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PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: “Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done.

C: **Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts.”** [Ps 105:1-2]

P: “Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

C: **Let the redeemed of the Lord say this.”** [Ps 107:1-2]

P: “You are my God, and I will give You thanks; You are my God, and I will exalt You.

C: **Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.”** [Ps 118:28-29]

HYMN MEDLEY

“We Gather Together”

*We gather together to
ask the Lord’s blessing;
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing
now cease from distressing,*

*Sing praises to His name:
He forgets not His own.*

“Praise to God, Immortal Praise”

*Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous Source of ev’ry joy,
Let Thy praise our tongues employ.
All to Thee, our God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow.*

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother’s arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God,

C: **You show us mercy every day and provide for our every need of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your merciful goodness to us and give thanks for all that You provide, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Since we are gathered here to hear the Word of God, receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the

fellowship of this altar, and render unto Him our thanks and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned and cannot save ourselves. The Bible says, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." [1 John 1:8]

C: The Bible also says, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." [1 John 1:9]

P: Hear my confession and bring to me afresh, O God, Your healing and cleansing power,

C: Speak grace to my heart; so that I may trust ever more firmly the salvation which You have given me through Jesus Christ my Lord.

P: For biased thoughts and prejudices.

C: For sharp words spoken deliberately.

P: For thoughtless words spoken hastily.

C: For envious and prying eyes.

P: For ears that delight in scandal and rejoice not in the truth.

C: For greedy hands.

P: For wandering and loitering feet.

C: For haughty looks and a prideful spirit.

P: For the hardness of my heart.

C: For all of my sins of thought, word and deed, O Lord, have mercy on me and forgive me.

HYMN OF CONFESSION

"Forgive us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness"

*Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,
For songs of praise for food and harvest press,
While of Your richer gifts we're unaware:*

*Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,
For words that speak at variance with deeds;
Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways
Unmindful of a broken brother's needs:*

*Open our eyes to see Your love's intent,
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;
May thankfulness be days in service spent,
Reflection of Christ's life and love and light.*

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

All: Amen.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Joyful, Joyful We Adore thee"

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother--all who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 8:1-10

Be careful to follow every command I am giving you today, so that you may live and increase and may enter and possess the land that the LORD promised on oath to your forefathers. Remember how the LORD your God led you all the way in the desert these forty years, to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep

his commands. He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your fathers had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell during these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a man disciplines his son, so the LORD your God disciplines you.

Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 1:4-9

I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way—in all your speaking and in all your knowledge—because our testimony about Christ was confirmed in you. Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. He will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9] God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

HOLY GOSPEL

LUKE 18:9-14

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers,

evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord...

C: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul”

*O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.*

*O bless the Lord, my soul,
Nor let His mercies lie
Forgotten in unthankfulness
And without praises die!*

*'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;
'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.*

*He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.*

*He fills the poor with good;
He gives the sufferers rest.
The Lord hath judgments for the proud
And justice for th'oppressed.*

*His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His beloved Son.*

SERMON

Pastor Paul Birner

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH The First Article of the
Apostle's Creed with the explanation from Luther's Small
Catechism

P: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes and ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them.

P: Also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods;

C: That He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life; that He defends me against all danger, and guards and protects me from all evil;

P: And all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me

C: For all which it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Royal Praise

PRAYERS AND SPECIAL PETITIONS

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. The Lord is near.
"Do not be anxious about anything,

C: but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” [Phil 4:6]

*SPECIAL PRAYERS WILL BE MADE AT THIS TIME
PETITIONS WILL END WITH THE WORDS, “LORD IN YOUR MERCY”
THE CONGREGATION MAY RESPOND, “HEAR OUR PRAYER.”*

- P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray
- 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 CONSECRATION

P: Our Lord Jesus has given His people a wonderful and mysterious way to receive the gift of His grace and forgiveness that He earned for us through His life, death, and resurrection. It is found in this simple meal of bread and wine. When we set these foods aside for this special use, according to His instruction, and faithfully connect the words and promises of Jesus to them, they are no longer simple bread and wine. They are the very Body and Blood of Jesus. This is the feast of victory. Here we are fed and nourished with the abundance of God’s grace.

This is a great mystery, but one that we accept as true because of what Jesus said on the night He met with His disciples for a last Passover feast. On that night, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying:

C: “Take and eat; this is my body, given for You. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

P: Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave

it for all to drink, saying:

C: "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for You and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me."

P: Remembering, therefore, His salutary command, His life-giving Passion and death, His glorious resurrection and ascension, and His promise to come again, we pray...

C: We give thanks to You, Lord God Almighty, not as we ought, but as we are able. We implore You to accept our praise and thanksgiving, and, with Your Word and Holy Spirit, to bless us.

P: Bless these Your own gifts of bread and wine; that we and all who share in the body and blood of Your Son may be filled with heavenly peace and joy, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be sanctified in soul and body, and have our portion with all Your saints.

C: All glory and honor is Yours, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGS

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty.

C: I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength." [Phil 4:11-13]

P: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!"
[Phil 4:4]

C: “Spread your protection over us, that we who love Your name may rejoice in You.” [Ps 5:11]

P: “May the glory of the Lord endure forever.” [Ps 104:31] “Let the saints rejoice in this honor.” [Ps 149:5]

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

CLOSING SONG

Royal Praise

*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

We are so pleased that you joined us this evening in thanking our Almighty God for all the blessings He daily and richly bestows on us,
His people.

