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**About the Cover:** The master entrusted his servants with large amounts of money. It was to be put to good use, not buried. In the same way, our Lord has given us the great treasure of His Word and many other gifts to be put to use and invested into the lives of others. All the while, the results are in His hands, just as we ourselves are in the hands of our gracious Master.

*Master, you  
delivered to me  
five talents*

*Matthew 25:20*



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9:15 a.m. Service

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**9:15 a.m. Drive-In Service November 15, 2020**  
**93.5 FM**  
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### *Thoughts as we gather*

The texts appointed for the end of the Church Year focus on the return of Jesus and His judgment of the living and dead. This theme began last week with Jesus' words at the beginning of Matthew 25 and the parable of the ten virgins (vv 1–13). It continues this week with the parable of the talents (vv 14–30) and concludes next week with Jesus' teaching about the sheep and goats (vv 31–46). Focus on Jesus' return leads to several distinct (and opposite) attitudes among Christians. On the one hand, we long for His return and the full realization of His reign over the new heavens and earth. So, we pray that Jesus would come quickly. On the other hand, the reality that so many people in our families and communities are living apart from Jesus creates in us a desire for Jesus graciously to delay His return until they have heard and believed the good news. So, we pray fervently for God to work through the Church to bring more into His fold. Preaching at the end of the Church Year does well to bring about both an expectant hope for Jesus to return and an urgency in the Church's mission.

The *Old Testament Reading* and the *Psalms* for this Sunday both match up with the latter. Zephaniah speaks of the urgency of repentance before the judgment of Yahweh against disobedient people (Zeph 1:7–16), and the Psalm points out the brevity of human life (Ps 90:3–12). In the *Epistle*, Paul also highlights the approaching end (1 Thess 5:1–8). But he emphasizes the good news of salvation for all who live in Christ (5:9–11).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Be sure to sign the registration book at the end of the pew. Visitors are asked to sign the guest book in the Narthex, please include your address and home church. If this is your first time attending Holy Communion at Ascension, please speak with the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.*

### THANKSGIVING BASKETS

If you have cards outstanding (with food items you are going to buy), please have these items to us no later than next Sunday, November 22, 2020. Thank you for your generosity!

### WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday Bible Study is November 18, 2020, we will be resuming our Wednesday morning Bible Study at 9:00 a.m. We will be practicing social distancing and masks are REQUIRED—NO EXCEPTIONS.

### SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

The next meeting of the Small Group Bible Study will be held on Friday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the DeRose home. We will be studying Exodus Chapters 35 and 36.

### PANTRY

The pantry is in need of dry boxed cereal. Thank you!

## THIS WEEK AT ASCENSION

Sun. (11/15) 9:15 a.m. Drive-In Worship

Wed. (11/18) 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

Fri. (11/20) 7:00 p.m. Small Group Bible Study

Sun. (11/22) 9:15 a.m. Drive-In Worship

### ATTENDANCE:

11/08/2020 8:30 a.m. 61

### OFFERING:

Needed weekly:	\$ 3,880.00	Needed YTD	\$ 174,600.00
Received 11/08/20	<u>\$ 4,065.00</u>	Rec'd YTD	<u>\$ 137,237.40</u>
Over	\$ 185.00	Short	\$ (37,362.60)

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past

sts. 1-6



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
 Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 Soon bears us all away;  
 We fly forgotten as a dream  
 Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Be Thou our guard while troubles last  
 And our eternal home!

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

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

**P** 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.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** 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.**

**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 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1*

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

**Enter not into judgment with Your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before You.**

I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done;

I ponder the work of Your hands.

**I stretch out my hands to You;  
my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.**

Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!

Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

**For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!**

**In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

**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.**

Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!

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### SERVING SERVICE TODAY:

**ELDER** Ken Porter

**HEAD USHER** Bruce Benson

### SUNDAY READINGS

The readings for Sunday, November 22, 2020 are:

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalm 95:1-7a (antiphon: v. 7a)

1 Corinthians 15:20-28

Matthew 25:31-46

### STEWARDSHIP: November 15 – Proper 28

**Matthew 25:30a – “And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness.”** Why did the worthless servant act the way he did? Because of what he believed about the Master. He didn’t trust or love the Master. So, his actions did not demonstrate love and trust but rather hate and mistrust. It’s the same with us, but in reverse. Since we know our Lord God to be faithful and kind, we desire to serve Him and render faithful service with what He has given us.

# 668 Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You



1 Rise! To arms! With prayer em-ploy you, O Chris-tians, lest the  
2 Cast a - far this world's vain plea - sure And bold - ly strive for  
3 Wise - ly fight, for time is fleet - ing; The hours of grace are



foe de-destroy you; For Sa - tan has de-signed your fall.  
heav'n-ly trea - sure. Be stead-fast in the Sav - ior's might.  
fast re-treat - ing; Short, short is this our earth - ly way.



