Celebrate the Lord of the Nations
Psalm 33:12–13

OPENING SERVICE

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all the children of man (Psalm 33:12–13).
Confession and Absolution

Stand

Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is dignifiedly
Praise to the Lord, who has made you; He is your
Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and deliver you; Surely His goodness and mercy shall
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!

Amen.

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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord, and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

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 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.
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.

Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis
Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spirit.
P Let us pray ... Almighty and gracious God, You want all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Magnify the power of the Gospel in the hearts of Your faithful people that Your Church may spread the good news of salvation. Protect, encourage, and bless all missionaries who proclaim the saving cross that Christ, being lifted up, may draw all people to Himself, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading (Read in Hebrew)  

Isaiah 42:5–12

5Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

6“I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,

7to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.

9Behold, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”

10Sing to the LORD a new song,  
his praise from the end of the earth,  
you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it,  
the coastslands and their inhabitants.

11Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice,  
the villages that Kedar inhabits;  
let the habitants of Sela sing for joy,  
let them shout from the top of the mountains.

12Let them give glory to the LORD,  
and declare his praise in the coastlands.

P This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.
Psalm 33:1–5, 10–15, 20–22

(The Cantor introduces the antiphon, the Congregation repeats the antiphon and sings the bolded verses and antiphon as indicated. Underlined words in the verses are sung with one note; words with an umlaut (e.g., ê) carry two notes.)

Antiphon

Shout for joy in the LORD, | O you righteous!
Praise be - | fits the upright.
Give thanks to the | LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the | harp of ten strings!
Sing to him a | new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with | loud shouts.
For the word of the | LORD is upright,
and all his work is | done in faithfulness.
He loves | righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast | love of the LORD.

The LORD brings the counsel of the | nations to nothing;
he frustrates the | plans of the peoples.
The counsel of the LORD | stands forever,
the plans of his heart to | all generations.
Blessèd is the nation whose | God is the LORD,
the people whom he has | chosen as his heritage!
The LORD looks | down from heaven;
he sees all the | children of man;
from where he sits enthroned | he looks out
on all the in - | habitants of the earth,
he who fashions the | hearts of them all
and observes | all their deeds.

Antiphon

Our soul | waits for the LORD;
he is our | help and our shield.
For our heart is | glad in him,
because we trust in his | holy name.
Let your steadfast love, O LORD, | be upon us,
even as we | hope in you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be - | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Âmen.

Antiphon
9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.
Holy Gospel

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: The Church’s One Foundation
(LSBS 644 st. 1, 2s, 3–5)
(Please note: stanza 2 is listed last, but will be sung second in Spanish)

1 The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
2 Aunque de muchas razas, disfruta de unidad:
   She is His new creation By water and the Word.
   She waits the consummation Of peace forever more
   So lo una fe confesa en santa caridad;
3 Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
   By schisms rent a sun-der, By her enemies dis-tressed,
   And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
   From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
4 Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
   For with the vision glorious Her long-ing eyes are blest,
   O blessed heav’n-ly chos-ers! Lord, save us by Your grace
   With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
5 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
   And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.
   And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.
   That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.
   por gracia siem-pres pe-ra una fe li-cidad.

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Sermon: Chosen to Share the Good News!

Choir Anthem: Clap Your Hands Together

David Rasbach

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Stand

Offertory: We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

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Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*(after each petition)*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy...

**C** Hear our prayer.

**P** … one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.
Service of the Sacrament

Preface
P. The Lord be with you.
C. And with thy spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
C. We lift them up unto the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
C. It is meet and right so to do.

Sanctus
C. Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
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 Words of Our Lord
Today we receive the Lord’s Supper as guests of our host congregation, Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and its pastor, Rev. M. Douglas Peters. We thank them for hosting this service on our behalf.

The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this altar as a confession of faith and in the glad confidence that, as our Lord says, He gives us His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, to strengthen our faith in Him, and to grow in fellowship with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves each of us. As we eat and drink this blessed Sacrament, we are proclaiming the death of our Lord until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed here at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor of the host congregation.
Distribution Hymn: From All That Dwell Below the Skies

1 From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise; Allelujia, allelujia!

2 Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; Eternal truth attends Thy Word. Allelujia, allelujia!

3 All praise to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son to Thee. Allelujia, allelujia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through every land by ev'ry tongue. Allelujia, allelujia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more. Allelujia, allelujia!

Whom with the Spirit we adore For ever and for evermore. Allelujia, allelujia!

Allelujia, allelujia, allelujia!

Allelujia, allelujia, allelujia!

Allelujia, allelujia, allelujia!

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Come, humanity, sing along,
Sing, you people of God, a song;
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
Join, you spirits and souls at rest: Refrain

Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
All you humble, His praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore,
Bless the Spirit forevermore! Refrain
Choirmaster: Rejoice, the Lord is King

Dan Forrest

Distribution Hymn: Before You, Lord, We Bow

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Distribution Hymn: Eat This Bread

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After all have received, the following is said:

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

**C** Amen.

Nunc Dimittis: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

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**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**P** Let us pray … We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

**P** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

**P** 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** Amen.
Closing Hymn: Rise, Shine, You People

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