



And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15

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A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL!

It is our joy to have guests visit our congregation. We pray that God would bless you during your visit with us. We encourage you to sign your name and address in the red fellowship book that will be passed out during the offering so that we have a record of your visit with us. May God's Word fill you with peace and joy in worship today.

YOUR GIFTS & TALENTS ARE NEEDED AT ETERNAL HOPE!

As Eternal Hope continues to grow and reach more families with the life-saving Gospel message we need all the help we can get! It is part of our core values and beliefs as Christians that each and every person is gifted by God. We invite you to share your gifts with us as we, together, share Christ's love with our world!

AS WE GATHER

Golfers enjoy getting a mulligan—a free shot or do-over. As we look back on our lives, we sometimes see times that we wish we could go back to and have a mulligan. We would like to be able to go back and make a different decision or fix a mistake we made. We cannot turn back time. God gives us something better. He gives us a new life—a fresh start that we get to celebrate every day as we remember our Baptism and the riches God gives us.

PRE-SERVICE PRAYER (St. Augustine's prayer to the Holy Spirit. circa 400)

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.

Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND GREETINGS

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING III

(Pages 184 – 202)

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN “God Himself Is Present” LSB 907

INVOCATION

(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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

(Silence for reflection on God’s Word and for self-examination.)

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



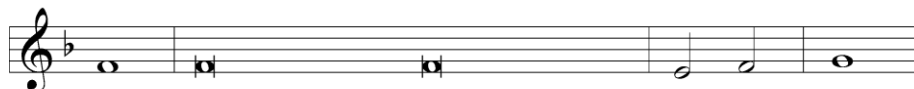
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

HYMN OF PRAISE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Pastor: Glory be to God on high:



C and on earth peace, good - will toward



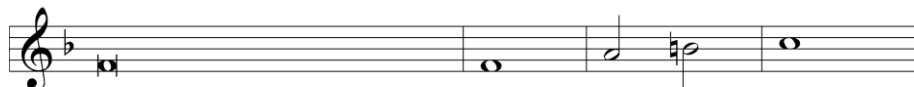
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



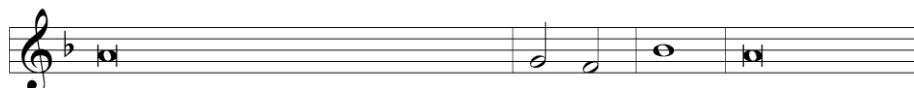
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



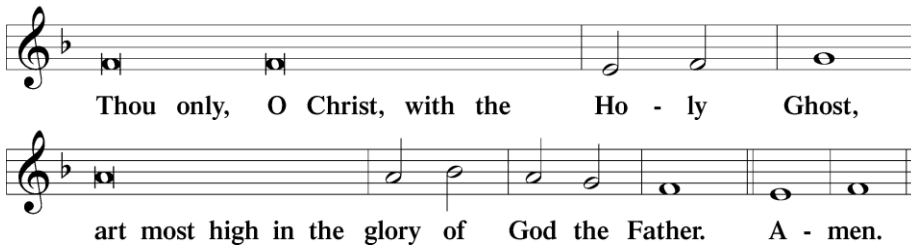
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.



Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You have set us free and made us a new creation, renewed in knowledge after the image of our creator. Empower us to live this new life in our families, with our friends, and to eat, drink, and find enjoyment in all the riches You graciously give us; for You reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.



FIRST READING *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26* (Enjoying your work is a gift from God.)

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment?

²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY *Psalms 100; antiphon: v. 3*

Pastor: Know that the LORD, He is God!

People: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness!

Pastor: Come into His presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD, He is God!

Pastor: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Pastor: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

Pastor: Know that the LORD, He is God!

People: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

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.

Pastor: It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

People: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

EPISTLE *Colossians 3:1–11* (Live as the people you are in Christ.)

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA & VERSE *Colossians 3:23–24a*

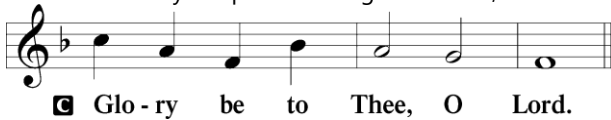
Pastor: Alleluia.

People: Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward.



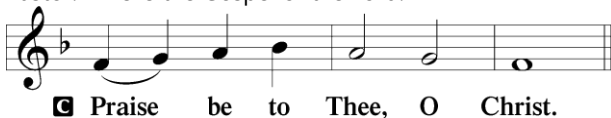
HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:13–21* (Trust in the Giver of all that is good.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.



¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."
¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY "Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" LSB 782

SERMON

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Please sign the red attendance book and pass it to your neighbor.

Luke 12:15 – "And he said to them, 'Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.'" Coveting is the opposite of being content with what God has given us. And the cure for coveting is twofold: thankfulness to God and generosity toward God's purposes. So be on guard against all covetousness. Acknowledge that your Father has given you all that you need, and therefore be free and confident in directing the mammon of this world toward godly purposes.

