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PRELUDE

## ENTRANCE RITE

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who pours love into our hearts  
and healing upon the earth.

**Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,  
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through ✠ Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life. Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

**Amen.**

\*GATHERING SONG — LET US GO NOW TO THE BANQUET

ELW NO. 523

\*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\*GLORIA

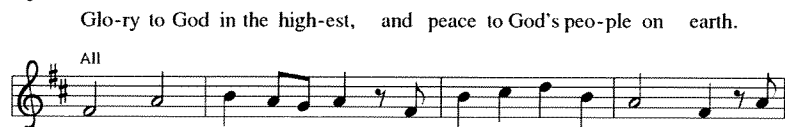
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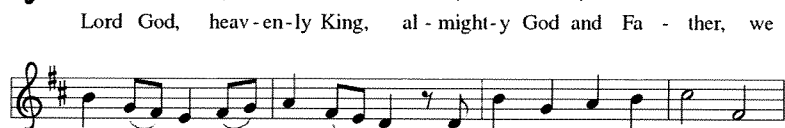


Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

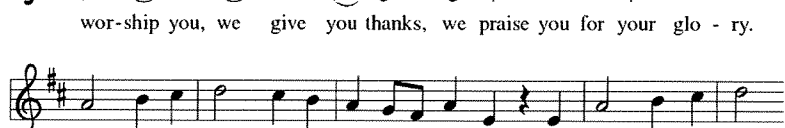
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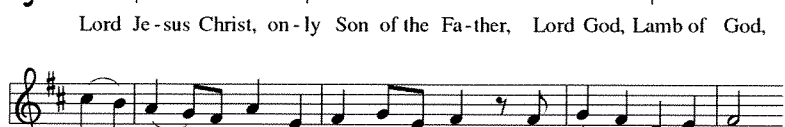
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we  
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



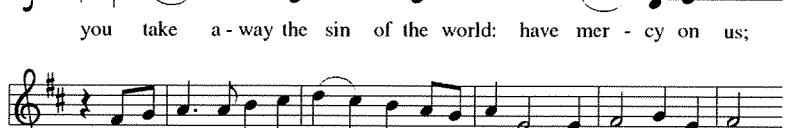
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



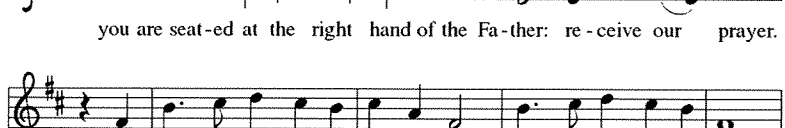
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 25:1-9

A Reading from Isaiah.

- <sup>1</sup> O Lord, you are my God;  
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,  
for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
- <sup>2</sup> For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;  
the palace of foreigners is a city no more;  
it will never be rebuilt.
- <sup>3</sup> Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;  
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
- <sup>4</sup> For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
<sup>5</sup> the noise of foreigners like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
- <sup>6</sup> On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- <sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the covering that is spread over all nations;
- <sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.
- <sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

Word of God, word of life.

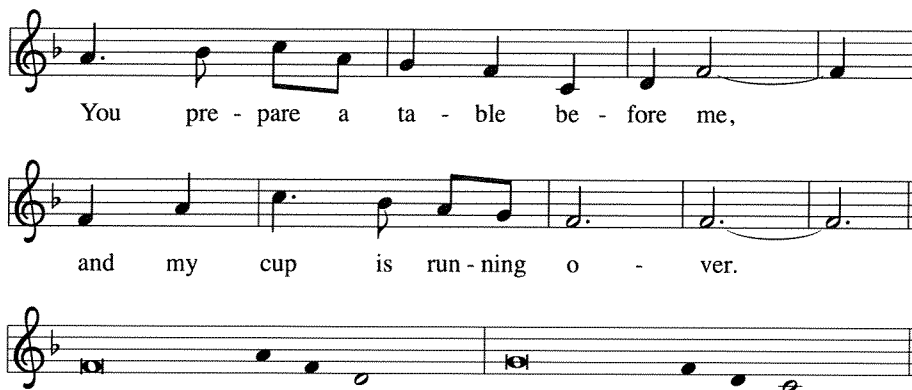
**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection follows the reading.*

PSALM – SUNG RESPONSIVELY

PSALM 23

*The Cantor introduces the refrain which is repeated by the Assembly.  
All join in repeating the Refrain where indicated.*



- <sup>1</sup> The Lord <sup>|</sup> is my shepherd;  
I shall not <sup>|</sup> be in want.
- <sup>2</sup> **The Lord makes me lie down <sup>|</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>|</sup> side still waters.**
- <sup>3</sup> You restore my <sup>|</sup> soul, O Lord,  
and guide me along right pathways <sup>|</sup> for your name's sake.
- <sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall <sup>|</sup> fear no  
evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they <sup>|</sup> comfort me. R**
- <sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>|</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>|</sup> running over.
- <sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>|</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>|</sup> Lord forever. R**

SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

A reading from Philippians.

