

The Lutheran Church of the Atonement

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Stand

Opening Versicles

LSB 260

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
 C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
 L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
 C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
 L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
 C **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**
 L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
 C **Teach me Your paths.**
 L Sanctify us in Your truth.
 C **Your Word is truth.**
 L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
 C **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**
- C **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.**

Old Testament Canticle

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Refrain

☐ The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
 He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
 With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
 wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
 day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
 make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
 claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."
Refrain
 The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done
glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the
earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -
hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the
Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will
be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Readings From Holy Scripture

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

L A reading from Isaiah, the sixtieth chapter.

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.
³And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.
⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.
⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,
because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms, hymns, or choral music may be sung between the readings.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 72:1–11

¹Give the king your justice, | O God,*
and your righteousness to the | royal son!
²May he judge your people with | righteousness,*
and your poor with | justice!
³Let the mountains bear prosperity for the | people,*
and the hills, in | righteousness!
⁴May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the | needy,*
and crush the op- | pressor!
⁵May they fear you while the | sun endures,*
and as long as the moon, throughout all gener- | ations!
⁶May he be like rain that falls on the | mown grass,*
like showers that wa- | ter the earth!
⁷In his days may the righteous | flourish,*
and peace abound, till the moon | be no more!
⁸May he have dominion from | sea to sea,*
and from the River to the ends | of the earth!
⁹May desert tribes bow down be- | fore him*
and his enemies | lick the dust!
¹⁰May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him | tribute;*
may the kings of Sheba and Seba | bring gifts!

¹¹May all kings fall down be- | fore him,*
all nations | serve him!

Epistle Reading

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

Reading Response

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1–12

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Reading Response

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory

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- L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Stand

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.

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.

The Seventh Petition

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L But deliver us from evil.
But deliver us from evil.

C *What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Sit

395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright



1 O Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's
 2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di-vine, And deep with-in
 3 Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls
 4 Al-might-y Fa-ther, in Your Son You loved us when



own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer - cy!
our hearts now shine; There light a flame un - dy - ing!
from God a - bove A ray of pur - est plea - sure.
not yet be - gun Was this old earth's foun - da - tion!



Of Ja - cob's race, King Da - vid's son, Our Lord and mas -
In Your one bod - y let us be As liv - ing branch -
Your Word and Spir - it, flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls
Your Son has ran - somed us in love To live in Him



ter, You have won Our hearts to serve You on - ly!
es of a tree, Your life our lives sup - ply - ing.
with heav'n - ly food. You are our dear - est trea - sure!
here and a - bove: This is Your great sal - va - tion.



Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, All vic - to - rious,
Now, though dai - ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us
Let Your mer - cy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us!
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, To us giv - ing



Rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
And dis - tress us, Yet with heav'n - ly joy You bless us.
For You teach us God's own love through You has reached us.
Life for - ev - er, Keeps us Yours and fails us nev - er!

- 5 O let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gladly blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way—
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!
His love is never ending!
Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation!
Exultation!
Tell the story!
Great is He, the King of Glory!
- 6 What joy to know, when life is past,
The Lord we love is first and last,
The end and the beginning!
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,
Transport us to that happy place
Beyond all tears and sinning!
Amen! Amen!
Come, Lord Jesus!
Crown of gladness!
We are yearning
For the day of Your returning!

Sermon

Offering

Stand

Prayer

- L In peace let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 L For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 L For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 L For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 L For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 L For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 L For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 L For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 L For . . . [*additional bids for prayer may be inserted here*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy.**
 L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
 C **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

- L O God, by the leading of a star You made known Your only-begotten Son to the Gentiles. Lead us, who know You by faith, to enjoy in heaven the fullness of Your divine presence; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 C **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

- L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, 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.
 C **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

- C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

New Testament Cantic

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Refrain



☐ Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.

Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain
Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

Benedicamus

- L Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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Benediction

- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
C **Amen.**

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