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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✝ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✝ TEACH THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL (Please stand and face the processional cross)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794, v. 1-3



1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heav - en;
2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heav - en,
3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heav - en,



My mak - er, who to me Has soul and bod - y giv - en;
The Fa - ther's own dear Son, Whose life for me was giv - en,
The Spir - it, whom the Son In love to me has giv - en.



My Fa - ther, who will shield And keep me day by day
Who for my sin a - toned With His most pre - cious blood
His grace re - vives my heart And gives my spir - it pow'r,



And make each mo - ment yield New bless - ings on my way.
And gives to me by faith The high - est heav'n - ly good.
Help, com - fort, and sup - port In sor - row's gloom - y hour.

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

CONFESSiON & ABSOLUTION

Psalm 124:8; 130:3-4

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C Who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P Gracious God,

C You know my poor soul and my great failings, which I confess and deplore before You with an open heart. Alas, I find that I do not have the kind of will and resolve I certainly ought to have and that I am daily failing as a failing, sinful human being. You know that I desire to have such will and resolve, but my enemy leads me bound and captive. Redeem me, a poor sinner, according to Your divine will, from every evil and temptation. Strengthen and increase in me the true faith in You; grant me grace to love my neighbor with all my heart, honestly and as I do myself, as my brother or sister. Grant me patience in persecution and in every adversity. You have promised to forgive, and You have told us to ask of You with confidence. So I come in reliance on this command and promise of Yours and confess and deplore before You all my sin, for You are the shepherd of my soul. Your will be done and blessed forever.

Amen.

(from a prayer of Martin Luther)

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  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Service of the Word



INTROIT

Psalm 34:1-2, 11, 22; antiphon: Ps. 119:46

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, O Lord, and shall not be put to shame.

C I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

C Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

P The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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.

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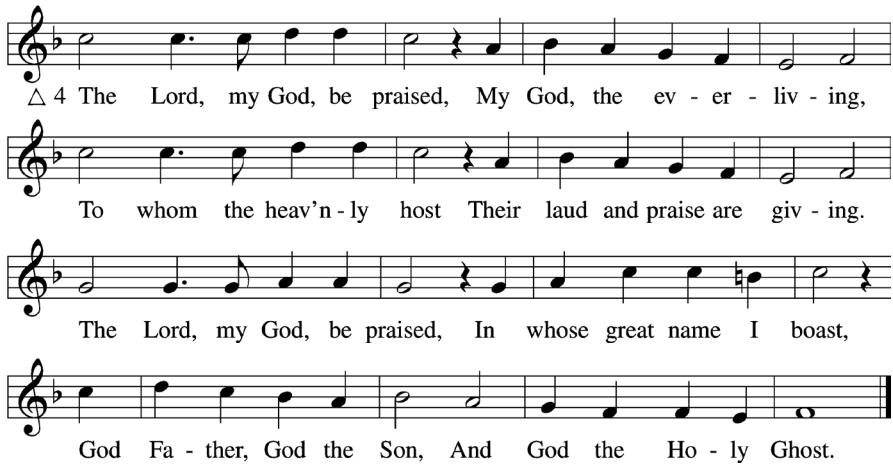
P Lord, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Lord, My God, Be Praised

LSB 794, v. 4



△ 4 The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ev - er - liv - ing,
To whom the heav'n - ly host Their laud and praise are giv - ing.
The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast,
God Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Ho - ly Ghost.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. ⁷And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

Psalm 48:1a, 12-14a

P Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

C **Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well
her ramparts, go through her citadels,**

P That you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever
and ever.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 3:19-28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise)

ALLELUIA & VERSE

Luke 12:32

P Alleluia. Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

C Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SECOND ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED & LUTHER'S EXPLANATION

C **I believe 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 that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

SERMON HYMN

By Grace I'm Saved

LSB 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No!
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His Then this word must
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, death did for our
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our it was grace, and
faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

5 By grace to timid hearts that tremble,
In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,
The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure
If grace were not my anchor sure?

6 By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;
In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition,
I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown
Since I am saved by grace alone.

SERMON

Rev. Shawn Deterding

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Service of the Sacrament



PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

2 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1; Ps. 136

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, for You have set us free and justified us by Your grace, as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom You put forward as a propitiation by His blood. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him are set free from the power of sin and death and will rise again to new life in the city of God, the place of Your holy habitation. 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 our God, for You have had mercy on us and have given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood this day be sanctified in body and soul and spirit and finally be granted our place in Your eternal kingdom. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

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 SONG

A Mighty Fortress

CCLI #5488935

Our God is a consuming fire, a burning holy flame, with glory and freedom.
Our God is the only righteous judge, ruling over us with kindness and wisdom.
And we will keep our eyes on You, we will keep our eyes on You.

Chorus: A mighty fortress is our God. A sacred refuge is Your name.
Your Kingdom is unshakable and with You forever we will reign.

Our God is jealous for His own.

None could comprehend His love and His mercy.

Our God is exalted on His throne, high above the heavens, forever He is worthy.
And we will keep our eyes on You, we will keep our eyes on You. *Chorus*

We will keep our eyes on You, we will keep our eyes on You.
So, we can set our hearts on You, Lord, we will set our hearts on You. *Chorus*

DISTRIBUTION SONG

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

CCLI #1558110

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Lord of hosts, we thank and praise You for blessing us with Your body and blood. Still our souls and gladden our hearts so that we exalt You among the nations and throughout the whole earth; 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

P Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Psalm 46:1, 7, 10-11; Numbers 6:24-26

P God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
C **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**
P "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"
C **The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

LSB 656

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
2 With might of ours can naught be done,
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
4 The Word they still shall let main

A trust - y shield and weap - on;
Soon were our loss ef - effect ed;
All ea - ger to de - your us,
Nor an - y thanks have for it;

He helps us free from ev 'ry need
But for us fights the val iant One,
We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
Whom God Him self e - lect ed.
They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
With His good gifts and Spir it.

The old e vil foe Now means
Ask ye, Who is this? Je - sus
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
Christ it is; Of Sab - a oth Lord,
as he will, He can - harm us none.
child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 And there's none oth - er God; He holds
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e - - qual.
 the field for - ev - - er.
 tle word can fell - him.
 dom ours re - main - eth.



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