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Children are encouraged to stand, sit, and kneel with the congregation. If you are uncomfortable standing or kneeling, you may choose to sit.

Welcome visitors and guests. We are glad to have you worshiping with us today and would be happy to answer any questions you may have about our congregation. Please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or call the church during the week.

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As we gather, please note that some people prefer to reconnect with their church family and friends in the narthex (lobby area) prior to the service, while others prefer to meditate and pray in the sanctuary in preparation for worship. The ushers will try to keep the glass doors closed so that the joyful noise of church-family conversation in the narthex and the holy silence of preparation for worship in the sanctuary can coexist before the service begins. Suggested prayers to help you prepare for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal in the pews.

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Our services generally come out of the various settings in the Lutheran Service Book (the hymnal in the pews). We encourage people to have a hymnal for in-home use as well. Contact the office if you would like to order one.

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Most of our services include a corporate confession of sins and absolution (forgiveness) from God through the pastor. Occasionally we have Matins or other services which do not include this brief rite. We always offer individual confession and absolution by appointment and encourage our members to make use of this great gift of God.

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Holy Communion is celebrated at each of our regular weekend services and on other special days in the church year. In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to one of the pastors about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith; we simply understand our communing together as also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray, particularly for visible unity in the Christian Church.

Out of respect for God's House and your fellow worshipers, please turn off or silence cell phones prior to this Worship Service. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Pre-Service Music** 10:30 Catechism Handbells: "We Gather Together" - arr. Frances Callahan

#### **Order of Service**

(Divine Service -2 beginning on p. 167 of Lutheran Service Book)

HYMN:

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" - LSB #892

#### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

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. Åmen.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

## **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### +SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY+

**Old Testament** 

Malachi 3:13-18

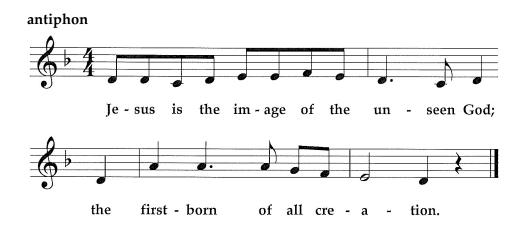
"Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.

Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. "They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Epistle** Colossians 1:13-20



He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his be- loved Son, in whom we have re- demption, the forgiveness of our sins.



He is the image of the invi- | sible God, the firstborn of all cre- | ation.

For by him all things were created, in heaven | and on earth, all things visible and in- | visible.

antiphon

All things were created | through him; all things were created | for him. He is before | all things, and in him all things hold to- | gether.

He is the head of the body, | the church.

He is the be- | ginning,
the first-born | from the dead,
that in everything he might be pre- | eminent.

antiphon

For in him all the fullness of God was | pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself | all things, whether on earth or in | heaven, making peace by the blood | of his cross.

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.

antiphon

# **GOSPEL VERSE**

Alleluia. Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise. **Alleluia.** 

Luke 23:43

GOSPEL Luke 23:27-43

And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!"

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!"

There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!"

But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong."

And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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

### **NICENE CREED**

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.

Sunday Children's Message Alex Wright - Director of Christian Education

HYMN: "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor" - LSB #534

THE MESSAGE: Vicar Jordan DeBoer

## Gathering of the Offering

10:30 Catechism Handbells:

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Did you know...

That your offering provides catechism training and preparation for students, grades 6-8?

# PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

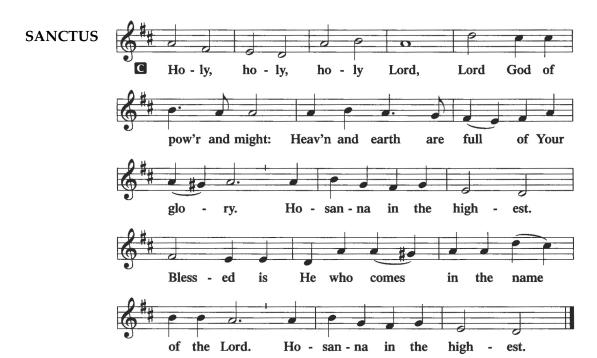
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(adapted from Divine Service, Setting Two in Lutheran Service Book, p. 177)

## **PREFACE**



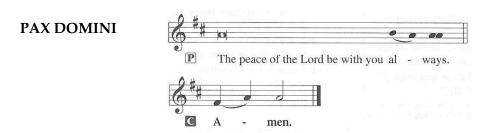
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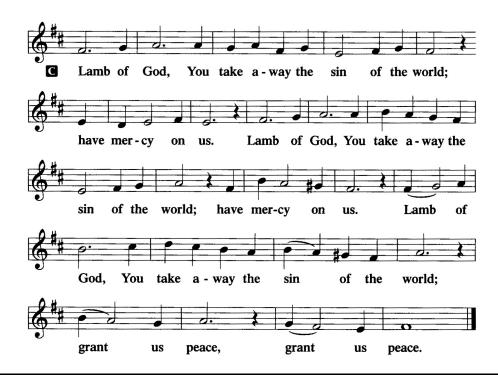
### LORD'S PRAYER

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.



### **AGNUS DEI**



Visitors, please see the inside front cover of the bulletin for an explanation of our communion practice. Also, non-alcoholic wine is available in the individual cups. It is the clear wine in the cups at the center of the tray. Note: If you prefer to receive from the chalice, simply do not take one of the individual cups. The pastor will follow with the chalice.

# **\$** COMMUNION HYMNS

**8:00 Adult Choir:** "I Am the Alpha and the Omega" - Michael D. Costello

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end,
To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.
Let everyone who is thirsty come,
Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.
God will be with them and be their God,
He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
I am making all things new. I am coming soon!
Amen, come Lord Jesus!
I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. Amen.
Revelation 7, 21 and 22 (NRSV)

## "Wide Open Stand the Gates" - LSB #639

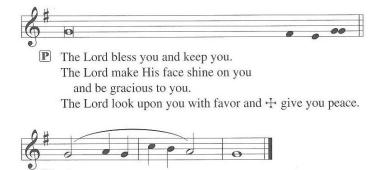
**10:30** Catechism Handbells:

"For the Fruits of His Creation" - arr.

"Be Still My Soul" - LSB #752

# POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

### **BENEDICTION**



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#### Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: "Jesus Shall Reign" - LSB #832

- 1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
  Does its successive journeys run;
  His kingdom stretch from shore to shore
  Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2. To Him shall endless prayer be made, And endless praises crown His head; His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise With ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3. People and realms of ev'ry tongue
  Dwell on His love with sweetest song;
  And infant voices shall proclaim
  Their early blessings on His name.
- 4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
  The pris'ners leap, unloosed their chains,
  The weary find eternal rest,
  And all who suffer want are blest.
- 5. Let every creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen.

#### Postlude

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