OFFERTORY



C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

God, our Creator and Redeemer, You wonderfully created our human nature and yet more wondrously restored it. By the power of Your Spirit, set our minds on things above, where Christ is seated, and renew us more and more in Your image. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, guard Your Church, the people of Your own possession, and give to her honorable and noble men for the Office of the Holy Ministry. Likewise grant gracious and devoted men and women commissioned for the teaching arts and works of charity within Your Church. Make us rich in the treasure of Your grace that will never disappoint us, that we may give generously toward those in need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You promise to provide for all our needs of body and soul. Defend our hearts from focusing on worldly wealth and our families from the strife that flows from the love of money. Lead us to trust Your fatherly care in all things. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, protect us and our neighbors from those who seek to do us harm. Restrain those who senselessly commit acts of violence against others, and keep in peace and safety those who live and work in places of danger. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord God, be near to the suffering, the dying and the grieving, *especially Your servants....* Sustain them in the truth that their lives are even now hidden with Christ in God, and that when He appears, they will also appear with Him in glory. Give them compassionate and skillful doctors and nurses, that their suffering may be alleviated and their minds and bodies returned to health. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, give holy wisdom to Your dear children, that they may see through the illusions of this world and, being tempted by no temporary pleasures, arrive at the salvation promised to those who trust in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, our heavenly Father, because we do not know what we need or how to ask, lead us by Your Spirit to trust in Your wisdom and to have confidence in Your grace, for this life and even forevermore. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your promises; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Eternal Hope in the belief and glad confidence that our Lord gives to us exactly what His Word tells us, not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another.

Our Lord invites to His table those who believe and trust in His Words, are truly sorry for and turn from their sins, and who forgive and love one another as He forgives and loves us.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their own great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor.

If this is your belief and confession, we invite you to partake of this special meal.

(Please note that the white wine in the center of the tray has no alcohol.)

******(Please bring your hymnal with you to the altar if you would like to keep singing the hymns!)

PREFACE 2 Timothy 4:22

Pastor: The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly, good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely give to us and to all creation. Above all, we give thanks for showing Your love to us when You sent Your one and only Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid our sin on Him, putting to death all that is earthly in us. As He died, we have died and our life is hidden in Him. As He is risen, we, too, shall rise and see Him when He appears again in glory. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS "Sing 'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord'"**

Sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord" To God, by
heav'n-ly hosts a - dored. Ho - san - na to the com - ing
One. How blest is He! Sal - va - tion's won.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9-13*

Pastor: 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

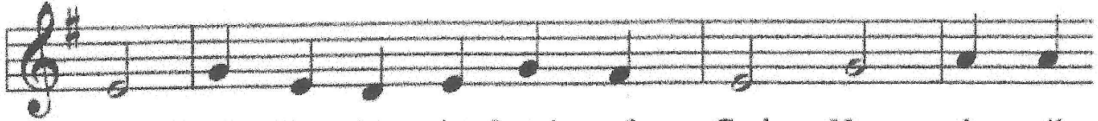
PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

AGNUS DEI "O Christ, the Holy Lamb of God" **



O Christ, the ho - ly Lamb of God You take all



this world's sin a - way. Grant us Your mer - cy and Your



peace Un - til all days and years shall cease.

DISTRIBUTION

(The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:)

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

(In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:)

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace.

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS (As Needed)

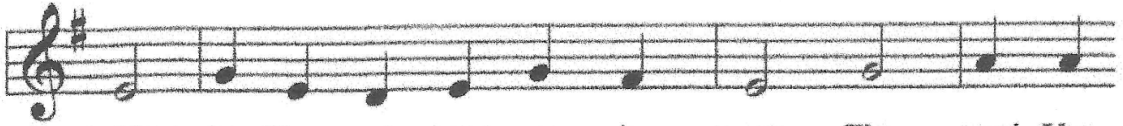
"Father, We Thank Thee" LSB 652

"Praise and Thanksgiving" LSB 789

"O Lord, We Praise Thee" LSB 617

NUNC DIMITTIS

"Now Let Your Servant Go in Peace" **



1 Now let Your ser - vant go in peace. The word You
△ 2 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther sing, And glo - ry



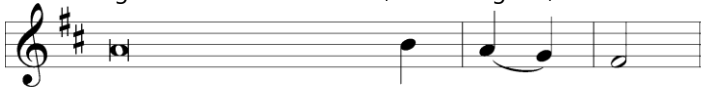
spoke has been ful - filled. For Gen - tile na - tions there is
to Christ Je - sus, King. And glo - ry to the Spir - it



light, And Is - rael's glo - ry, as You willed.
sing. Let heav'n and earth with prais - es ring.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

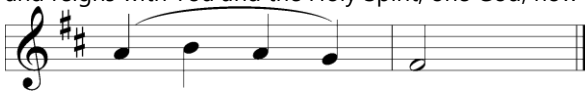
Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



■ and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us the gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation through Your one and only Son. Set our hearts on things above, not on the things of this earth, so that when Your Son appears again, we will also appear with Him in glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



■ A - men.

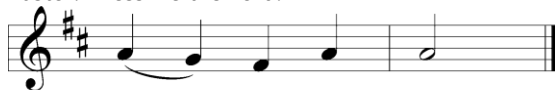
SALUTATION & BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN "Christ Be My Leader" LW 861

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