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HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

AS WE GATHER

As the Lord speaks to us in His Word, He calls the righteous to live by faith and always gives reason why His people can do so through His continual presence, power, and providence. The Readings today urge us, in various ways, to live by faith in our confession and conviction. In Isaiah, He with great conviction reminds through the prophet, “I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God.” In the Epistle, Paul assures the Thessalonians, “He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.” Finally, in today’s Gospel, Christ urges us to live by faith and as stewards of all He has provided, to “render . . . to God the things that are God’s.” Moved by His Spirit out of gratefulness for the salvation earned for us by Christ Jesus, we then give God our willing obedience, dedicated service, and the glory due His name as we in confession and conviction live by faith in and through Him.

DIVINE SERVICE FOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

“O Day of Rest and Gladness”

LSB 906

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

“Glory to God in the Highest”

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SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 45:1–7

Thus says the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before Him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before Him that gates may not be closed: “I will go before you and level the exalted places, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and the hoards in secret places, that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of My servant Jacob, and Israel My chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know Me. I am the Lord, and there is no other, besides Me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know Me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides Me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness; I make well-being and create calamity; I am the Lord, who does all these things.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM ~ Read Responsively

Psalms 96:1–9

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: Sing to the Lord, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day.

Leader: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Leader: Splendor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

People: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come in to His courts!

People: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

All: 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.

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy. To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that He has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA & VERSE

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Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 22:15–22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Him in His words. And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and You do not care about anyone's opinion, for You are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what You think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put Me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought Him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” They said, “Caesar's.” Then He said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.” When they heard it, they marveled. And they left Him and went away.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

LSB 749

SERMON

“A Crown of Roses or a Crown of Thorns?”

1 Thes. 1:1–10

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We offer to You, Lord, the sacrifice of our prayer and praise.

People: **You have blessed us with the gift of life in Your Son, Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: You provide for all our needs, even when we are unaware.

People: **Accept our humble thanksgiving, and empower us to demonstrate our thanks in words, actions, and dedicated service to You.**

Pastor: We acknowledge that You are the Lord, and there is no other. Strengthen us to resist temptations to serve other gods, whether things of this world, others, or ourselves.

People: **Open our eyes to see Your presence in all of our lives.**

Pastor: Our Savior Jesus Christ, has reminded us to render to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to You what is Yours.

People: **As You have established all authority over us, we pray for our leaders in this world, nation, state, and community.**

Pastor: Give them wisdom and courage to act with justice and mercy for all lives, including the unborn and aged, the vulnerable and needful.

People: **Bless also those who serve our Church as elected and called officials, and the leaders within our own congregation, that all actions bring glory to You.**

Pastor: We lift up all those in need, the hungry and homeless, the mourning and grieving, and all who seek healing, [*especially . . .*]. Give peace, hope, and healing according to Your will. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: (*Special petitions that end in, “Lord, in Your mercy”*).

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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

People: **Amen.**

OFFERING

‡ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ‡

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN	“God is So Good”	CCS 20
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1. God is so good; God is so good;
God is so good; He’s so good to me!
2. He cares for me; He cares for me;
He cares for me; He’s so good to me!
3. I’ll do His will; I’ll do His will;
I’ll do His will; He’s so good to me!
4. He loves me so, He loves me so,
He loves me so, He’s so good to me.
5. He answers prayer, He answers prayer,
He answers prayer, He’s so good to me.

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HYMN	“How Beautiful”	CCS 23
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Words and Music by: Twila Paris

1. How beautiful the hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
2. How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes that chose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
3. How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King!
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

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HYMN	<i>“If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee”</i>	LSB 750
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POST COMMUNION COLLECT		LSB page 212
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CLOSING HYMN	<i>“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”</i>	LSB 770

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OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM WORSHIP

Thom Miller
Elder
Sarah Peterson
Organist

9:00AM WORSHIP

Ron Stimpson
Elder
Sarah Peterson
Organist
Bella Reif
Jayden Schmidt
Acolytes

Mike Beyer
Congregational Chairman
Rick Melius
Head Elder