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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

TODAY'S THREAD: *Listen up! Let God equip you for life in a wicked world.*

OPENING HYMN

Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore You | 189



1 Je - ho - vah, let me now a - dore you, For
 2 O Fa - ther, draw me to my Sav - ior That
 3 Grant that your Spir - it prompt my prais - es; Then
 4 For he can plead for me with sigh - ings That



where is there a God such, Lord, as you? With
 your dear Son may draw me then to you. Your
 shall my sing - ing sure - ly please your ear. Sweet
 are not speak - a - ble by lips de - filed. He



joy - ful songs I come be - fore you; Oh,
 Spir - it guide my whole be - hav - ior And
 are the sounds my heart then rais - es; My
 bids me pray with ear - nest cry - ings, Bears



let your Spir - it teach my heart a - new To
 rule both sense and rea - son in me, too, That,
 prayer in truth and spir - it you will hear. Then
 wit - ness that I am your pre - cious child, Joint



praise you in his name through whom a - lone
 Lord, your peace from me may ne'er de - part
 shall your Spir - it lift my heart in love
 heir with Christ, and thus may dare to say:



Our songs can praise you, through your bless - ed Son.
 But wake sweet mel - o - dies with - in my heart.
 To sing these psalms to you, my God a - bove.
 O heav'n - ly Fa - ther, hear me when I pray!

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.
- C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**
- M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.
- C:** **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

- M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

- M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

- M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

- M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

- M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial song An - gel choirs a -
 bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; Proph - ets, mar - tyrs join the throng,
 All in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing With the Church in
 vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 one ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Joel 3:12-16 EHV

Jehoshaphat means: Yahweh judges. The valley where the LORD gave King Jehoshaphat a victorious judgment over Israel's enemies foreshadows God's final judgment over all who reject him as their God.

- 12 Let the nations be roused.
 Let them advance into the Valley of Jehoshaphat,
 for there I will be seated to judge all the nations.
- 13 Swing the sickle,
 for the harvest is ripe.
 Come, trample the grapes,
 for the winepress is full and the vats overflow,
 because the nations' wickedness is so great!
- 14 Multitudes, multitudes in the Valley of Decision!
 For the Day of the LORD is near in the Valley of Decision.
- 15 The sun and moon will be darkened,
 and the stars will stop shining.

16 The LORD will roar from Zion
and shout from Jerusalem.
The sky and the earth will tremble.
But the LORD will be a refuge for his people,
a stronghold for the people of Israel.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 18

We can't rescue ourselves from Satan and his wicked sons. The LORD alone is our shield of victory.

Refrain



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

Psalm tone



The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;*
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

He reached down from on high and took hold of me;*
he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

He brought me out into a spacious place;*
he rescued me because he delighted in me.

Refrain

You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;*
my God turns my darkness into light.

You save the humble*
but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

You give me your shield of victory,*
and your right hand sustains me.

**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.**

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26-27 EHV

In the previous verses, Paul spoke of the creation groaning under the curse of sin. Now he addresses our groaning and reveals that the Holy Spirit takes our inexpressible longing straight to the heart of our God.

²⁶ In the same way the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we should pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that are not expressed in words. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints, according to God's will.!

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 55:11b cf.

M: Alleluia. My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 EHV

Our longing to live free from all wickedness will be satisfied on The Last Day. Don't let your zeal against evil run ahead of the Lord. The judgment and destruction of the evil is the Lord's job, not ours.

M: The Gospel, Matthew Chapter 13

²⁴ He presented another parable to them: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while people were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. ²⁶ When the plants sprouted and produced heads of grain, the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ The servants of the owner came and said to him, ‘Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?’ ²⁸ He said to them, ‘An enemy did this.’ The servants asked him, ‘Do you want us to go and gather up the weeds?’ ²⁹ ‘No,’ he answered, ‘because when you gather up the weeds, you might pull up the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “First, gather up the weeds, bind them in bundles, and burn them. Then, gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

³⁶ Then Jesus sent the people away and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.”

³⁷ He answered them, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. ³⁸ The field is the world. The good seeds are the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the Evil One.

³⁹ The enemy who sowed them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the world. The reapers are angels. ⁴⁰ Therefore, just as the weeds are gathered up and burned with fire, so it will be at the end of the world. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will pull out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and those who continue to break the law. ⁴² The angels will throw them into the fiery furnace where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears to hear, let him hear.

