

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 96:1–9

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

C: **Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.**

P: Declare His glory among the nations,
His marvelous works among all the peoples!

C: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
He is to be feared above all gods.
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

P: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens.

C: **Splendor and majesty are before Him;
strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.**

P: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

C: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;
bring an offering, and come into His courts!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51:1–3; 96:9–13; Isaiah 45:5, adapt.*

P: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

C: **according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

P: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

C: **For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

P: As we come and bow before the Lord to confess our sins, we admit that we have bowed
down to other gods of this world and gods of our own choosing.

C: **We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

P: We have failed to rely on You in all times.

C: **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, and against others in what
we have done and left undone.**

P: We have not loved You with our whole heart
and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

C: **We confess we have trusted in ourselves and others rather than in You.**

P: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

C: **let the field exult, and everything in it!**

P: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

C: before the LORD, for He comes,

P: for He comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in His faithfulness.

C: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Pastor pronounces the Forgiveness of sins

HYMN OF PRAISE No. 804 “O Worship the King”

**O worship the King, all glorious above.
O gratefully sing His pow’r and His love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.**

**O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.**

**This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow’r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**

**Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**

**Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!**

**O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, as there is no other like You, help us to give to You the things that are Yours, that we serve only You. Govern all things in this world so Your Church will serve You with conviction in confidence and peace, and that faith, hope, and love be known and shown in our earthly journeys as Your kingdom comes; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 45:1–7*
(The Lord uses Cyrus as an instrument of deliverance.)

- [1] Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
 and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
 that gates may not be closed:
[2] “I will go before you
 and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
 and cut through the bars of iron,
[3] I will give you the treasures of darkness
 and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
[4] For the sake of my servant Jacob,
 and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
 I name you, though you do not know me.
[5] I am the LORD, and there is no other,
 besides me there is no God;
 I equip you, though you do not know me,
[6] that people may know, from the rising of the sun
 and from the west, that there is none besides me;
 I am the LORD, and there is no other.
[7] I form light and create darkness;
 I make well-being and create calamity;
 I am the LORD, who does all these things.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *1 Thessalonians 1:1–10* (The Thessalonians’ faith and example)

[1] Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

[2] We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, [3] remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. [4] For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, [5] because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. [6] And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, [7] so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. [8] For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. [9] For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, [10] and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

VERSE *Psalm 91:11; 103:1*

L: Alleluia! He will command His angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.

**C: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Alleluia!**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:15–22*
(Jesus tested by the Pharisees about paying taxes to Caesar)

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

[15] Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle him in his words. [16] And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. [17] Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" [18] But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? [19] Show me the coin for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. [20] And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" [21] They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." [22] When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 940 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

**Holy God, we praise Thy name;
Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain,
Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**Hark! The glad celestial hymn
Angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim,
In unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:
Holy, holy, holy Lord!**

**Lo, the apostles' holy train
Join Thy sacred name to hallow;
Prophets swell and glad refrain,
And the white-robed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun
Through the Church the song goes on.**

Holy Father, holy Son,
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;
Though in essence only one,
Undivided God we claim Thee
And, adoring, bend the knee
While we own the mystery.

SERMON "I Am the Lord!" Isaiah 45:1-7 Pastor Matt

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE NICENE CREED *Please stand*

**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 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.**

**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.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, almighty God, for You sent Your Son into this world to rescue us and make for Yourself an everlasting kingdom. We give to You what is Yours, for You give to us what we don't deserve through Your perfect love, and give us what we need through the all-availing sacrifice of Christ's body and blood on the cross. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to do in His own testament. Receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL (LSB 955)

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
That we may be fed with the Bread of Life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.
Grace our table with Your presence,
And give us, a foretaste of the feast to come.**

SELF-REFLECTION (As the Sacrament is being prepared, let us take this moment of silence to prepare our hearts to receive this sacred meal.)

1. Are you baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you know you are a sinner in need of God's grace?
3. Do I believe that God offers His forgiveness through the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
4. Do you seek to amend your sinful life?

If you have answered "Yes" to all of these questions you are encouraged to come. Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

AS WE APPROACH THE TABLE OF THE LORD

P: Merciful Lord,
C: **we do not presume to come to this Your table, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table.**

But You are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed, through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

Let us eat together the body of Christ.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Let us drink together from the cup of salvation, the blood of Christ shed for our sins.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Almighty and everliving God,

**C: we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of Your eternal kingdom.**

P: And now, Father, send us out
to do the work You have given us to do,
to love and serve You
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

**C: To him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord smile upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

CLOSING ANTHEM "Alleluia!" Voices of Ascension
– Composed by Randall Thompson