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### **As We Gather**

We pause to consider our brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who have been ignored or mistreated. We are reminded today that Christ has chosen us to be His people, to be heirs with Him of salvation. Such grace gladdens our hearts and emboldens us to help our brothers and sisters in need.



### **Confession and Absolution**

#### **Hymn of Invocation**

#### **735 Have No Fear Little Flock**

- 1 Have no fear, little flock;  
Have no fear, little flock,  
For the Father has chosen  
To give you the Kingdom;  
Have no fear, little flock!
- 2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
Have good cheer, little flock,  
For the Father will keep you  
In His love forever;  
Have good cheer, little flock!
- 3 Praise the Lord high above;  
Praise the Lord high above,  
For He stoops down to heal you,

Uplift and restore you;  
Praise the Lord high above!

- 4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
Thankful hearts raise to God,  
For He stays close beside you,  
In all things works with you;  
Thankful hearts raise to God!

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*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.**

**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?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness;  
therefore You are feared.**

**P** 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.

*Kneel/Stand*

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** 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.**

*Stand*

## **Service of the Word**

### **Introit**

In keeping with his promise 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!





note and ev - 'ry chord The rock of our sal -  
 praise let us re - joice. The Lord is great, a  
 heights—they all are His; He made the sea and  
 Lord of such re - nown. Our Mak - er and our  
 Spir - it— Three in One— Sing glo - ry, hon - or,



va - tion sing, Our thanks in - to His pres - ence bring!  
 God whose worth Ex - ceeds all rul - ers of the earth.  
 with His hand He formed the con - tours of the land!  
 God is He And His be - lov - ed flock are we!  
 praise a - gain Both now and ev - er - more! A - men.

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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** Let us pray

**C** **Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**      *Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the

peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5*

These are the ones coming out of the  
great tribu- | lation.\*

They have washed their robes and  
made them white in the blood | of  
the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is |  
in you,\*

in whose heart are the highways to  
| Zion.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised  
from the dead, the firstfruits of those  
who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a  
man came death, by a man has  
come also the resurrection of the  
dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also  
in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But  
each in his own order: Christ the  
firstfruits, then at his coming those who  
belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the  
end, when he delivers the kingdom to  
God the Father after destroying every  
rule and every authority and power.  
<sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all  
his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last  
enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For  
“God has put all things in subjection  
under his feet.” But when it says, “all  
things are put in subjection,” it is plain  
that he is excepted who put all things  
in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all  
things are subjected to him, then the  
Son himself will also be subjected to  
him who put all things in subjection  
under him, that God may be all in all.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

Alleluia and Verse

**C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**C** **These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:31–46*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was

sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’<sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?’<sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?’<sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’<sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,

**maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son,  
our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit,**

**born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was  
buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again  
from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to  
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*Sit*

**512 At the Name of Jesus**

**1 At the name of Jesus  
Ev'ry knee shall bow,  
Ev'ry tongue confess Him  
King of glory now.  
'Tis the Father's pleasure  
We should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning  
Was the mighty Word.**

- 2 At His voice creation  
Sprang at once to sight,  
All the angel faces,  
All the hosts of light,  
Thrones and bright dominions,  
Stars upon their way,  
All the heav'nly orders  
In their great array.
- 3 Humbled for a season,  
To receive a name  
From the lips of sinners  
Unto whom He came,  
Faithfully He bore it  
Spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious  
When from death He passed;
- 4 Bore it up triumphant  
With its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures  
To the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead,  
To the Father's breast,  
Filled it with the glory  
Of that perfect rest.
- 5 In your hearts enthrone Him;  
There let Him subdue  
All that is not holy,  
All that is not true:  
Crown Him as your captain  
In temptation's hour;  
Let His will enfold you  
In its light and pow'r.
- 6 Christians, this Lord Jesus  
Shall return again  
In His Father's glory,

With His angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire  
Meet upon His brow,  
And our hearts confess Him  
King of glory now.

△ 7 Glory then to Jesus,  
Who, the Prince of light,  
To a world in darkness  
Brought the gift of sight;  
Praise to God the Father;  
In the Spirit's love  
Praise we all together  
Him who reigns above.

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**Sermon**      **Making A Difference**      *Matthew*  
*25:31-46*

### **Sermon Hymn**

#### **525 Crown Him with Many Crowns**

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem  
drowns  
All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless king  
Through all eternity.
  
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,  
The God incarnate born,  
Whose arm those crimson trophies  
won  
Which now His brow adorn:  
Fruit of the mystic rose,  
Yet of that rose the stem,  
The root whence mercy ever

flows,

The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love.  
Behold His hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bend their  
wond'ring eyes  
At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,  
Enthroned in worlds above,  
Crown Him the king to whom is  
giv'n  
The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown Him with many crowns  
As thrones before Him fall;  
Crown Him, ye kings, with many  
crowns,  
For He is king of all.

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*Stand*

**Offering**

**Offertory****806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart**

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am  
strong,"

Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has  
done for us.

And now let the weak say "I am  
strong,"

Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has  
done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks.

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**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Dear heavenly Father, You  
promise to seek the lost. We pray  
for all those who have wandered  
away from Your Church. We pray  
that You would strengthen us to  
reach out to them, to receive  
them with open arms and open  
hearts when they return home.  
Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C** **Give ear to our cry.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

Lord's Prayer

**C** **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.**

Benedicamus

*LSB 212*

**A** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## 537 Beautiful Savior

- 1 Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee,  
Truly I'd serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my  
crown.
  
- 2 Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming  
spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
  
- 3 Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.
  
- 4 Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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