M: This is the Gospel.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

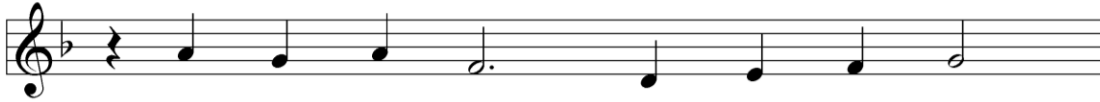




1 Lord Je - sus Christ, with us a - bide,
 2 O God, how sin's dread works a - bound!
 3 In these last days of sore dis - tress
 4 Lord Je - sus, help, your Church up - hold,
 5 Oh, keep us in your Word, we pray;



For round us falls the e - ven - tide,
 Through - out the earth no rest is found,
 Grant us, dear Lord, true stead - fast - ness
 For we are slug - gish, thought - less, cold.
 The guile and rage of Sa - tan stay!



Nor let your Word, that heav'n - ly light,
 And false - hood's spir - it wide has spread,
 That pure we keep, till life is spent,
 Oh, pros - per well your Word of grace,
 Oh, may your mer - cy nev - er cease!



For us be ev - er veiled in night.
 And er - ror bold - ly rears its head.
 Your ho - ly Word and sac - ra - ment.
 And spread its truth in ev - 'ry place.
 Give con - cord, pa - tience, cour - age, peace.

6 The cause is yours, the glory, too.
 So hear us, Lord, and keep us true,
 Your Word alone is our defense,
 The Church's glorious confidence.

7 Oh, grant that in your holy Word
 We here may live and die, dear Lord,
 And when our journey's ending here,
 Receive us into glory there.

SERMON – See the separate sheet for the Sermon Road Map.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
 Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

**He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

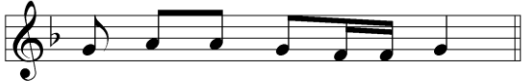
Our Lord Jesus has given us a holy supper in which we receive his true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper we celebrate the gift of his redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim his death until he returns.

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



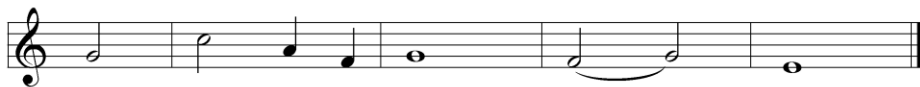
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION



1 Je - sus Christ, our bless - ed Sav - ior, Turned a - way
 2 As his pledge of love un - dy - ing, He, this pre -
 3 Je - sus here him - self is shar - ing; Take heed how
 4 Use - less would be Je - sus' pas - sion If sal - va -
 5 Christ says, "Come, all you that la - bor, And re - ceive



God's wrath for - ev - er; By his bit - ter grief and
 cious food sup - ply - ing, Gives his bod - y with the
 you are pre - par - ing, For if you do not be -
 tion you could fash - ion. Do not come if you sup -
 my grace and fa - vor; Those who feel no pain or



woe He saved us from the e - vil foe.
 bread And with the wine the blood he shed.
 lieve, Judg - ment in - stead you shall re - ceive.
 pose You need not him who died and rose.
 ill Need no phy - si - cian's help or skill."

6 Then hold fast with faith unshaken
 That this food is to be taken
 By the souls who are distressed,
 By hearts that long for peace and rest.

7 Praise the Father, who from heaven
 Unto us such food has given
 And, to mend what we have done,
 Gave into death his only Son.

8 If your heart this truth professes
 And your mouth your sin confesses,
 Surely you will be his guest
 And at his banquet ever blest.

THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

Come, Oh Come, Life-Giving Spirit | 181:1, 4-5



1 Come, oh, come, life - giv - ing Spir - it, God from all e -
2 Show us, Lord, the path of bless - ing; When we tres - pass
3 With our spir - it, Lord, bear wit - ness That we are the
4 Prompt us, Lord, to come be - fore him With a child - like
5 Grant our hearts in full - est mea - sure Wis - dom, coun - sel,



ter - ni - ty! May your pow - er nev - er fail us;
on our way, Cast, O Lord, our sins be - hind you
saints of God Who re - ly up - on him sole - ly
heart to pray; Sigh for us, O Ho - ly Spir - it,
pur - i - ty, That we al - ways strive to please you,



Dwell with - in us con - stant - ly. Then shall truth and
And be with us day by day. Should we stray, O
When we're chas - tened by the rod; For we know, as
When we know not what to say. Then our prayer is
Work - ing for you will - ing - ly. Let the gos - pel



life and light Ban - ish all the gloom of night.
Lord, re - call; Work re - pent - ance when we fall.
chil - dren should, That the cross is for our good.
not in vain, And our faith new strength shall gain.
spread and grow, Bring - ing Sa - tan's o - ver - throw.

Silent prayer Announcements after the close of Service

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