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WELCOME TO WORSHIP



To the friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to our first time guests we extend it most sincerely; and to those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with the risen living Redeemer, membership in His Church, and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. Our message is as old as the Word of God to man and as new as the new life it brings: *Jesus Christ, crucified and risen to give eternal life to people everywhere*.

Guest Book: Before you leave today, please sign our guest book. It is located in the Narthex.

Style: For those not familiar with the historic liturgical worship style, the interactive nature of the service may seem quite different. We agree with the ancient church that this style allows us to receive the blessings of God's word and offer thanks in response.

The Service – Setting Two: Today's service is a new version of the historic liturgy of the Western Christian church. While the progression of the service will be familiar, there are some elements of *The Service* that are new or different.

Amplifiers: Personal sound enhancement receivers are available to help the hearing impaired. An usher will be happy to assist you.

Broadcast: Today's Service is being broadcast at www.peacewithgod.com. Click on the blue box labeled "Live Online Services." It can be viewed LIVE or any time from the collection of archived services.

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We welcome all people to our services, those who are fully united with us in Christ's teachings as well as those who do not yet share our confession of the Faith. However, it is a sad consequence of the divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend a general invitation to all Christians to receive Communion with us. Our Lord teaches (1 Cor. 10:17 and elsewhere) that Communion is an action of the celebrating community that declares their oneness in the Faith, life, and worship. Communing with Christians not in fellowship with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS] or our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS], would imply a oneness that does not truly exist, but for which we pray. Our pastor will gladly talk with you about establishing communion fellowship here at Peace.

THE SERVICE - Setting Two

TODAY'S THREAD: Get real! Know the reality of the Resurrection.

OPENING HYMN

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STAND, as directed

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his holy life and innocent death.

Trusting in him, I pray;

God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

ABSOLUTION

- M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY (Kyrie, eleison)

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

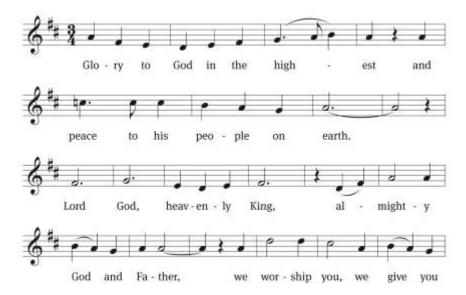
M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST (Gloria in excelsis)





THE WORD

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

M: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that, through the resurrection, we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; 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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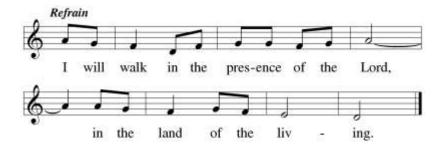
FIRST READING Daniel 12:1-3

¹"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY





Keep me <u>safe</u>, O God,* for in you I take <u>refuge</u>.

I said to the LORD, "You <u>are</u> my Lord;* apart from you I have <u>no</u> good thing."

I have set the LORD always be<u>fore</u> me.* Because he is at my right hand, I will not be <u>shaken</u>.

Refrain

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;* my body also will <u>rest</u> secure,

because you will not abandon me to the grave,* nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

You have made known to me the <u>path</u> of life;* you will fill me with joy in your <u>presence</u>.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son* and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it, as it was in the beg<u>inning</u>,* is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

Refrain

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SECOND READING Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵ Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶ Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

M: Alleluia. "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out..." Alleluia. (John 5:28-29a)



GOSPEL John 5:25-29

M: The Gospel, John Chapter 5

²⁵ "Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸ "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned. ³⁰ By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

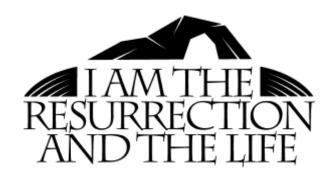
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HYMN OF THE DAY

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near | 207

SERMON – *See 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.

BE SEATED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **M:** Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son who sits at your right hand in glory.
- C: Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.
- M: Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion and demolish our doubts. Destroy the apathy that often attacks us. Send your Spirit to strengthen our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.
- C: Take away our love of sinning and restore us each day by your grace.
- M: The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from skeptics and deceivers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution. Keep your Word pure among us and guard us against the attacks of Satan.
- C: Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.
- **M:** Fill us with honest realism to recognize that your Son may return at any time. Cure us of complacency and keep us alert for his coming. Convince us that the terrors and troubles around us predict the final days of our world.
- C: As we wait for Christ, lead us to the comfort of your Word.
- M: When we stand before you at the Last Judgment, look away from our sins and hold in your heart the perfect sacrifice of your Son, our Savior Jesus. Keep your promise and judge us by his merits so that we may gain the paradise he gained for all.
- C: Keep our faith focused on Jesus as we approach your holy throne.
- M: Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for life. Help them distinguish between what is passing and eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.
- C: Mold us and move us to be authentic examples for our youth.
- M: Provide wisdom and insight to the leaders of our nation as they address the terrors and tragedies of our world. Lead them to cooperate with others to bring down evil and offer relief. Prosper the work of Christian missionaries who proclaim the gospel in warring and peaceful nations.
- C: Protect our cities and neighborhoods from crime and disasters.
- **M:** Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical and emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. *Especially bless*... Pour out your compassion on the grieving and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.
- C: Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: ... Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

- M: Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us because of the work of your Son Jesus. Give us patient and willing faith to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.
- C: Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT

STAND

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sanctus)



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (Agnus Dei)



BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

As he dismisses the communicants at each table, the minister says:

M: The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you to life everlasting. Go † in peace.

The communicants respond:

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again | 158

STAND

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: 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: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense | 167

Silent prayer

Announcements after the close of Service

Remember to pick up your PAC sheet (Prayers, Announcements and Calendar sheet), which is now printed separately and is available at the table in the back of the sanctuary.