

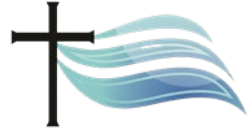
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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL † SEEK THE THIRSTY † TEACH THE WORD

† Preparation †

OPENING HYMN

Today Your Mercy Calls Us

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

LITANY FOR FATHER'S DAY

P God the Father, through the lives of fathers here on earth, You have carried out Your plan to save.

C From generation to generation, our fathers have been blessed by You.

P God the Father, through our ancestor Abraham, You brought a holy nation to life.

C Bless our fathers with trust in the promises granted to God's children.

P God the Father, through King David, You brought prosperity to the children of Israel.

C Bless our fathers with the resources to provide for their families in good times and bad.

P God the Father, through Zechariah, You ushered a son into the world named John the Baptizer, who would proclaim the coming of the Savior.

C Bless our fathers with the courage to speak the Gospel message to their children.

P God the Father, through Joseph of Nazareth, You fulfilled the prophecy that Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.

C Bless our fathers with an obedience to Your will for the future of their families.

P God the Father, through Your Son's suffering and death, You brought us back into a relationship with You. And by Him we now can cry, "Abba, Father!"

C Bless our fathers with a desire to be drawn closer to You.

P God the Father, through the lives of the fathers of this time and place,

C Continue to make salvation known.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P Most merciful God,

C 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 only 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.**

† Service of the Word †

KYRIE (*sung*)

LSB, p. 204

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (*sung*)

LSB, p. 204, v. 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.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a

tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 5:1-17

¹We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. ²For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, ³if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. ⁴For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, ⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we persuade others. But what we are is known to God, and I hope it is known also to your conscience. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

ALLELUIA *(sung)*

LSB, p. 205

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
These things are written that you may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 4:26-34

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. ²⁷He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. ²⁸The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? ³¹It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. ³⁴He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

THE 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 \ddagger of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

LSB 654



1 Your king - dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure,
 2 Your king - dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er
 3 Your king - dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing



My pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth.
 Your Word and Your Spir - it be - stow.
 Of seeds that Your mer - cy has sown;



Its val - ue ex - ceeds ev - 'ry stan - dard of mea - sure,
 Like yeast, they af - fect the whole mea - sure of flour, —
 But still in our midst is the en - e - my sow - ing



Sur - pass - ing the wealth of the earth.
 En - a - bling Your king - dom to grow.
 The weeds that im - per - il Your own.



Lord, give me Your grace and the pow'r of the Spir - it
 Em - pow - er me, Lord, as I live Your com - mis - sion,
 Sus - tain me, O Lord, till Your day of re - turn - ing



To val - ue this trea - sure a - right
 Though hum - ble my ser - vice may be,
 And har - vest me home - ward at last,



That, nev - er al - lured by the world, I in - her - it
 And bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru - i - tion,
 To shine in the home - land that qui - ets all yearn - ing,



Your king - dom of glo - ry and light.
 A mus - tard seed grown to a tree.
 Where sor - row and dan - ger are past.

SERMON

Rev. Shawn Deterding

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *(sung)*

LSB 956

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
 Amen.*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS (*sung*) *LSB 208*

*Holy, 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!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We thank You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us from sin, death, and the devil, and blessing our lives with lasting peace. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table as faithful disciples with gratitude and joy. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we grow as people of faith and peace, awaiting the eternal feast in glory everlasting. Hear us now as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI (sung)

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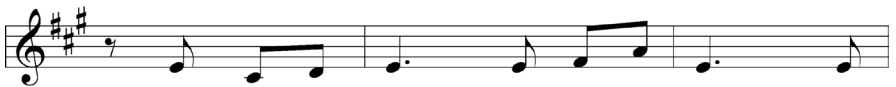
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION ~ **Welcome to the Lord's table.** (An usher will direct you.)

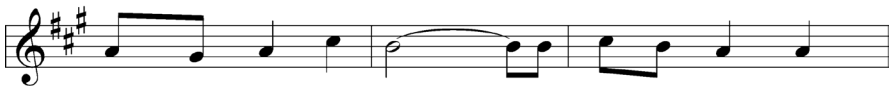
DISTRIBUTION HYMN

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

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1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise
may our faith a - bound To call on You when
found in means di - vine: Be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
we re - jice And cry "My Lord and God!"
You are near And seek where You are found.
and the Word, Be - neath the bread and wine.
as You are, With full and end - less sight.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift. Grant us good courage to walk by faith with the joyful prospect of reaching the goal of our heavenly home, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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

On What Has Now Been Sown

LSB 921



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!



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