Wield God's Word, the weap-on glo - rious; A - gainst all foes be  
Trust the Lord, who stands be - side you, For Je - sus from all  
When the Lord the dead will wak - en And sin - ners all by



thus vic - to - rious, For God pro-protects you from them all.  
harm will hide you. By faith you con-quer in the fight.  
fear are shak - en, The saints with joy will greet that day.



Fear not the hordes of hell, Here is Em-man-u-el.  
Take cour - age, wea - ry soul! Look for - ward to the goal!  
Praise God, our tri-umph's sure. We need not long en-dure



Hail the Sav - ior! The strong foes yield To Christ, our shield,  
Joy a - waits you. The race well run, Your long war won,  
Scorn and tri - al. Our Sav - ior King His own will bring



And we, the vic - tors, hold the field.  
Your crown shines splen - did as the sun.  
To that great glo - ry which we sing.

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# KYRIE

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** 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 mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

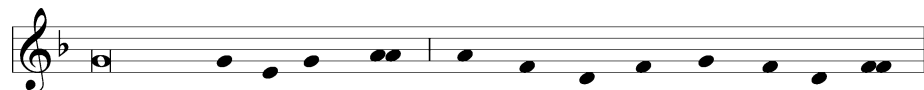
**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.



**G** Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,



You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

# THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



**G** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy

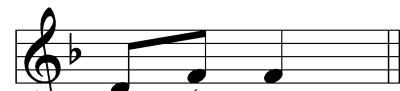


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

# POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

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.



**G** A - men.

# BENEDICTION

LSB 166

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

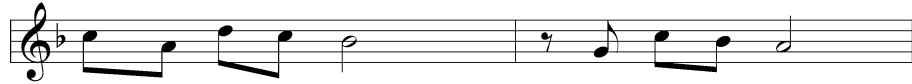
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**G** Amen.

## 629 What Is This Bread



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y  
 2 What is this wine? The blood of  
 3 So who am I, That I should  
 4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By  
 5 Is this for me? I am for -



ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,  
 Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace  
 live and He should die Un - der the rod?  
 Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul  
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve



This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -  
 Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I  
 My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en  
 He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this  
 That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.  
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.  
 me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.  
 meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.  
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**C** Amen.

## SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Zephaniah 1:7–16*

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is near;  
 the LORD has prepared a sacrifice  
 and consecrated His guests.

<sup>8</sup>And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—

“I will punish the officials and the king's sons  
 and all who array themselves in foreign attire.

<sup>9</sup>On that day I will punish  
 everyone who leaps over the threshold,  
 and those who fill their master's house  
 with violence and fraud.

<sup>10</sup>“On that day,” declares the LORD,  
 “a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,  
 a wail from the Second Quarter,  
 a loud crash from the hills.

<sup>11</sup>Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!  
 For all the traders are no more;  
 all who weigh out silver are cut off.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,

and I will punish the men  
 who are complacent,  
 those who say in their hearts,  
 ‘The LORD will not do good,  
 nor will He do ill.’  
<sup>13</sup>Their goods shall be plundered,  
 and their houses laid waste.  
 Though they build houses,  
 they shall not inhabit them;  
 though they plant vineyards,  
 they shall not drink wine from them.”  
<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
 near and hastening fast;  
 the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;  
 the mighty man cries aloud there.  
<sup>15</sup>A day of wrath is that day,  
 a day of distress and anguish,  
 a day of ruin and devastation,  
 a day of darkness and gloom,  
 a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
 against the fortified cities  
 and against the lofty battlements.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM

*Psalm 90:1–12; antiphon: v. 17*

- <sup>1</sup>Lord, You have been our dwelling place  
 in all generations.  
<sup>2</sup>**Before the mountains were brought forth,  
 or ever You had formed the earth and the world,  
 from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**  
<sup>3</sup>You return man to dust  
 and say, “Return, O children of man!”  
<sup>4</sup>**For a thousand years in Your sight  
 are but as yesterday when it is past,  
 or as a watch in the night.**  
<sup>5</sup>You sweep them away as with a flood;  
 they are like a dream,  
 like grass that is renewed in the morning:  
<sup>6</sup>**in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
 in the evening it fades and withers.**

## 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

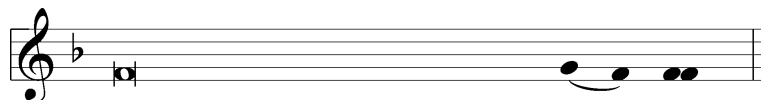
1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
 2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
 3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,  
 And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
 To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
 And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.  
 Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
 With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
 O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow  
 Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
 Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
 As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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# PAX DOMINI

LSB 163



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

# AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

# DISTRIBUTION

<sup>7</sup>For we are brought to an end by Your anger;  
by Your wrath we are dismayed.

