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## Prelude

## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Matthew 28:19b*

**Amen.**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

**To declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.**

For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

**How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!**

*Psalm 92:1-5*

Your throne is established from of old; You are from everlasting.

**Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.**

*Psalm 93:2, 5*

## Confession and Absolution

Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.

**Gracious God, with contrition and repentance we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful and unclean. Daily we have sinned and done things we ought not to have done and have not done that which we are to have been doing as Your servants.**

**We indeed deserve Your punishment in this life and for eternity. Trusting in Your mercy, we come to You for forgiveness. Our trust is not in ourselves but in the merits of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Grant us remission of all of our sins and by the power of the Holy Spirit at work within our hearts and lives lead us into ways that reflect Your goodness and love.**

God is gracious and merciful and hears our supplications. By the command of our Lord and as His called and ordained servant, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Processional Hymn *Please Stand*

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

♪ From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator’s praise arise: Alleluia, alleluia!

Let the Redeemer’s name be sung Through ev’ry land by ev’ry tongue.

~Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

♪ Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Alleluia, alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more. Alleluia,...

♪ All praise to God the Father be, All praise eternal Son, to Thee. Alleluia, alleluia!

Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore: Alleluia,....

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## Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Merciful Father, You gave Your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on Him in Your Word and Sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading *Please Be Seated*

Exodus 16:2–15

<sup>2</sup>And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, <sup>3</sup>and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against the LORD. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the LORD has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’” <sup>10</sup>And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the grumbling of the people of Israel. Say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. Then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quail came up and covered the camp, and in the morning dew lay around the camp. <sup>14</sup>And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, flake-like thing, fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the people of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## The Epistle

Ephesians 4:1–16

<sup>1</sup>I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup>eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. <sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.”

<sup>9</sup>(In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup>He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup>And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup>to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup>so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup>Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual Hymn

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

♪ Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before. Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle See His banners go!  
~Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war, With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

♪ Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God; Brothers, we are treading  
Where the saints have trod. We are not divided, All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. ~Onward...

♪ Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane, But the Church of Jesus  
Constant will remain. Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail...~

♪ Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng, Blend with ours your voices  
In the triumph song: Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages Men and angels sing. ~Onward....

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### Holy Gospel *Please Stand*

John 6:22–35

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>22</sup>On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup>Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup>So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus.

<sup>25</sup>When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of

God?”<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”<sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?”<sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”<sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”<sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

### Children’s Message *Please Be Seated*

### The Hymn

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

♪ My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;

O let me from this day Be wholly Thine!

♪ May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!

As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee

Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

♪ While life’s dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be Thou my guide;

Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow’s tears away,

Nor let me ever stray From Thee aside.

♪ When ends life’s transient dream, When death’s cold, sullen stream Shall o’er me roll,

Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;

O bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 702 - Text: Ray Palmer 1808-87

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## Proclamation of the Word

“Life 360”

John 6:22–35

## Offering and Musical Offering

### Preface *Please Stand*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Proper Preface

### Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (vv. 1&2)

♪ Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

♪ Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 507-Text: Reginald Heber 1783-1826;  
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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Words of Our Lord

### The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

### Distribution Hymns *Please Be Seated*

“Your Table I Approach”

♪ Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.

Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.

♪ Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;

A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.

♪ Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,

Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.

♪ Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;

God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.

♪ O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined

May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

♪ Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night

For Your true body and true blood, O God my peace and light.

Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 628 -Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus 1633-1722; tr. Matthias Loy 1828-1915;  
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“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

♪ O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!

O source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:

♪ When once You visit darkened hearts. Then truth begins to shine.

Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.

- ♪ O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,  
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:
- ♪ May ev'ry heart confess Your name. Forever You adore,  
And, seeking You, itself inflame to seek You more and more!
- ♪ Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone  
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!

*Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 554-Text: arr. Bernard of Clairvaux 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall 1814-1878;  
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**Prayer of the Church** *Please Stand Each petition is concluded with the following:*

Lord, in Your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**Benediction**

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.  
**Amen.**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**Recessional Hymn** *Please Be Seated*

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

- ♪ O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join  
And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose favors are divine.
- ♪ O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mercies lie  
Forgotten in unthankfulness And without praises die!
- ♪ ‘Tis He forgives thy sins; ‘Tis He relieves thy pain;  
‘Tis He that heals thy sicknesses And makes thee young again.
- ♪ He crowns thy life with love When ransomed from the grave;  
He that redeemed my soul from hell Hath sov’ reign pow’r to save.
- ♪ He fills the poor with good; He gives the suff’rers rest.  
The Lord hath judgments for the proud And justice for th’ oppressed.
- ♪ His wondrous works and ways He made by Moses known,  
But sent the world His truth and grace By His beloved Son.

*Lutheran Service Book, Hymn 814-Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748; Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731-76; Public Domain.*

**Postlude**