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 *- congregation sings. Congregation responds in* **bold** *print.*

***Reminders** in Preparation for Service:*

- *Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.*
- *Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.*
- *While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.*
- *Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wiggle room," you may move to the Wiggle Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.*

***Visitors and Guests:** Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.*

- *While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.*
- *Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.*

***College Students:** Please let us know how we can assist you during your time away from home. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor or Deaconess before leaving and indicate your university and contact information in the red record of fellowship book.*

Prelude "Jerusalem the Golden" - setting by Kevin Hildebrand

Order of Service
(adapted from *Lutheran Service Book*, Divine Service - Setting Four, p. 203-12)

HYMN: **"How Small Our Span of Life, O God"** - Hermann Stuempfle



INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. *(Psalm 124:8)*

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *(Psalm 130:3–4)*

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness, and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. 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. *(Luke 18:13)*



Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.

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.
Amen.



SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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.
Amen.

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +

Old Testament: **Zephaniah 1:7-16**

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. 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. On that day I will punish everyone who leaps over the threshold, and those who fill their master's house with violence and fraud.

"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. Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar! For all the traders are no more; all who weigh out silver are cut off. 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.' 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."

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. 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, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

This the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:1-12 (ESV)



Lord, you have been our │dwelling place
in all gener-│ations.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth │and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting │you are God.

You return │man to dust
and say, "Return, O chil-│dren of man!"

For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when │it is past,
or as a watch │in the night.

You sweep them away as | with a flood;
they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the | morning:

in the morning it flourishes and | is renewed;
in the evening it fades and | withers.

For we are brought to an end by your | anger;
by your wrath we | are dismayed.

You have set our iniquities be- | fore you,
our secret sins in the light of your | presence.

For all our days pass away un- | der your wrath;
we bring our years to an end | like a sigh.

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.

Who considers the power of your | anger,
and your wrath according to the | fear of you?

So teach us to number | our days
that we may get a heart of | wisdom.

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.

Epistle: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 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.

But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

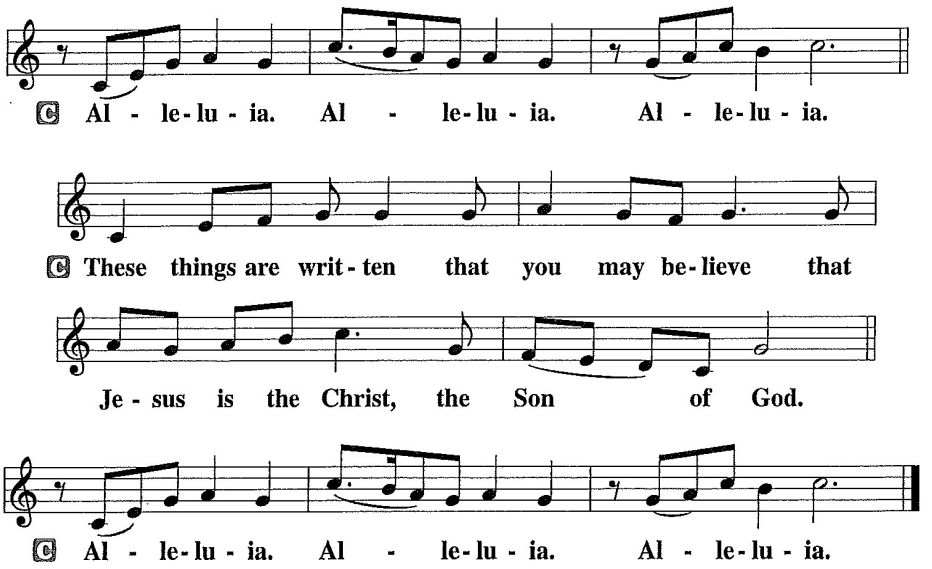
So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE



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

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:14-30**

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.

Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 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.'

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.'

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.'

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.'

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, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 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.

So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 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. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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 Lesson** Alex Wright - *Director of Christian Education*

HYMN: **"Jerusalem the Golden" -** ***LSB*** **#672**

SERMON **Pastor Joshua Errer**

Gathering of the Offering

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Did you know that your offering brings our weekly service into the homes of people who are unable to join us through the Livestream connection on our website and Facebook page?

