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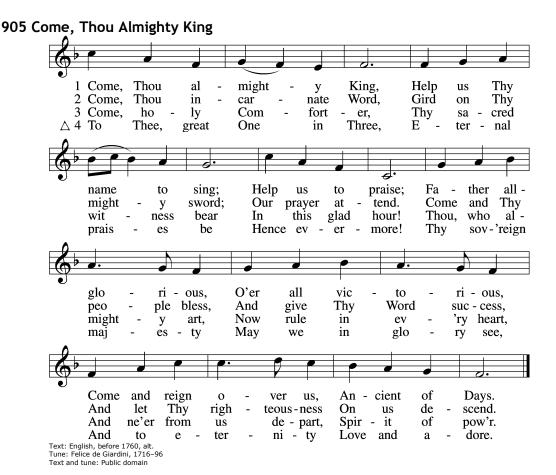
Last Sunday of the Church Year

November 24, 2024

# **Divine Service, Setting Four**

#### As We Gather

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ "will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead," Christ, "whose kingdom will have no end" (Nicene Creed). The last Sunday is therefore known as the Sunday of fulfillment, when all the plans and promises of God's salvation break forth in the resurrection of all flesh and eternal life in the new heavens and earth.



# 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?
- **©** 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

Introit

Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV

- We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\* the home of | righteousness.
- O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;\* let me know how fleeting | I am!
- P Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,\* and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.
- And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\*
  My hope | is in you.
- P Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.\*

  Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!
- Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear | to my cry;\* hold not your peace | at my tears!
- Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;
- as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

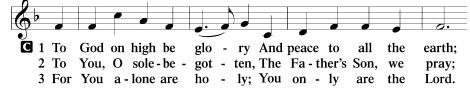
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P We are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\* the home of | righteousness.



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

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204





Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!

O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.

For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing— Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry, You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.

Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

# Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 51:4-6

R The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 51.

4"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
5My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,

and for my arm they wait.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

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

Epistle Jude 20–25

**R** The Epistle is from Jude, chapter 1.

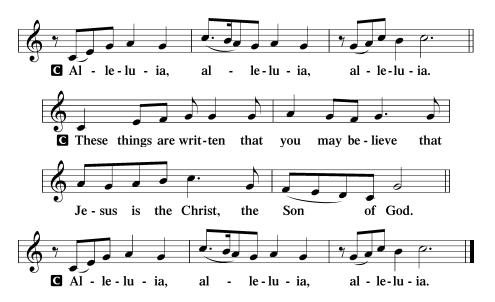
<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel Mark 13:24–37

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.
- P <sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then

they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

- **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.

# 336 Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



#### Sermon

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# 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.
  - O Almighty God, merciful Father, in this present life of sin and suffering Your Holy Church longs for the return of Christ. Give us grace to make a good confession and strength to stand firm in the faith, ever watchful for His coming in power and glory. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Gracious God, bestow strength and steadfastness on the pastors and missionaries of Your Church, [especially \_\_\_\_\_\_,] that in these gray and latter days Your little flock may be nurtured and built up to the praise of Christ, who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.

- Most merciful God and Father, give grace to Your Holy Church throughout the world, that she may serve You with reverence and awe and endure faithful to the end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O King of glory, Lord of hosts, in humility Your only-begotten Son stood before governors and kings and was accused unjustly for our sake. Defend the cause of the weak and those who have no voice in our society, particularly the unborn, the poor and the homeless. Give the government of our nation the fortitude to serve its citizens and strive for fairness and justice. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
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- Almighty God, make each communicant worthy to receive Christ's body and blood this day, that they would do so with a repentant heart and in faith, not to their judgment but for their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations. Receive our thanks and praise for all those who have died in the faith, and bring us with them to share in the splendors of the new heavens and the new earth. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

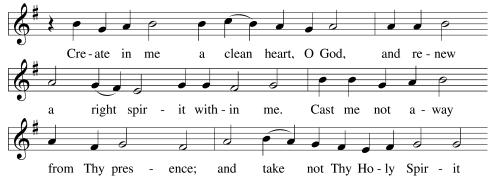
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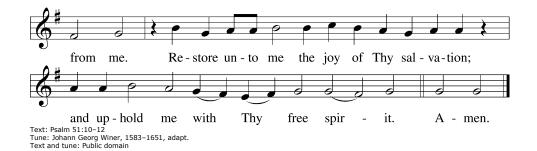
## Offering

658 Preserve Your Word, O Savior sts. 1-2

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# 956 Create in Me





#### 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

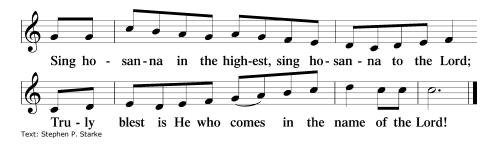
Preface LSB 208

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **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.
- 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 only-begotten 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



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



# Prayer of Thanksgiving

P 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

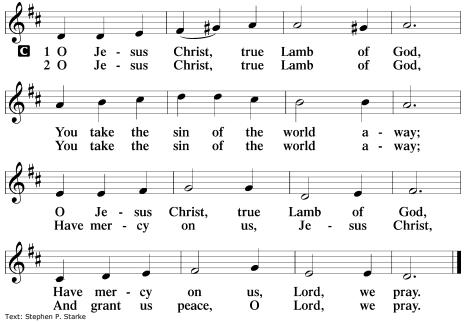
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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

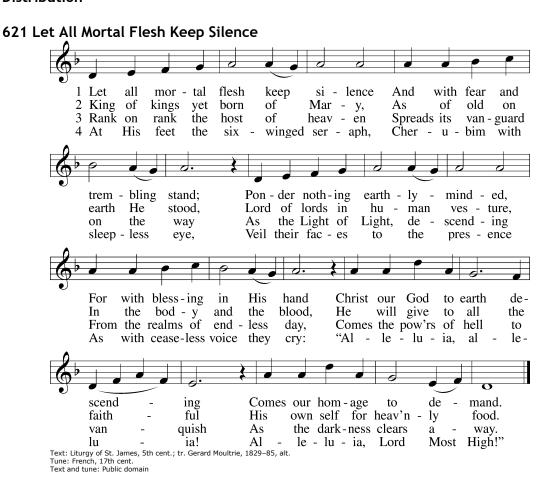
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 210



Sit

# Distribution



#### 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



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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.



Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text and tune: Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608 Text and tune: Public domain

#### **Announcements**

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

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

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

Church Council next meeting is Dec 8 at 8am.

Semiannual Voters' Assembly is Dec 8 after service, voting on the 2025 budget and Lay Delegate.

Our **Food drive** for Manna Food Bank resulted in donating 142 pounds of food!

Thanksgiving Eve Service will be at 6pm on Wens. 27 Nov.

Mens' Breakfast and Bible Study will begin Sat. Dec 7 at 9am.

Let Pastor Huston or Charlie Padon know if you would like to volunteer as our **Lay Delegate** for the Texas District Convention **June 5-7**, 2025 in Houston.

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