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Divine Service, Setting Three

## As We Gather

From an early age, many of us learned that persistent pestering is rude, as parents make this clear to children who repeatedly ask for the same things over and over. We are thankful that our heavenly Father never grows weary of our asking Him for what we need, no matter how repetitive our requests may be. As we see in Jacob's persistent proclamation, "I will not let You go unless You bless me" (Genesis 32:26), in Paul's exhortation to continually persist in what we have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14), and in Jesus' parable of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8), we know we can bring all things to our heavenly Father persistently in prayer, trusting through it all that His will would be done.

## 773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, Through Your Son and  
2 When we know not what to say And our wound - ed  
3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, Sac - ri - ficed on  
4 By Your Spir - it now at - tend To our prayers and



in Your Spir - it. By Your Spir - it's Word con - vey  
souls are plead - ing, May Your Spir - it, night and day,  
Cal - v'ry's al - tar, Through Your priest - ly blood we cry:  
sup - pli - ca - tions, As like in - cense they as - cend



All that we through Christ in - her - it,  
Groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;  
Hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;  
To Your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.



That as bap - tized heirs we may Tru - ly pray.  
By His sighs, too deep for words, We are heard.  
Place them on Your Fa - ther's throne As Your own.  
May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

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## Confession and Absolution

*Stand*

*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.



## Gloria in Excelsis

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Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-  
on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Genesis 32:22–30

**R** The Old Testament Reading is from Genesis, chapter 32.

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

**R** The Epistle is from 2 Timothy, chapter 3.

<sup>14</sup>As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.

<sup>1</sup>I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia

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**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Luke 18:1–8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

**P** <sup>1</sup>[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. <sup>3</sup>And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’” <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



### Nicene Creed

**C** 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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

## 734 I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name



1 I trust, O Lord, Your ho - ly name; O let me not be  
 2 Bow down Your gra - cious ear to me And hear my cry, my  
 3 You are my strength, my shield, my rock, My for-tress that with -  
 4 With You, O Lord, I cast my lot; O faith-ful God, for -  
 △ 5 All hon - or, praise, and maj - es - ty To Fa-ther, Son, and



put to shame Nor let me be con-found - ed. My faith, O  
 prayer, my plea; Make haste for my pro - tec - tion, For woes and  
 stands each shock, My help, my life, my tow - er, My bat - tle  
 sake me not, To You my soul com-mend - ing. Lord, be my  
 Spir - it be, Our God for - ev - er glo - rious, In whose rich



Lord, Be in Your Word For - ev - er firm-ly ground - ed.  
 fear Sur-round me here. Help me in my af - flic - tion.  
 sword, Al - might - y Lord— Who can re - sist Your pow - er?  
 stay, And lead the way Now and when life is end - ing.  
 grace We run our race Till we de - part vic - to - rious.

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## Sermon

## Offering

739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand sts. 1–2

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## Offertory

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☐ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

## Prayer of the Church

☐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

☑ Lord, have mercy.

- P** For grace and faith to hear and heed the voice of God’s Word, just as Jacob wrestled with the Lord and would not depart without a blessing; and for patience, courage and endurance in time of trial, that we may not despair when we suffer for the sake of the kingdom, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For a fervent desire for the truth of God’s Word among His people, that pastors may preach and teach the Word with patience, sober-mindedness and faithfulness; and that listeners may be made wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For husbands and wives, that they might live in faithfulness to each other; for all mothers with child; for all children; and for those who bring children to Baptism and nurture them in the faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For Donald, our president; the Congress of these United States; *Greg*, our governor; and all elected and appointed officials of government, that they would have integrity and promote good and just laws for the benefit of all people as they serve the highest good; and for those whose sacrificial service regularly protects and defends us here and abroad, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** That we would be delivered from evil; and for the lives of those who face sickness, injuries and troubles, [*including \_\_\_\_\_,*] let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For faith and repentance, that we may receive the blessed food of Christ’s body and blood and be brought into the Holy Communion to bear fruit in lives of holiness, righteousness and service, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For persistence to pray because the Lord loves us, always provides for us and promises to give justice to His elect who cry out to Him day and night; for faith that wrestles with the Lord but trusts that He remains in control; and for forgiveness, guidance and eternal life with Christ, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Merciful Father, as You have promised, keep safe our coming in and our going out from this time forth and forevermore, for we pray in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

#### 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

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**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** **It is meet and right so to do.**

**P** It is truly meet, 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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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 195

**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

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**P** 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.

