

# The Divine Service

## The Last Sunday of the Church Year

### November 20, 2022

#### AS WE GATHER

*There are many things that can define who we are: our relationships, our jobs, our language, our socioeconomic status, our location, or many others. Today, we focus on our identity in Jesus. Who are we because of Jesus? We will find that ultimately, we are not defined by what we do but by what Jesus does for us. Because of Jesus and His work and His ways, we are delivered and set free from sin and the assaults of Satan. You are a forgiven child of God!*

#### WORDS OF WELCOME/THEME OF THE DAY

#### HYMN OF INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.*

#### OPENING HYMN More Precious than Silver

Lord You are more precious than silver  
Lord You are more costly than gold  
Lord You are more beautiful than diamonds  
And nothing I desire compares with You

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#### BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**People:** we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### Come Now is the Time to Worship

#### Chorus

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

#### Verse 1

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

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## GREETING

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

**People:** And also with you.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, by the blood of Your cross You have delivered us from the domain of darkness into Your kingdom of light. Strengthen us to find our identity, not in the things of this world, but in all You have done for us; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

### **Graves into Gardens**

#### **Verse 1**

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me  
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade are never enough  
Then You came along and put me back together  
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

#### **Chorus**

Oh there's nothing better than You  
There's nothing better than You  
Lord there's nothing  
Nothing is better than You

#### **Verse 2**

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness  
My failures and flaws  
Lord You've seen them all  
And You still call me friend  
'Cause the God of the mountain  
Is the God of the valley  
And there's not a place  
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

#### **Bridge**

You turn mourning to dancing  
You give beauty for ashes  
You turn shame into glory  
You're the only one who can  
You turn graves into gardens  
You turn bones into armies  
You turn seas into highways  
You're the only one who can

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## THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

11:00 AM

### “This is a Joyous, Happy Day”

This is a joyous, happy day; We celebrate Your gift of life.  
Christ is with us, joy surrounds us. Christ takes our sin and sets us free.  
He fills our lives with endless life. Christ is with us. Christ unites us.  
Praise our maker, praise the Spirit. Praise Christ Jesus.

## THE OLD TESTAMENT

*Malachi 3:6-12*

Reader: <sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. <sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’ <sup>8</sup>Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. <sup>9</sup>You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. <sup>10</sup>Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. <sup>11</sup>I will rebuke the devourer<sup>[a]</sup> for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of your soil, and your vine in the field shall not fail to bear, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>Then all nations will call you blessed, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE EPISTLE

*Colossians 1:13-20*

Reader: <sup>13</sup>He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE



## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 23:27-43*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the twenty-third chapter.  
People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" <sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." <sup>42</sup>And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### This is Amazing Grace

#### VERSE 1

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

#### VERSE 2

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

#### CHORUS

(Yeah) (Oh) This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life  
That I would be set free  
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

#### VERSE 3

Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter  
The King of Glory the King of Glory

#### VERSE 4

Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory the King above all kings

#### BRIDGE

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy worthy worthy

#### Bridge (Spanish)

digno es el cordero de dios  
(worthy is the lamb who was slain)  
digno es el rey que la muerte venció  
(worthy is the king who conquered  
the grave)

#### Chorus (Spanish)

gracia sublime es  
(this is amazing grace)  
perfecto es tu amor  
(this is unfailing love)  
tomaste mi lugar  
(that you would take my place)  
cargaste tu mi cruz  
(that you would bear my cross)  
tu vida diste ahí  
(you laid down your life)  
y ahora libre soy  
(that i would be set free)  
jesus te adoro por lo que hiciste en mi  
(jesús i sing for all that you've done for  
me)

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## SERMON

"Trust in the Test"

*Pastor Scott Henze*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**People:** 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.

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Petitions end, "Lord in your mercy" Congregation responds, "Hear Our Prayer"*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Pastor:** Let us pray: Merciful God,

**People:** We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*Stand as you are able.*

### PREFACE

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** We lift them to the Lord.

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

***A word about Holy Communion:***  
*We welcome to the Lord's Table all baptized Christians who believe in the Real Presence of Christ in this sacrament and believe that in this eating and drinking, we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power to amend our sinful lives. Children who have not yet been instructed may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over the chest thus indicating they will not receive the elements. For those who prefer a non-alcoholic option please know that the center of the communion tray is white grape juice. A gluten free wafer is available upon request.*

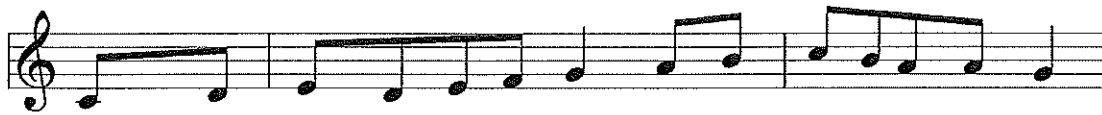
## PROPER PREFACE

### SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Pastor:** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**People:** **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.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### PEACE OF THE LORD

