

**PRESERVICE MUSIC/RINGING OF THE BELL/WELCOME****CALL TO WORSHIP** *Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2*

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**P** I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**C I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God,**

**p** for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

**C As a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

**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.**

**OPENING SONG** *"He is Exalted"*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. *Repeat.*

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**SERVICE OF THE WORD****OLD TESTAMENT READING***Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples, a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

*Philippians 4:4-13*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## SONG

*“O Lamb of God”*

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod,  
And to become the Lamb of God.**

**Your gift of love they crucified,  
They laughed and scorned Him as He died,  
The humble King they named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.**

*Refrain:*

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,  
I love the holy Lamb of God,  
O wash me in His precious blood,  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God.**

**I was so lost, I should have died,  
But You have brought me to Your side,  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called the Lamb of God. Refrain:**

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*(Stand)*

## **GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:1-14**

Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.' And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P** Let us confess our sins to God, our Heavenly Father, imploring Him for the sake of His Son Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C** O almighty God, merciful Father, 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 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.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. 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.

C **Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You invite us to trust in You for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of Your judgment but by the greatness of Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

### **NICENE CREED**

C 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.**

*(Sit)*

## **THE CHILDREN'S TALK**

## **LSB HYMN 411, I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT**

## **THE SERMON Come to the Feast! Matthew 22:3**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

(Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).)

## **THE OFFERING**

## **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

## **THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*(Sit)*

## **SONG "In Christ Alone"**

**In Christ alone 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,**

**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.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied,  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**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.**

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

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(2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV)

*“As The Deer”*

**As the deer panteth for the water,  
So my soul longeth after Thee.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.**

*Refrain:*

**You alone are my strength, my shield;  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire,  
And I long to worship Thee.**

**You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything. *Refrain***

**I want You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joygiver  
And the apple of my eye. *Refrain***

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***"You Are My All in All"***

**You are my strength when I am weak,  
You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all;  
Seeking You as a precious jewel,  
Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool, You are my all in all.**

***Refrain: Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name;  
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name.***

**Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,  
Rising again, I bless Your name, You are my all in all;  
When I fall down, You pick me up,  
When I am dry, You fill my cup, You are my all in all.**

***Refrain***

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***"Jesus, Your Name"***

**Jesus, Your name is power, Jesus Your name is might.  
Jesus, Your name will break every stronghold  
Jesus, Your name is life.**

**Jesus, Your name is healing, Jesus Your name gives sight.  
Jesus, Your name will free every captive  
Jesus, Your name is life.**

**Jesus, Your name is holy, Jesus Your name brings light.  
Jesus, Your name above every other  
Jesus, Your name is life. Jesus, Your name is life.**

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***(Stand)***

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**THE BENEDICTION**

**THE CLOSING HYMN “*Give Thanks*” LSB 806**