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*8 am and 11 am Worship Service*

## **As We Gather**

The Divine Service is unlike our other activities during the week—in the marketplace, our place of employment, or our school—where we struggle to be “the people of God” amid the temptations and confusing details of living in a world still disfigured by sin, tragedy, selfishness, and death. By our own fault, we daily fall short of our calling as Christians. We are reminded today of the judgment of God’s Law by the prophet Amos against our worry over money and our own needs that distract us from the often-greater needs of others and even our own true need of faith and reliance on God above all. Each day of the week, the demands of the Ten Commandments of God call us back to our need for forgiveness and God’s mercy, grace, help, and love. So, we gather here for Divine Service, that is, God attending to our real needs. We come to repent of our sin and failure, and to receive forgiveness and new life and hope. That forgiveness and hope comes solely from the God who “loved the world” so much “that He gave His only Son” to die for you (John 3:16). We do not have to wait and wonder until the Day of Judgment. By your Baptism into Christ, by His mighty and reliable Word of forgiveness spoken over and into you, and by your connection with the body and blood of your crucified and risen Lord Jesus, you are being delivered from all evil, redeemed, restored, and forgiven for everlasting life in the kingdom of God already here and now.

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **O Day of Rest and Gladness**

**LSB 906**

O day of rest and gladness,  
O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness,  
Most beautiful, most bright;  
This day the high and lowly,  
Through ages joined to bless,  
Sing, “Holy, holy, holy,”  
The triune God confess.

This day at earth’s creation  
The light first had its birth;  
This day for our salvation  
Christ rose from depths of earth;  
This day our Lord victorious  
The Spirit sent from heav’n,  
And thus this day most glorious  
A threefold light was giv’n.

This day, God's people meeting,  
His Holy Scripture hear;  
His living presence greeting,  
Through bread and wine made near.  
We journey on, believing,  
Renewed with heav'nly might,  
From grace more grace receiving,  
On this blest day of light.

That light our hope sustaining,  
We walk the pilgrim way,  
At length our rest attaining,  
Our endless Sabbath day.  
We sing to Thee our praises,  
O Father, Spirit, Son;  
The Church her voice upraises  
To Thee, blest Three in One.

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## Invocation

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

## Confession and Absolution

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.  
*Amen.*

## Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

**LSB 813 (vs. 1 & 7)**

Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
Your festal banner wave on high,  
The cross of Christ your king.

**Refrain:** Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!



Praise Him who reigns on high,  
The Lord whom we adore:  
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore. **Refrain**  
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## **Service of the Word**

### **Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your church in Your perpetual mercy; and because without You we cannot but fall, preserve us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

### **Old Testament Reading**

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*(An exhortation to live justly.)*

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<sup>5</sup> saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances,

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This is the Word of the Lord.

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### **Epistle**

**1 Timothy 2:1-15**

*(The Lord wants all people to be saved.)*

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<sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

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<sup>8</sup> I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarrel; <sup>9</sup> likewise also that women should adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly attire, <sup>10</sup> but with what is proper for women who profess godliness—with good works. <sup>11</sup> Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. <sup>12</sup> I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. <sup>13</sup> For Adam was formed first, then Eve; <sup>14</sup> and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. <sup>15</sup> Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.

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## Holy Gospel

**Luke 16:1-15**

*(Jesus calls His disciples to make serving Him the priority.)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

*Glory to You, O Lord.*

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<sup>10</sup> “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. <sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? <sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

<sup>14</sup> The Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him.

<sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to You, O Christ.*

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Lord of All Good

**LSB 786 (Tune: Ellers)**

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring You now;  
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill.  
Tokens of love and pledges they shall be  
That our whole life is offered to Your will.

We give our minds to understand Your ways;  
Hands, eyes, and voice to serve Your great design;  
Hearts with the flame of Your own love ablaze—  
Thus for Your glory all our pow'rs combine.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
To You with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

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## Message

**Pastor Nathan McCarty**

## Prayers of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

**LSB 194**

The Lord be with you.  
*And with thy spirit.*

Lift up your hearts.  
*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*It is meet and right so to do.*

### Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heaven 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

### The Peace

The peace of the ☩ Lord be with you always.  
*Amen.*

### Agnus Dei

LSB 198

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.

### Drawn to the Cross

LSB 560

Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed  
With healing gifts for souls distressed,  
To find in Thee my life, my rest,  
Christ crucified, I come.

Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,  
Thy grace abused, my misspent years;  
Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,  
Christ crucified, I come.

Wash me and take away each stain;  
Let nothing of my sin remain.  
For cleansing, though it be through pain,  
Christ crucified, I come.

And then for work to do for Thee,  
Which shall so sweet a service be  
That angels well might envy me,  
Christ crucified, I come.

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## Dismissal

### Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.  
With renewed hearts, gracious Lord, we give thanks that You have not forgotten us but have cleansed us and established us to be the people of Your own possession by the pledge of Your own Son's sacred body and blood, now strengthening our hope, our love, and our desire to reflect Your grace to all; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
*Amen.*

## Blessing of God's People (Benediction)

### What Is the World to Me

*LSB 730*

What is the world to me  
With all its vaunted pleasure  
When You, and You alone,  
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord,  
My soul's delight shall be;  
You are my peace, my rest.  
What is the world to me!

The world seeks to be praised  
And honored by the mighty  
Yet never once reflects  
That they are frail and flighty.  
But what I truly prize  
Above all things is He,  
My Jesus, He alone.  
What is the world to me!

The world seeks after wealth  
And all that mammon offers  
Yet never is content  
Though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good,  
Content with it I'll be:  
My Jesus is my wealth.  
What is the world to me!

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My Jesus is my treasure,  
My life, my health, my wealth,  
My friend, my love, my pleasure,  
My joy, my crown, my all,  
My bliss eternally.  
Once more, then, I declare:  
What is the world to me!

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9:30 am Contemporary Service

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## Opening Song of Praise

## Invocation

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## **The Baptism of Logan Michael Alderson**

**(930 AM Service Only)**

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### **Praise Song**

### **Message**

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**Amen.**

## **Holy Communion**

### **Distribution Song(s)**

### **Prayers**

### **Lord's Prayer**

### **Blessing of God's People (Benediction)**

### **Closing Song of Praise**

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