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**INVOCATION**

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

**C:** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**      *Titus 3:3–7*

**P:** For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures,

**C:** passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.

**P:** But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,

**C:** He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy,

**P:** by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

**C:** whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

**P:** so that being justified by His grace

**C:** we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P:** In that divine hope, let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C:** Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You by not letting You have Your way with us. We have become deaf to Your Word. Because of our weak love for You and for our neighbor, we have become fruitless trees deserving only Your judgment. Therefore, we return to You today asking Your forgiveness and for the strengthening of our faith and love. By Your Word, restore us and renew us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P:** The God of all healing and forgiveness has drawn us to Himself, and cleansed us from all our sins when He sent His One and Only Son, to make satisfaction for our sins through His death on the cross. Be at peace, and make yourselves ready to behold the glory of His Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C:** Amen.



So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord      C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE      Psalm 64:10

L: Let the righteous one rejoice in the LORD and take refuge in him!

C: Let all the upright in heart exult! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL      *Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23*      (The parable of the sower)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear.”

“Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

**HYMN No. 577      "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"**

**Almighty God, your Word is cast Like seed into the ground;  
Now let the dew of heav'n descend And righteous fruits abound.**

**Let not the sly satanic foe This holy seed remove,  
But give it root in ev'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.**

**Let not the world's deceitful cares The rising plant destroy,  
But let it yield a hundred fold The fruits of peace and joy.**

**So when the precious seed is sown, Life giving grace bestow  
That all whose souls the truth receive Its saving pow'r may know.**

**SERMON      "My Word shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."      Isaiah 55:10-13**

**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    “We Praise You, O God” (LSB 785 – vs. 1)**

**We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;  
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**(Final Petition)**

**P:    Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy;  
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
C:    Amen.**

**✠ 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.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

**P:    It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give  
thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our  
Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection  
opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with  
all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising  
You and saying:**

## **THANKSGIVING**

**P: Praise and thanks to You, O Lord,**

**C: for creating the heavens and the earth,**

**P: for Your mercy to Adam and Eve in the promise of a Savior  
to crush the Ancient Serpent's head,**

**C: for delivering Noah and his family in the flood,**

**P: for freeing the Israelites from oppression in Egypt,**

**C: for sending the prophets to expose sin  
and renew the promise of the Savior.**

**P: Praise and thanks to You, O Lord,**

**C: for choosing Mary to be the mother of our Lord,**

**P: for the birth of Jesus, Your Word in the flesh among us,**

**C: for Jesus' love for the poor, the sick, the oppressed, the hungry,**

**P: for Jesus' sacrificial death by which He bore our sins on the cross,**

**C: for Jesus' glorious resurrection dawn,**

**P: for Jesus' promise to come again in the fullness of His glory.**

**C: Praise and thanks to You, O Lord,**

**P: for this gift of Christ's body and blood,**

**C: for the forgiveness of our sins in this Holy Meal,**

**P: for this congregation and our oneness in the body and blood of Christ,**

**C: for this foretaste of the feast to come.**

**ALL: Praise to You: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD      (Agnus Dei)      LSB 180**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,  
Grant us peace, grant us peace.**

## **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.”

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.”

## **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.

**DISTRIBUTION** “Beautiful Things” Gungor (video)  
# 921 “On What Has Now Been Sown”

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.

## HYMN No. 895 "Now Thank We All Our God"

Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

## SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!