*John 20:19*

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*The minister and congregation may greet one another with the peace of the Lord.*



## AGNUS DEI

John 1:29



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

### I Give You My Heart

#### Verse

This is my desire  
To honor You  
Lord with all my heart  
I worship You  
All I have within me  
I give You praise  
All that I adore is in You

#### Chorus

Lord I give You my heart  
I give You my soul  
I live for You alone  
Ev'ry breath that I take  
Ev'ry moment I'm awake  
Lord have Your way in me

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## **Promises**

### **VERSE 1**

God of Abraham You're the God of covenant  
Of faithful promises  
Time and time again You have proven  
You do just what You say

### **PRE-CHORUS**

Though the storms may come  
And the winds may blow  
I'll remain steadfast  
And let my heart learn when You speak a  
word  
It will come to pass

### **CHORUS**

Great is Your faithfulness to me  
Great is Your faithfulness to me  
From the rising sun to the setting same  
I will praise Your name  
Great is Your faithfulness to me

### **VERSE 2**

God from age to age  
Though the earth may pass away  
Your word remains the same yeah  
Your history can prove  
There's nothing You can't do  
You're faithful and true (Pre-chorus)

### **BRIDGE**

I put my faith in Jesus  
My anchor to the ground  
My hope and firm foundation  
He'll never let me down  
(REPEAT) (CHORUS 2)

### **CHORUS**

Great is Your faithfulness to me  
Great is Your faithfulness to me  
From the rising sun to the  
setting same  
I will praise Your name  
Great is Your faithfulness to me

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## **Sanctuary Medley**

### **Verse 1**

Lord prepare me  
To be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy, true and true  
And with thanksgiving  
I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for You

### **Verse 2**

Stained glass windows  
Pour streams of colors  
From Your Sons love  
Open my eyes  
Now I lay down  
Before Your altar  
Lord Your servant am I

### **Chorus**

We Exalt Thee, we exalt Thee, we exalt Thee, Oh Lord.  
We Exalt Thee, we exalt Thee, we exalt Thee, Oh Lord.

### **Verse 3**

I believe in Jesus  
I believe He is the Son of God  
I believe He died and rose again  
I believe He paid for us all  
And I believe He is here now  
(I believe He is here)  
Standing in our midst  
Here with the power to heal now  
(With the power to heal)  
And the grace to forgive

## **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **STEWARDSHIP MINUTE**

## **BENEDICTION**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

### **Your Grace Is Enough**

#### **VERSE 1**

Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless  
heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

#### **PRE-CHORUS**

(So) remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

#### **CHORUS 1**

Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

#### **VERSE 2**

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

#### **CHORUS 2**

Yeah Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I sing Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me for me

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## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as...

**People: Disciples making disciples.**

Pastor: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

*If you have a prayer request we invite you to come up to the altar following the worship service to pray with a member of our prayer team.*

PEACE  
BE WITH  
you



DRIVE THRU  
**LIVE  
NATIVITY**

DECEMBER 4  
5:30 PM- 8:30 PM

**THE CHRISTMAS STORY COMES TO LIFE.  
LIVE CAMELS, DONKEY, SHEEP & MORE!**

Please plan to come and invite  
your friends and neighbors!  
Help is needed also to be a part  
of this wonderful night.  
See the table in the breezeway to serve.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS AND SERVICES**

### **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

Wednesday, November 23, 7:30 PM - Gather together to give thanks.  
All donations this night go to LifeNet4Families Food Pantry.

### **Midweek Advent Evening Worship Services**

Wednesdays, November 30, December 7 & 14 at 7:30 PM

### **Drive Thru Live Nativity**

Sunday, December 4; 5:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Mark your calendars for this special presentation of the Christmas story.  
Live animals, music and more. Invite your friends and neighbors!

### **Owls - Older Wiser Lutherans**

Friday, December 9 at 7:00 PM- Monthly Social Gathering for 55+

### **Middle School Youth Group Christmas Party**

Friday, December 9 at 7:00 PM- All Middle School students are invited!

### **Kids Choir Christmas Musical**

Sunday, December 11 at both services. The children will lead us in worship.

### **A Quiet Christmas Service**

Sunday, December 11, 7:00 PM ; All are invited for an evening of inspirational readings and music in preparation of the Birth of Christ.  
A holiday reception will follow service.

### **Senior Youth Group Christmas Party**

Wednesday, December 21; 6:30 PM ; All High School Students & friends  
9th through 12th grade are invited.

## **Investing for Time and Eternity**

“ . . . lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven,  
where moth nor rust destroys,  
and where thieves do not break in and steal.  
For where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:20-21).

*Amen!*

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Sunday School for children and Youth at 9:45 AM

Adult Bible Study at 10:00 AM



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