- <sup>1</sup> My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.
- <sup>2</sup> I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup> Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.
- <sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence for reflection follows the reading.*

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*The Cantor introduces the Gospel Acclamation which is repeated by the Assembly.  
The verse is sung by the Cantor. All repeat the Acclamation following the verse.*



*Alleluia.* This is the Lord for whom <sup>1</sup> we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in <sup>1</sup> God's salvation. *Alleluia.* (Isa. 25:9)

**\*GOSPEL READING**

**MATTHEW 22:1-14**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup> "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup> He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup> Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' <sup>5</sup> But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup> while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup> The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup> Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup> Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' <sup>10</sup> Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup> “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup> and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup> Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup> For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

THE REV. LAURIE MILLER

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon*

\*HYMN OF THE DAY — AT THE LAMB’S HIGH FEAST WE SING

vv. 1-4, 8 ELW NO. 362

\*APOSTLES’ CREED

ELW P. 105

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*After “Hear us, O God,” congregation responds, “Your mercy is great.”*

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

\*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

OFFERING

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.  
During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread,  
wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.*

\*HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir-it with in me. Cast me not a -  
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to  
me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

This is Hymn No. 188 from *Evangelica Lutheran Worship*

Text: Psalm 51:11-13

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen (1670-1739), adapted

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of creation,

you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly. All blessings are from you; make us generous with what we have. Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts in service to you and in love to our neighbors, today and always.

**Amen.**

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*All who are baptized and believe with us that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to communion. Ushers will assist with the communion. Please pick up an empty cup from the small table at the altar rail to receive the wine. Baskets will be placed on either side to dispose of your cup. Individual communion kits will be available from the ushers for those who prefer them. We serve low-gluten bread. If you are unable to come to the Communion rail, please inform an usher and the ministers will bring Communion to you in your pew.*

\*DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

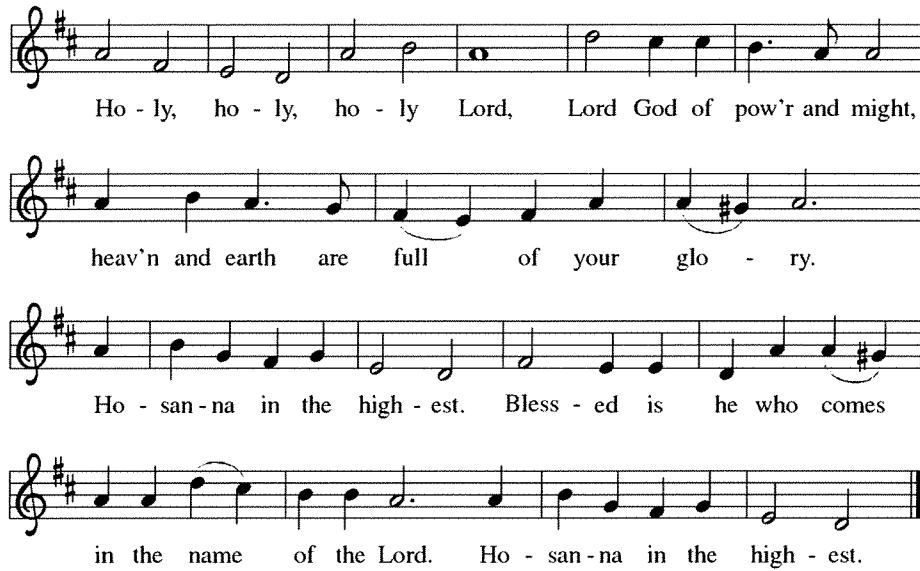
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

\*PREFACE

\*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

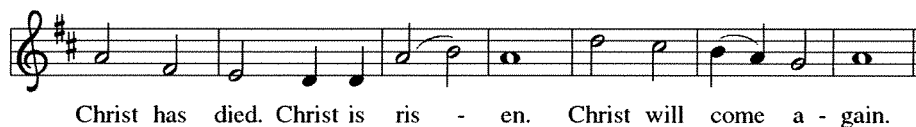
You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
 his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
 and the promise of his coming again,  
 we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
 not as we ought but as we are able;  
 we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
 and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
 and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
 so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
 may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
 and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
 may be formed to live as your holy people  
 and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

ELW P. 154

*Presider*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
 Take them in remembrance that Christ died for  
 you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,  
 with thanksgiving.

## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION — BREAD OF LIFE, OUR HOST AND MEAL ELW NO. 464

### \*TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

### \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup, you nourish us with mercy and abundant life. By your  
Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world. Make us living signs of your  
liberation, healing, and love, following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

**Amen.**

### \*BENEDICTION

The God of love

draw you into full accord and one mind,

in the body of Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

The God of hope

grant you strength and joy in all circumstances  
through the interceding of the Spirit.

**Amen.**

The God of grace

✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

\*DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to remain for the postlude that concludes our worship.  
If you do not wish to stay, please be respectful of those who are listening.*

PRAYER LIST

Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. We especially pray for: John, Greg, Tom Sr., Kylah, Katie, Janet, Karl, Debbie, Laura, Paula, Alex, Jim, Kendra, Gene, Dennis, Janet, Libby, JoAnn, Ron, Carl and all those whom we now name before you. Hear us, O God, your mercy is great.

If you would like to have a family member or friends name added to the list, please be sure to get their permission before having their name(s) added. Names will be listed for a month and removed. You can then request to have them added again for continued prayers. Thank you.

SERVING YOU TODAY

The assisting minister for the service is **Greg Hull**. The reader for the service is **Cindy Bursley**. The technology minister is **Nate Sears**. All are sharing service on the altar guild.

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