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

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

**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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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**

LSB 197

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

**C** Amen.

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**728 How Firm a Foundation**

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not! I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
3 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way will lie,  
5 "Through - out all their life - time My peo - ple will prove  
Is laid for your faith in His ex - cel - lent Word!  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to his foes;  
My grace, all - suf - fi - cient, will be your sup - ply.  
My sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;  
What more can He say than to you He has said  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,  
The flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
And then, when gray hairs will their tem - ples a - dorn,  
Who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
Up - held by My righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er, for - sake!  
Your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
Like lambs they will still in My bos - om be borne."

### 635 O Gracious Lord, I Firmly Am Believing

sts. 1-5



1 O gra - cious Lord, I firm - ly am be - liev - ing  
 2 Lord, I have sinned, a thou - sand times of - fend - ing;  
 3 You see my sin yet seat me at Your ta - ble;  
 4 O Lamb of God, my faith - ful, lov - ing Sav - ior,  
 5 Heav - en - ly Bread, my life and ben - e - dic - tion,



Your bound - less love will bless each faith - ful soul,  
 My thank - less thoughts and words and deeds e - raise,  
 Lord, as a guest, I sure - ly am the least:  
 You I em - brace in faith and ho - ly love;  
 This cup You give can take a - way each ill.



As from this al - tar we are here re - ceiv - ing  
 To me Your hand of mer - cy now ex - tend - ing,  
 Un - clean, un - fit, of wor - thy deeds un - a - ble—  
 Grant me the strength to show by my be - hav - ior  
 Come and re - lieve my soul from all af - flic - tion;



Your bod - y and Your blood to make us whole,  
 O God, my Sav - ior, I im - plore Your grace,  
 My heart pre - pare for this most ho - ly feast,  
 A life now hid - den in Your reign a - bove,  
 Calm ev - 'ry sigh un - til my heart is still,



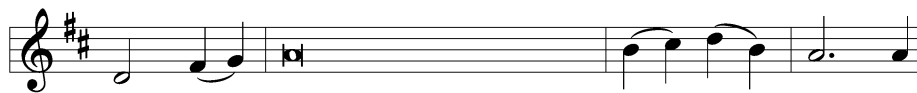
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 Calm ev - 'ry sigh un - til my heart is still.

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### Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



## 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer



1 Christ is the world's Re - deem - er, The lov - er of the pure,  
2 Christ has our host sur - round - ed With clouds of mar - tyrs bright,  
3 Down through the realm of dark - ness He strode in vic - to - ry,  
△ 4 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, The un - be - got - ten One,



The font of heav'n-ly wis - dom, Our trust and hope se - cure,  
Who wave their palms in tri - umph And fire us for the fight.  
And at the hour ap - point - ed He rose tri - um - phant-ly.  
All hon - or be to Je - sus, His sole - be - got - ten Son,



The ar - mor of His sol - diers, The Lord of earth and sky,  
Then Christ the cross as - cend - ed To save a world un - done  
And now, to heav'n as - cend - ed, He sits up - on the throne  
And to the Ho - ly Spir - it— The per - fect Trin - i - ty.



Our health while we are liv - ing, Our life when we shall die.  
And, suf - f'ring for the sin - ful, Our full re - demp - tion won.  
Whence He had ne'er de - part - ed, His Fa - ther's and His own.  
Let all the worlds give an - swer: A - men! So let it be.

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## Announcements

**Adult Sunday School** is at **9am** on Sunday mornings studying Joshua.

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

The **Ladies Bible Study** meets Wednesdays at **10am** studying the Psalms.

**Church Council** next meeting is **Nov 9** at **8am**.

The next **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** is Sat. **Nov 8** at **9am**.

The Church Counsel is planning on moving the designated **Library Fund** to the General Fund. Please contact anyone on the Counsel with comments.

**Church Directory Photoshoot** is scheduled for Tues. **Nov 18** from 2pm to 8:30pm. Instructions on scheduling will be released soon.

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