

# Fear not, little flock

LUKE 12:32



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*8 am and 11 am Worship Service*

## **As We Gather**

In His earthly life, Jesus chose to be a “peripatetic” teacher. Rather than staying in one place and having His learners come to Him, He went from place to place with disciples or followers who listened to the truths He taught as they went along. Walking with Jesus was the greatest of blessings! Whether we hear the Gospel teachings of our Lord in the same setting week by week and year by year or find ourselves in a variety of worship locations and settings, we, too, find blessing in hearing Him as did His first followers. The hymn writer Sigismund von Birken invites us simply: “Let us ever walk with Jesus” (LSB 685:1). May we be blessed in our walking and in our listening today!

## **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**LSB 790**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.

What need or grief  
Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

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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 go to our gracious God, confessing our sins, trusting Him for grace and forgiveness.

**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.*

## Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

**LSB 812 (vs. 1 & 4)**

Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne;  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.

Let all creation join in one  
To bless the sacred name  
Of Him who sits upon the throne  
And to adore the Lamb.

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## Service of the Word

### Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Amen.*

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## Epistle

## Hebrews 11:1-16

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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.

### **Given to the Winds Your Fears**

Give to the winds your fears; in hope be undismayed.  
God knows your needs and sees your tears, God shall lift up your head.  
Through waves and clouds and storms He gently clears the way;  
wait for His time! The night shall quickly end in joyous day.

Far, far above your thoughts His wisdom shall appear,  
when He has finished His design that caused your needless fear.  
Leave to His sovereign will to choose and to command;  
in wonder you shall come to see how wise, how strong His hand!

You see our weakness, Lord; our hearts are known to You;  
put wings beneath our weary feet and keep our pathway true!  
Let us, in life or death, Your changeless truth declare,  
and utter with our final breath Your love and guiding care.

## Message

*Pastor Dana Allen Brones*

Installation of Vicar Caleb Gustafson

(8 AM Service Only)

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

#### Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Let us talents and tongues employ  
Reaching out with a shout of joy  
Bread is broken the wine is poured  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard

#### Chorus

Jesus lives again earth can breathe again  
Pass the word around loaves abound (repeat)

Christ is able to make us one  
At the table He sets the tone  
Teaching people to live to bless  
Love in word and in deed express **Chorus**

Jesus calls us in sends us out  
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt  
Gives us love to tell bread to share  
God Immanuel everywhere **Chorus**

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## **Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

**LSB 702**

My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.  
Now hear me while I pray;  
Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire!  
As Thou hast died for me,  
Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day,  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul!

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## **Dismissal**

## Post-Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray.

Grant that Your Son's body and blood, O Lord, which You have given us to eat and to drink, may abide in us; and let no stain of sin remain in us, whom this pure and Holy Sacrament has refreshed; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever

**Amen.**

## Blessing of God's People (Benediction)

### Lift High the Cross

**LSB 837 (vs. 1-4, 6)**

**Refrain:** Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. **Refrain**

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. **Refrain**

All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. **Refrain**

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. **Refrain**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! **Refrain**

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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### Opening Song of Praise

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## **Praise Song**

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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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