

# GETHSEMANE LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

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+ PRELUDE +

+ WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS +

+ OPENING HYMN +

## 728 HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

- 1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!
- 4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove  
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”

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### + INVOCATION +

*(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.

### + CONFESSION AND 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.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

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

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for 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 +**

*KYRIE*

LSB 186

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

*SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You see that of ourselves we have no strength.  
By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities

that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Psalm 118

<sup>1</sup>Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

<sup>2</sup>Let | Israel say,\*  
“His steadfast love endures for- | ever.”

<sup>3</sup>Let the house of | Aaron say,\*  
“His steadfast love endures for- | ever.”

<sup>4</sup>Let those who fear the | LORD say,\*  
“His steadfast love endures for- | ever.”

<sup>5</sup>Out of my distress I called | on the LORD;\*  
the LORD answered me and | set me free.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD is on my side; I | will not fear.\*  
What can man | do to me?

<sup>7</sup>The LORD is on my side as my | helper;\*  
I shall look in triumph on those who | hate me.

<sup>8</sup>It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*  
than to | trust in man.

<sup>9</sup>It is better to take refuge | in the LORD\*  
than to trust in | princes.

- <sup>10</sup>All nations sur- | rounded me; \*  
in the name of the LORD I | cut them off!
- <sup>11</sup>They surrounded me, surrounded me on | every side; \*  
in the name of the LORD I | cut them off!
- <sup>12</sup>They surrounded me like bees;  
they went out like a fire a- | mong thorns; \*  
in the name of the LORD I | cut them off!
- <sup>13</sup>I was pushed hard, so that I was | falling, \*  
but the LORD | helped me.
- <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength | and my song; \*  
he has become my sal- | vation.
- <sup>15</sup>Glad songs of salvation  
are in the tents of the | righteous: \*
- “The right hand of the LORD does | valiantly,  
<sup>16</sup>the right hand of the | LORD exalts, \*  
the right hand of the LORD does | valiantly!”
- <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but | I shall live, \*  
and recount the deeds | of the LORD.
- <sup>18</sup>The LORD has disciplined me se- | verely, \*  
but he has not given me o- | ver to death.
- <sup>19</sup>Open to me the gates of | righteousness, \*  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks | to the LORD.
- <sup>20</sup>This is the gate | of the LORD; \*  
the righteous shall enter | through it.

21 I thank you that you have | answered me\*  
and have become my sal- | vation.

22 The stone that the builders re- | jected\*  
has become the | cornerstone.

23 This is the LORD's | doing;\*  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the | LORD has made;\*  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

25 Save us, we pray, | O LORD!\*

O LORD, we pray, give | us success!

26 Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!\*

We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

27 The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.\*

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the | altar!

28 You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;\*  
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

29 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*EPISTLE*

Philippians 3:17—4:1

17 Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us.

<sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

<sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*HOLY GOSPEL*

Mark 12:1–12

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

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>And he began to speak to them in parables. “A man planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a pit for the winepress and built a tower, and leased it to tenants and went into another country. <sup>2</sup>When the season came, he sent a servant to the tenants to get from them some of the fruit of the vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And they took him and beat him and sent him away empty-handed. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent to them another servant, and they struck him on the head and

treated him shamefully. <sup>5</sup>And he sent another, and him they killed. And so with many others: some they beat, and some they killed. <sup>6</sup>He had still one other, a beloved son. Finally he sent him to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' <sup>7</sup>But those tenants said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' <sup>8</sup>And they took him and killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. <sup>9</sup>What will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the tenants and give the vineyard to others. <sup>10</sup>Have you not read this Scripture:

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone;  
<sup>11</sup>this was the Lord's doing,  
and it is marvelous in our eyes'?”

<sup>12</sup>And they were seeking to arrest him but feared the people, for they perceived that he had told the parable against them. So they left him and went away.

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

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*MESSAGE*

*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.

*OFFERING*

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH*

**+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +**

*PREFACE*

LSB 194

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the

paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

*SANCTUS*

LSB 195

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that  
cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

*LORD'S PRAYER*

LSB 196

**P** 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.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glory forever and ever. Amen.

*THE WORDS OF OUR LORD*

LSB 197

**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 197

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

**C** Amen.

*AGNUS DEI*

LSB 198

**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.**

## *DISTRIBUTION HYMNS*

### *537 BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR*

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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### *437 ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED*

- 1 Alas! And did my Savior bleed,  
And did my sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?

- 2 Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity, grace unknown,  
And love beyond degree!
- 3 Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut his glories in  
When God, the mighty maker, died  
For His own creatures' sin.
- 4 Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While His dear cross appears,  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt mine eyes to tears.
- 5 But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away:  
'Tis all that I can do.

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## *THANKSGIVING*

LSB 200

- A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.
- 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.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

*BENEDICAMUS*

LSB 202

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*BENEDICTION*

LSB 202

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

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen, amen, amen.**

**+ CLOSING HYMN +**

*427 IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST I GLORY*

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,  
    Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.  
All the light of sacred story  
    Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
    Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me;  
    Lo, it glows with peace and joy.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming  
    Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
    Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure  
    By the cross are sanctified;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
    Joys that through all time abide.

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**+ POSTLUDE +**

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