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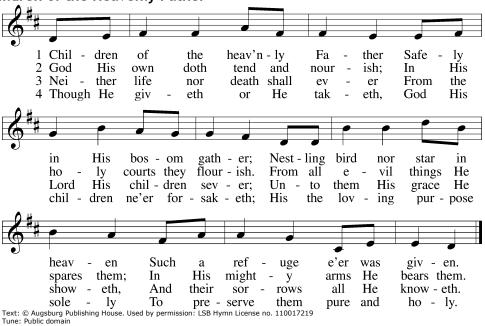
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Morning Prayer LSB 235

As We Gather

Jesus' disciples did not understand the prophecy about His death and resurrection. They focused, instead, on their personal greatness. So, He inverted their viewpoint, using a child to explain that true greatness is in humble servanthood, in welcoming even children (then considered to be without status). But our inner passions rebel and war against such servanthood, as James explains in the Epistle. Fortunately, by the gracious gift of faith, in place of personal struggles, we can rely on God, as Jeremiah does in the Old Testament Reading and David in today's psalm. Our Lord is the humblest and therefore greatest Servant, and by His death and resurrection He has proclaimed that God's grace knows no bounds. Confidently, we can follow Him in humble servanthood each day.

725 Children of the Heavenly Father



Stand

Versicles LSB 235

- $[\mathbf{L}]$ O Lord, open my lips,
- and my mouth shall declare Your praise.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- Alleluia, alleluia. \mathbf{C}

Psalmody

- The Lord has sanctified us in the true faith.
- O come, let us worship Him.

Venite LSB 236

- O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
- Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
- **C** For the Lord is a great God and a great king above all gods.
- In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.
- The sea is His, for He made it; and His hand formed the dry land.
- P O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.
- For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- **P** The Lord has sanctified us in the true faith.
- O come, let us worship Him.

Sit

851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us



Readings

Reading Jeremiah 11:18–20

18 The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.
19 But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.
I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying,
"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."
20 But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Reading James 3:13—4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Reading Mark 9:30–37

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

- In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- **©** But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

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Canticle

Stand



Sit

Offering

Prayer

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray

O God, whose strength is made perfect in weakness, grant us humility and childlike faith that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P O Lord of hosts, You oppose the proud and give grace to the humble. Help us by Your Spirit to submit ourselves to You and resist the devil, that he would flee from us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, give our Synod's leaders and all pastors the wisdom that comes down from above, that they may be peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. Let them sow among us in peace, and grant a harvest of righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, pacify our passions by Your Spirit, that we may not be ruled by the jealousy and selfish ambition that give rise to disorder and every vile practice. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, uphold this world in Your order. Preserve the Church and the preaching of Your Word against all enemies. Bless our homes, that parents and children may serve one another faithfully and grow in instruction and faith until life's end. Give health and wisdom to all who serve in public office, that their authority may be exercised for the benefit of our people. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

Lord of hosts, look with kindness on the sick and those in any need [especially ______]. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord of hosts, grant that what we ask from You may not be squandered after our passions, but sought rightly in faith, that we may receive them and put them to service for You and our neighbors; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Grace

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

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.

C Our Father who art in heaven,

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 241

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

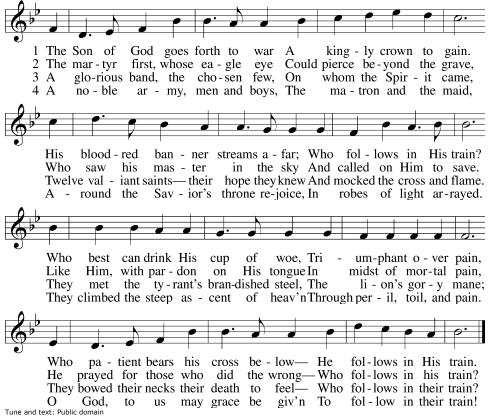
Benediction LSB 242

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the

→ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War



Announcements

The Lutheran Witness subscription update is in the Narthex. Please ensure your address is up to date.

Adult Sunday School is studying Genesis at 9am on Sunday mornings and should return next week.

The **Ladies Bible Study** is will be back soon to studying Leviticus.

Church Council next meeting is **TBD**.

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