<sup>8</sup>**You have set our iniquities before You,  
our secret sins in the light of Your presence.**

<sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away under Your wrath;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>**The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength eighty;**  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

<sup>11</sup>**Who considers the power of Your anger,  
and Your wrath according to the fear of You?**

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

# EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with Him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

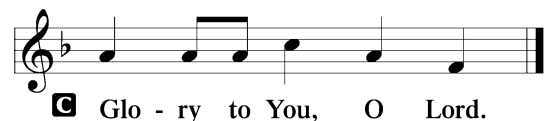
**C** Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14–30

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. <sup>17</sup>So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. <sup>18</sup>But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.’ <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup>And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.’ <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup>He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup>But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>30</sup>And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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.

LORD’S PRAYER

LSB 162

**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

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”



**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, 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

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**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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**P** 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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

## 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw-ing near When Je - sus, God's a-noint-ed,  
2 The fi - nal trum-pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,  
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing  
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea-sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -  
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -  
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was  
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on  
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -  
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be  
trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.  
might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.  
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know  
My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!

- 6 May Christ our intercessor be  
And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free  
With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face,  
With all His saints in that blest place  
Which He has purchased for us.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way  
In fear and tribulation.  
O hear and grant our fervent plea:  
Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
From death and ev'ry evil.

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## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

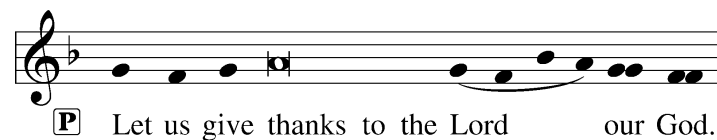
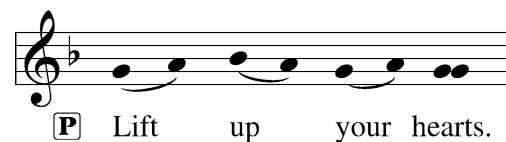
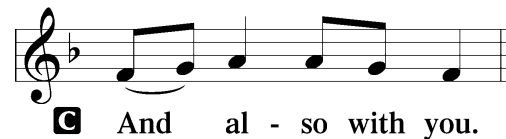
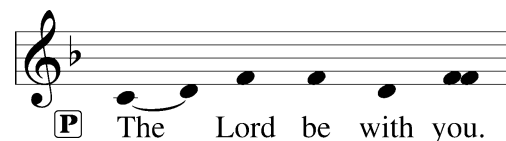
### Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an Elder.

### PREFACE

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Give to the sick healing, to the suffering relief, to the grieving hope and to the dying peace. Hear us especially on behalf of those who have requested our prayers [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Sustain us in the day of trial, deliver us from all our enemies of body and soul, and keep us steadfast in the day of trouble.

Remembering that here we have no abiding city but heaven is our home, give us Your aid so that we may by true faith and godly life prepare for the coming of our Savior, doing the works You have called us to do and accomplishing Your purpose in our daily lives. Help us to multiply Your mercy by loving our neighbor in need and loving You with all our body, soul, strength and will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## OFFERTORY

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**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

**SERMON TEXT:** Matthew 25:14-30

**SERMON THEME:** A Good and Faithful Master

**ROOM FOR SERVICE NOTES:**

## 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  $\text{✠}$  of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Almighty God, everlasting Father, You are worthy of being praised  
for all Your gifts and graces, which You have given to us, Your un-  
worthy people. Hear us this day as we cry to You for mercy toward  
all people as they have need.

You have made us Your people and preserved us through the minis-  
try of Your Word and Sacraments. Continue to pour out upon us  
grace upon grace, that we may be kept in faith and guarded in hope.  
Make Your Church throughout the world one in doctrine, confession  
and life, and give to Your Church faithful pastors who will preach  
and teach Your Word with conviction. Deliver us from confusion  
and error by the power of Your Holy Spirit, and raise up those who  
will continue to serve in faithfulness and humility. Deliver all ene-  
mies of Your Church and convert their hearts to repentance and faith.  
Strengthen all Christians in their faith and in their vocation of service  
as Your children, that we may be obedient to Your Word and receive  
the salvation of our souls.

Deliver the nations from oppression and ungodly rulers and govern-  
ments. Bless all in authority within our own nation, that righteous-  
ness may flourish and injustice end. Bless all those places where  
Your people teach and learn, that our children may honor You, walk  
in Your commands, and show forth in their lives the fruits of the  
Spirit.

Prevent all disaster and calamity, deliver us from war and violence,  
and spare us from pestilence. Help us to know and rejoice in the  
good fruits of the earth, bless all noble occupations, and help the arts  
to flourish, that our lives may be enriched by beauty. Help us to re-  
ceive with thanksgiving the fruits of the earth You supply for our  
common good.

Receive with our song of praise and sacrifice of thanksgiving the  
tithes and offerings we bring, that, through good use of the skills,  
talents and time You have given us, You may be glorified in all we  
are and do.

Give unity to Your people, that we may not be divided in doctrine or  
witness, and grant us grace, that we may come to the Lord's table  
and receive there the body and blood of our Lord Jesus in sincere  
repentance and faith.