

## ✚ A SERVICE OF WORSHIP ✚

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Stand*

### OPENING HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" – LSB 790



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your  
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is  
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The sign of the cross ✚ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✚ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

**Pastor:** Hear my prayer, O Lord;

**People:** let my cry come to You. *Psalm 102:1*

**Pastor:** in the day of my trouble I call upon You,

**People:** for You answer me. *Psalm 86:7*

Pastor: Hide Your face from my sins,  
**People: and blot out all my iniquities.**

Pastor: Create in me a clean heart, O God  
**People: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.** *Psalm 51:9-12*

Pastor: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**People: and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

Pastor: Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**People: my lips will praise You.** *Psalm 103:1*

Pastor: For You have been my help,  
**People: and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.** *Psalm 63:3, 7*

Pastor: Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**People: unite my heart to fear your name.**

Pastor: I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**People: and I will glorify Your name forever.** *Psalm 86:11-12*

Pastor: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**People: May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**  
*Psalm 63:3, 7*

Pastor: Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**People: Be our shepherd and carry us forever.** *Psalm 28:9*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Pastor: Let us pray together.  
**People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through

Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** Amen. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *"O Worship the King" - LSB 804*



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
6 O mea - sure - less Might, in - ef - fa - ble Love,  
O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
While an - gels de - light to hymn Thee a - bove,  
Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
Thy hum - bler cre - a - tion, though fee - ble their lays,  
Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
With true ad - o - ra - tion shall sing to Thy praise.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

*Sit*

## + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

### **OLD TESTAMENT: EZEKIEL 17: 22-24**

22 “This is what the Lord GOD says:

I will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and plant it. I will pluck a tender sprig from its topmost shoots, and I will plant it on a high towering mountain. <sup>23</sup> I will plant it on Israel’s high mountain so that it may bear branches, produce fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind will nest under it, taking shelter in the shade of its branches. <sup>24</sup> Then all the trees of the field will know that I am the LORD. I bring down the tall tree, and make the low tree tall. I cause the green tree to wither and make the withered tree thrive. I, the LORD, have spoken and I will do it.”

### **NEW TESTAMENT: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:1-10**

<sup>5</sup> For we know that if our earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal dwelling in the heavens, not made with hands. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, we groan in this tent, desiring to put on our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> since, when we are clothed,<sup>[a]</sup> we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> Indeed, we groan while we are in this tent, burdened as we are, because we do not want to be unclothed but clothed, so that mortality may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as a down payment.

<sup>6</sup> So we are always confident and know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup> For we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> In fact, we are confident, and we would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> Therefore, whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to be pleasing to him. <sup>10</sup> For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

*Stand*

**HYMN**

*"Alleluia and Verse" – LSB 156*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' in a square box. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the". The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The piece ends with a double bar line.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: MARK 4:26-34**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

<sup>26</sup>“The kingdom of God is like this,” he said. “A man scatters seed on the ground. <sup>27</sup>He sleeps and rises night and day; the seed sprouts and grows, although he doesn’t know how. <sup>28</sup>The soil produces a crop by itself—first the blade, then the head, and then the full grain on the head. <sup>29</sup>As soon as the crop is ready, he sends for the sickle, because the harvest has come.” <sup>30</sup>And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use to describe it? <sup>31</sup>It’s like a mustard seed that, when sown upon the soil, is the smallest of all the seeds on the ground. <sup>32</sup>And when sown, it comes up and grows taller than all the garden plants, and produces large branches, so that the birds of the sky can nest in its shade.” <sup>33</sup>He was speaking the word to them with many parables like these, as they were able to understand. <sup>34</sup>He did not speak to them without a parable. Privately, however, he explained everything to his own disciples.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ**

## APOSTLES CREED

**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*

## HYMN

*"For the Fruits of His Creation" - LSB 894*



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our  
For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.  
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

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## THE SERMON

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*O God, hear the prayers and petitions of Your people. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy (Daniel 9:18).*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

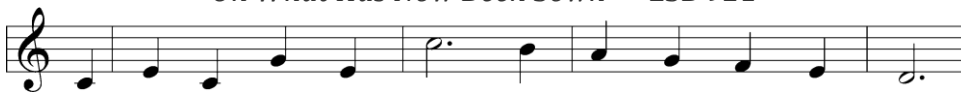
## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
The love of God the Father,  
The fellowship of the Holy Spirit ✝ be with you all. [*2 Corinthians 13:14*]

People: **Amen.**

## HYMN

*"On What Has Now Been Sown" - LSB 921*



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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## **POSTLUDE**

Serving in Worship today:

Leading Worship: James Baerenklau

Elder: Colin Fuller, Sr.

Music Director: Samantha Rose

Minister of Music: Kathleen Rose



### **Evangelism: Winning and keeping souls for Christ!**

The word evangelism means *bringing good news*. Evangelism is the way in which the saving words and works of the Lord Jesus are shared with people everywhere and it strives to help everyone grow in faith, hope, and love. This process includes evangelizing both those who are already members of the church, as well as reaching out to those who do not yet know the Lord or who no longer practice their faith.

***The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.  
Proverbs 11:30***