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782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

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Divine Service, Setting Four

As We Gather

The call to faithfulness is itself both a warning against losing faith in God's promises and the encouragement to have confidence in the Lord. Scripture regularly reminds us that God is not out to trap us or confound us but uses the things of this mortal life to increase our faith in Him. Nowhere is that more felt than in the tension between the things of this life that appear so real and urgent and the things of the kingdom of God which are truly real and urgent. The promise is that if we have Christ, we have all things needful. The encouragement is to live out this promise with a lively and confident faith.

great 1 Gra cious God. You send bless ings 2 By Your Word You formed tion cre a 3 In His earth ly life, our Sav ior 4 Heav'n - ly Fa ther, may our car ing each morn - ing all days. For Your mer - cies New our Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of Bear the of Your grace; With the and im - print Son Your nev - er For love of - fer praise. end - ing, we May end - less trea - sure our care en cir - cle all. nev - er ded - i ca tion Of fer love that ends. Ho - ly Praise Spir - it, be Yours place! in ev - 'ry



Lord, we pray that we, Your peo-ple Who Your gifts un - num-bered claim,



Through the shar-ing of Your bless-ings May bring glo-ry to Your name.

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Confession and Absolution

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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.
- Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Service of the Word

Psalm 112:3–6; antiphon: v. 1

- Praise the LORD! Blessèd is the man who | fears the LORD,* who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!
- Wealth and riches are | in his house,* and his righteousness endures for- | ever.
- Light dawns in the darkness for the | upright;* he is gracious, merciful, and | righteous.
- It is well with the man who deals generous- | ly and lends;* who conducts his affairs with | justice.
- For the righteous will nev- | er be moved;* he will be remembered for- | ever.
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;
- as it was in the be- | ginning,*
 - is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- Praise the LORD! Blessèd is the man who | fears the LORD,* who greatly delights in his com- | mandments!

Kyrie

Introit

C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LSB 204

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

The Old Testament Reading is from Amos, chapter 5.

⁶Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel, ⁷O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! . . .

They hate him who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.
Therefore because you trample on the poor

and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,

and turn aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good, and not evil,

that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,

as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil, and love good,

and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,

will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Hebrews 3:12–19

R The Epistle is from Hebrews, chapter 3.

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said,

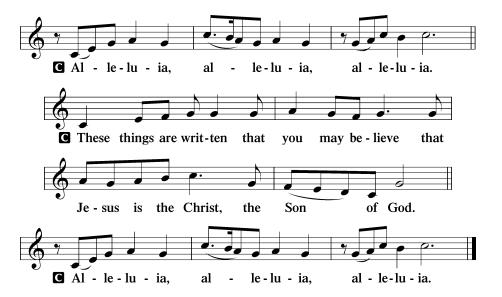
"Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

¹⁶For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

- **R** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Mark 10:17–22

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.
- P 17As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" 18And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. 19You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother." 20And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." 21And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." 22Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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 He 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.

And 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.

694 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower



Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with compassion on Your Church. Protect Your children from an evil, unbelieving heart that would lead us away from You into the deceitfulness of sin. By Your Spirit's power, enable us to hold our original confidence firm to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, God of hosts, keep us from hating those You send to reprove us with Your law. Do not let us abhor those who speak Your truth to us, that we might repent and live. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, Your Son warns us against the danger of trusting in wealth and earthly goods. Give us hearts that are content with His promises and hands that are generous with our worldly possessions. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- Almighty God, in kindness remember the president of our country, our Congress and justices, and all who bear office in this land. Protect them from the temptations of power and wealth that would lead them away from their calling. Make their service a blessing to our land and its people. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- P O Lord, have pity on [<u>and</u>] all Your servants afflicted in body or soul. Satisfy them with Your steadfast love in Christ, and grant health and healing in accord with Your perfect will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Holy Lord, satisfy our longing hearts with Your steadfast love here in the feast of Christ's body and blood, that we may rejoice and be glad in You all our days and into eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- We give thanks to You, O Lord, for the faithful of every time and place who heard Your Word and held their confidence firm to the end. Keep us steadfast in the faith, that we may have our share with them in the eternal inheritance that You have promised; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

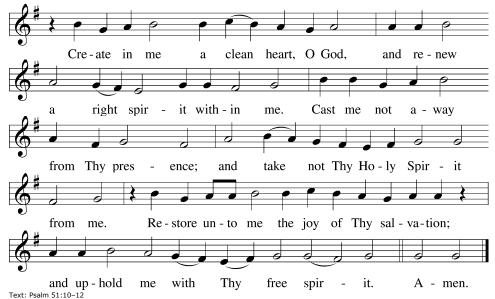
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Offering

982 Blest Are They sts. 1, ref, 2

Stand

956 Create in Me



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Welcome to our Visitors

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15–35; 26:26–29; and 1 Corinthians 11:17–34.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 208

- P The Lord be with you.
- \mathbf{C} And also with you.
- Lift up your hearts.
- \mathbf{C} We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise. C
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your onlybegotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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:

Sanctus LSB 208 C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name. in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord; blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tru - ly Text: Stephen P. Starke

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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 Words of Our Lord

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."

Pax Domini

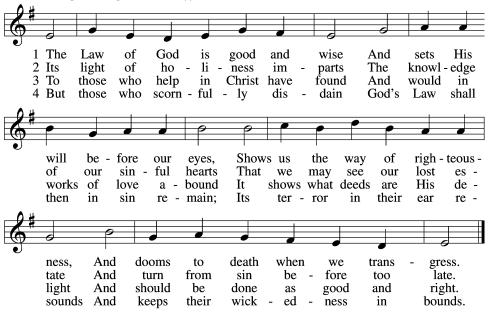
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210



579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise



- 5 The Law is good; but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all; It dooms us for our sin to die And has no pow'r to justify.
- 6 To Jesus we for refuge flee, Who from the curse has set us free, And humbly worship at His throne, Saved by His grace through faith alone.

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575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



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Post-Communion Collect

P 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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus LSB 212

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

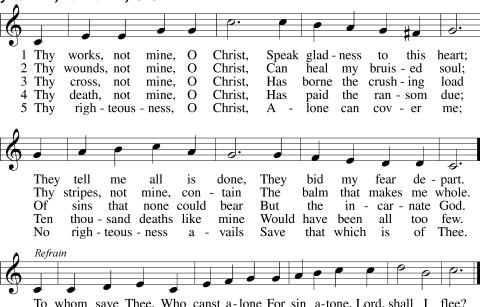
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and

→ give you peace.

C Amen.

565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ



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Announcements

Adult Sunday School at 9am on Sunday mornings is studying Numbers.

The **Flowers** that beautify our altar this morning are given to God's glory.

The Ladies Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 10am, studying the book of 2 Kings.

Church Council next meeting is Oct 13 at 8am.

Food drive for Manna Food Bank now until Nov 17.

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