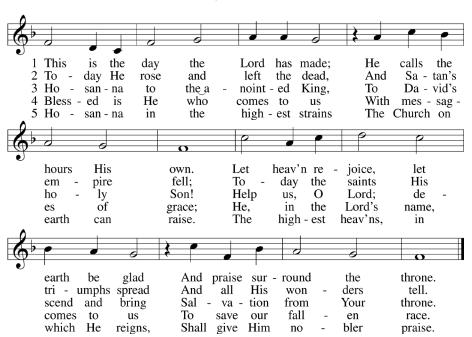
† Preparation †

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

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INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8-9

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

People But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and

cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Pastor Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

People 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.

Pastor 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 \pm Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

t Service of the Word t

INTROIT

Psalm 55:4.16-18

Pastor Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous

to be moved.

People My heart is in anguish within me; the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

Pastor But I call to God, and the Lord will save me.

People Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my

voice.

Pastor He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me.

ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

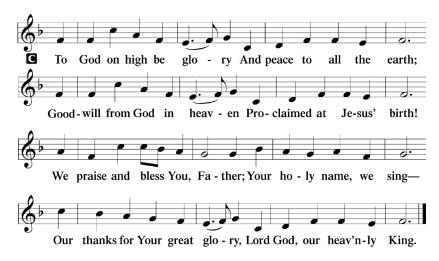
KYRIE LSB 204



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

ALL O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 16:9-15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ...

²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

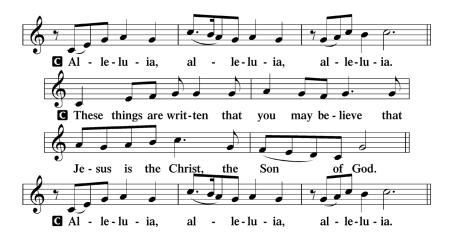
²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

ALLELUIA & VERSE LSB 205



HOLY GOSPEL John 5:1-9

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter.

People Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" ⁷The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." ⁹And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

ALL 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.

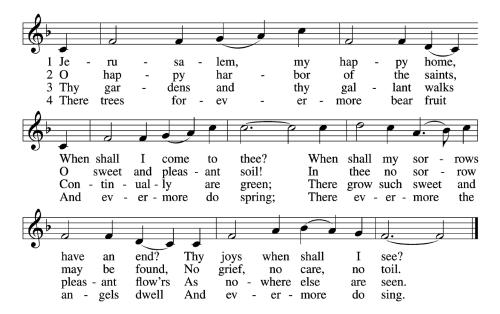
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life

→ everlasting. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

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- Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there
 Around my Savior stand;
 And soon my friends in Christ below
 Will join the glorious band.
- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.

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SERMON

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

& Service of the Sacrament &

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

People And also with you.

Pastor Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

People We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

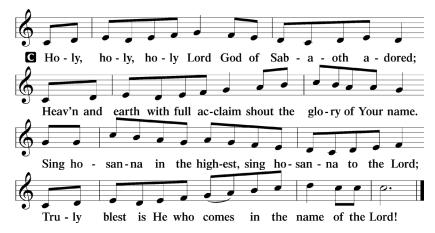
Psalm 136

People It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who has overcome the world and given us grace to approach Your throne, confident that You will hear us. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 208



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor

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.

People Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

Pastor Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

ALL 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

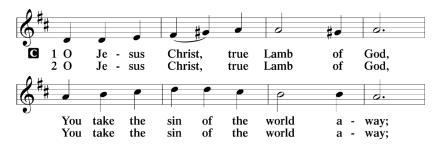
Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

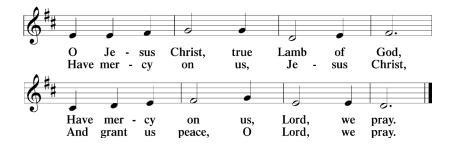
PAX DOMINI John 20:19

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People Amen.

AGNUS DEI





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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor 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

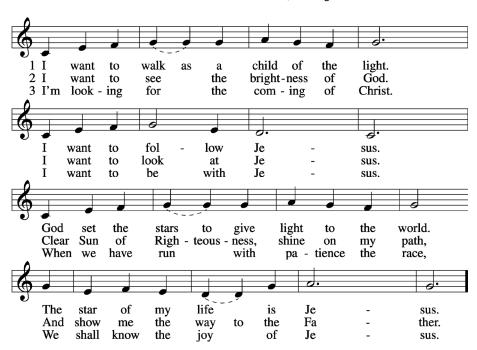
→ give you peace.

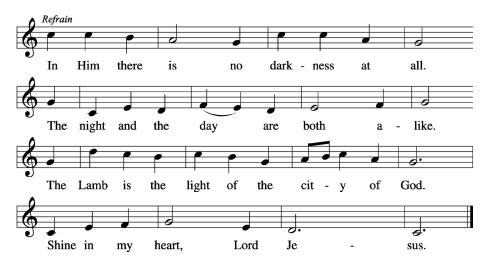
People Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

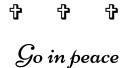
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week are given in praise and glory to God by Shirley L. in honor of Frank L.'s birthday today!