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LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF.

MATTHEW 22:39

HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR 5:30PM & 9:00AM SERVICES

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

Throughout Scripture and in the hymnody of the Church, we are reminded that all time is God's time and that we spend every day in His care and with His blessing. Through the centuries, Christian writers have crafted prayers and hymn texts that are specific to certain times of the day. In monastery life, there are customary readings and services fashioned for about every three hours around the clock. All our times are God's times— may we reflect the shining mercy of God throughout our days!

DIVINE SERVICE FOUR

WORDS OF WELCOME

Elder of the Day

OPENING HYMN

"This Is the Day the Lord Has Made"

LSB 903

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.

Father of our Lord Jesus, the strength of all who trust You, help us to live according to Your design and to treasure both Your word of command and Your word of forgiveness. Make our lives to be signs of Your life and the instruments of renewal in our world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 10:12-21

“And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD, which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the LORD your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. Yet the LORD set his heart in love on your fathers and chose their offspring after them, you above all peoples, as you are this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stubborn. For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe. He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourner, giving him food and clothing. Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve him and hold fast to him, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise. He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrifying things that your eyes have seen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM ~ *Read Responsively*

Psalms 34:8-22

Leader: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

People: **Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!**

Leader: Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,

People: **for those who fear him have no lack!**

Leader: The young lions suffer want and hunger;

People: **but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.**

Leader: Come, O children, listen to me;

People: **I will teach you the fear of the LORD.**

Leader: What man is there who desires life

People: **and loves many days, that he may see good?**

Leader: Keep your tongue from evil

People: **and your lips from speaking deceit.**

Leader: Turn away from evil and do good;

People: **seek peace and pursue it.**

Leader: The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous

People: **and his ears toward their cry.**

Leader: The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
People: to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
 Leader: When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears
People: and delivers them out of all their troubles.
 Leader: The LORD is near to the brokenhearted
People: and saves the crushed in spirit.
 Leader: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
People: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
 Leader: He keeps all his bones;
People: not one of them is broken.
 Leader: Affliction will slay the wicked,
People: and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.
 Leader: The LORD redeems the life of his servants;
People: none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
**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 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 22:34-46

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, ““The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet””? If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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HYMN OF THE DAY *“The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace”* LSB 580 vs 1-4

SERMON *“Troublesome Questions”* *Matthew 22:36-39*

PRAYER 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 pray for the Church, that God’s people live confidently and never neglect the salvation won by Jesus Christ.

People: May we always but joyfully share the message of salvation in word and deed.

Pastor: We pray for the nations of the world.

People: We ask that the presence of Christ be experienced everywhere around the globe and that the Gospel message have free course in every land.

Pastor: We pray for our families and for those who share in our Christian fellowship and join with us in worship.

People: Grant that we never take them for granted, but help us to encourage the labors in which we work together to the glory of God.

Pastor: We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized or shut in, those who are grieving, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill, and all those whose needs are not known to us, [*and especially . . .*]. Grant that we bring Your blessing to situations of need in all places. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

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

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: As we bring our prayers to You, Lord, we remember the faithful Christians whose earthly lives have been completed and who now are in Your eternal keeping.

People: Help us to follow their examples of faith and faithfulness. And at the last, reunite us with them in the joy of Your heavenly kingdom.

Pastor: These things and all else that we should have asked, grant to us with Your blessing for the sake of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

OFFERING

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

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HYMN

"In Christ Alone"

CCS 67

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend CCLI: #3350395

1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings
cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone! who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

HYMN

“I Am the Bread of Life”

CCS 85

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1. I am the bread of life, He who comes to Me shall not hunger,
He who believes in Me shall not thirst,
No one can come to Me unless the Father draws him. **Chorus**

***Chorus: And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up.
And I will raise him up on the last day.***

2. The bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world;
And he who eats of this bread,
He shall live forever, He shall live forever. **Chorus**
3. Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of His blood, and drink of His blood,
You shall not have life within you. **Chorus**
4. I am the Resurrection, I am the Life.
He who believes in Me,
Even if he die, he shall live forever. **Chorus**
5. Yes, Lord I believe that You are the Christ,
The Song of God;
Who has-as come, into the world. **Chorus**

HYMN

“If Your Beloved Son, O God”

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NUNC DIMITIS

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CLOSING HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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OUR WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

5:30PM WORSHIP

Ron Stimpson
Elder
Kris Deardoff
Organist

9:00AM WORSHIP

Rick Melius
Elder
Ellyse Pantekoek
Owen May
Acolytes
Denise Edwards
Organist

Mike Beyer
Congregational Chairman
Rick Melius
Head Elder

