# Welcome and Announcements

*We share the peace of the Lord.*

# Confession and Absolution

### 511 Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment *sts. 1, ref, 2*

1 Herald, sound the note of judgment,
Warning us of right and wrong,
Turning us from sin and sadness
Till once more we sing the song. Refrain

ref Sound the trumpet!
Tell the message:
Christ, the Savior king, is come!

2 Herald, sound the note of gladness;
Tell the news that Christ is here;
Make a pathway through the desert
For the one who brings God near. Refrain

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*Stand*

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

### Invocation

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

**C** **Amen.**

### Exhortation *LSB 151*

**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.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

### Confession of Sins *LSB 151*

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.**

### Absolution *LSB 151*

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.**

*Stand*

# 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 be- | fore 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, pre- | serve 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 be- | ginning,*
**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!**

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A 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 mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

## This Is the Feast

*LSB 155*

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.**
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**
**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**
**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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 **Amen.**

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## Old Testament Reading

*Zephaniah 1:7–16*

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 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.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.
10 "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.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.

12 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.'
13 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."
14 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.
15 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,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

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

## Gradual

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

**These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.***
**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.**
**Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,***
**in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.**

## Epistle

*1 Thessalonians 5:1–11*

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 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. 4 But you are not in

darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]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. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

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

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## Alleluia and Verse *LSB 156*

**C** **Alleluia.**
**Lord, to whom shall we go?**
**You have the words of eternal life.**
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:14–30*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[14][Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]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.' [21]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.' [22]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.'
[23]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.' [24]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, [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the
ground. Here you have what is yours.' [26]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? [27]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. [28]So
take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.
[29]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. [30]And cast the worthless servant into the outer
darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of
teeth.'"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## Children's Message

## 783 Take My Life and Let It Be

1 Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

2 Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

3 Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

4 Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;

Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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## Sermon

## Offering

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## 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 ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

### Prayer of the Church

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*Stand*

# Service of the Sacrament

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

## Prayer of Thanksgiving *LSB 161*

**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.

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.**

## 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 ✢ 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 ✢ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini *LSB 163*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **Amen.**

## Agnus Dei *163*

**C** **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world. Have mercy upon us.**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**
**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.**

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## Distribution

## 956 Create in Me

1 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.

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## 621 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending
Comes our homage to demand.

2 King of kings yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

3 Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of Light, descending
From the realms of endless day,
Comes the pow'rs of hell to vanquish
As the darkness clears away.

4 At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, Lord Most High!"

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*Stand*

## Thank the Lord *LSB 164*

**C** **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.**
**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.**
**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.
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.**

## 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## 511 Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment *sts. 3–4*

3 Herald, sound the note of pardon—
Those repenting are forgiv'n;
God receives His wayward children,
And to them new life is giv'n. Refrain

4 Herald, sound the note of triumph;
Christ has come to share our life,
Bringing God's own love and power,
Granting vict'ry in our strife. Refrain

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