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +
(The communion liturgy begins on p. 208 of *Lutheran Service Book.)*

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) recognizes and respects the differences in beliefs regarding the nature and confession of Holy Communion and therefore holds to the Biblical practice of closed communion. We believe Christ's body and blood is being distributed with the bread and wine during the Lord's Supper. This is Christ's gift given for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and for the public confession of what we believe and teach. Since it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper sinfully and to your detriment, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE

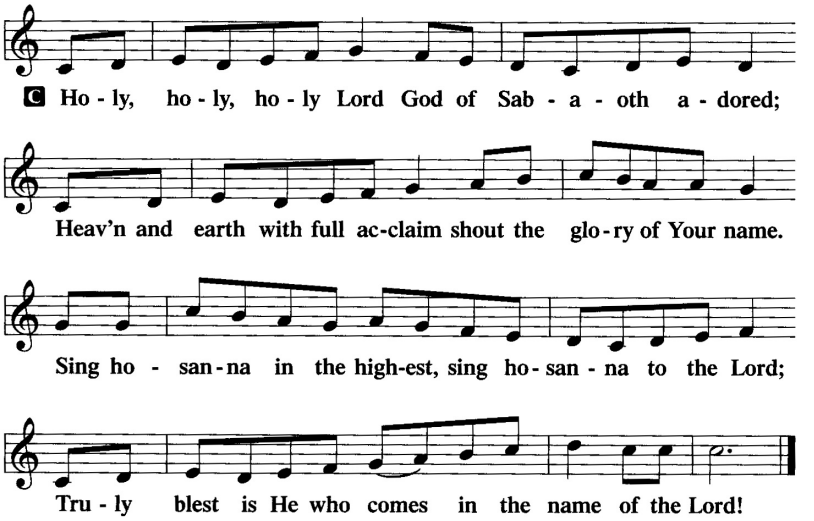
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

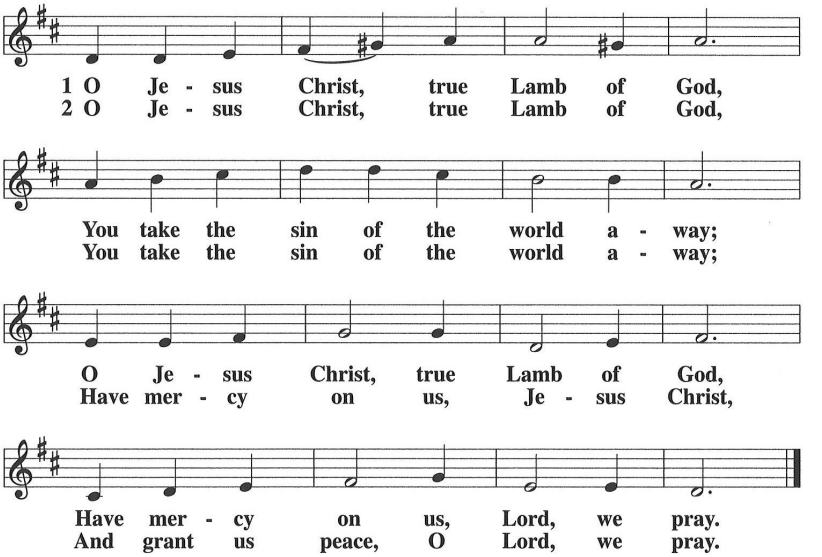


LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI
The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION HYMNS

10:30 Catechism Choir: "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" - (TANDENEI - Madras hymn tune)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him. Alleluia in the highest!
Forever praise Him. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Clap your hands rejoicing; Strike your harps, resounding;
Raise your voice, recalling Ev'ry mercy falling.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Zion, your Savior comes to you. He will seek and find you
though you try to evade his searching. Zion, your Savior comes to you.
Come to meet your Savior! See His grace and favor!
He is yours forever; All to Him surrender.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Zion, your Master comes to you. There is all your service to be rendered,
yourself surrendered Zion, your Master comes to you.
His the cup, so dare it. His the yoke so bear it.
His the sword so wear it. His the load so bear it.
Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

"Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior" - *LSB* #627
Stanzas 1-6; organ interlude; stanzas 7-10

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us" - *LSB* #851

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Amen.

BENEDICTION
Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: **"Christ the Eternal Lord" - *LSB* #829, stanzas 1, 2, 3**
(tune: "Crown Him with Many Crowns")

1. Christ the eternal Lord,
Whose promise here we claim,
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured
On all who name Your name;
With thankfulness and praise
We stand before your throne,
Intent to serve You all our days
And make Your glory known.

2. Christ the unchanging Word
To ev'ry passing age,
Whose timeless teachings still are heard
Set forth on Scripture's page.
Transform our thought and mind,
Enlighten all who read,
Within Your Word by faith to find
The bread of life indeed.

3. Christ the redeeming Son,
Who shares our human birth,
And by His death salvation won
For ev'ry child of earth;
Inspire our hearts, we pray,
To tell Your love abroad,
That all may honor Christ today
And follow Him as Lord.

Postlude DIADEMATA - setting by Sondra Tucker

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