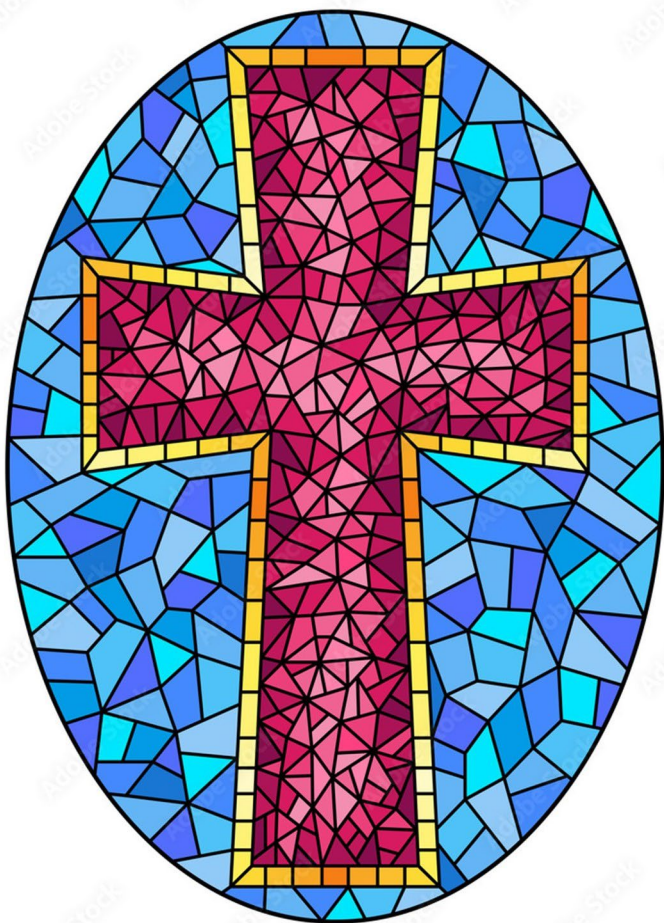


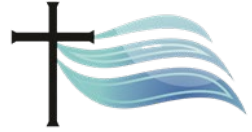
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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✠ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✠ TEACH THE WORD

✠ Preparation ✠

OPENING HYMN

God Himself Is Present

LSB 907

1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,

And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly

tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -

deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still

Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *Hebrews 10:22*

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C **Who made heaven and earth.** *Psalm 124:8*

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** *Psalm 32:5*

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I 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 ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 119:137-140

P Righteous are you, O Lord, and right are your just decrees.

C **You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness and in all faithfulness.**

P My zeal consumes me, because my foes forget your words.

C **Your promise is well tried, and your servant loves it.**

P Your righteousness is righteous forever, and your law is true.

C **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

P Lord, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the Highest

LSB, p. 204



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **O Lord, keep Your Church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; 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

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy
and bring the poor of the land to an end,
⁵saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?
And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale,
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great
and deal deceitfully with false balances,
⁶that we may buy the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals
and sell the chaff of the wheat?"
⁷The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Psalms 34:9, 19, alt.

P Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing!

C Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

EPISTLE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-15

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

⁸I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling; ⁹likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, ¹⁰but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. ¹¹Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. ¹²I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve; ¹⁴and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. ¹⁵Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

ALLELUIA & VERSE

1 Timothy 2:5-6a

P Alleluia. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

C Who gave himself as a ransom for all. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-15

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

¹⁰"One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

¹⁴The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

Seek Ye First

LSB 712



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by

righteousness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev'ry word That proceeds from the
add-ed un-to you! Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!
o-pened un-to you, Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

SERMON

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OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Tim. 4:22

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

Col. 3:1

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Ps. 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 all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 507, v. 4

4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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. Even as You call us now to this Table to receive our Savior's body and blood, let Your servants hear Your word of forgiveness and grace to strengthen and sustain us. 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.

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

LSB 632

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is

thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -

ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

DISTRIBUTION SONG

Thy Word

CCLI #14301

Chorus: Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
Nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. *Chorus*

I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
I will love You to the end. *Chorus*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P 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.**

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P The Lord bless you and keep you...

C **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

Our God

CCLI #5677416

Water You turned into wine, opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You, none like You.
Into the darkness You shine, out of the ashes we rise;
There's no one like You, none like You.

Chorus: Our God is greater, our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer, awesome in power, our God, our God.

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?
What could stand against? *Chorus*



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