



We are a Christian community called to **worship** and sent to **serve**,  
welcoming all to **walk** with Christ and **grow** in faith.

**AS WE GATHER**

The most profound comfort lies in the assurance that God is always working out His purpose no matter the circumstances or the people. God’s saving purpose cannot be thwarted. Isaiah lived in an age of bad news and despair, but he was confident that God could overcome them all. In the short term, this redemption came through an unlikely messianic figure named Cyrus. At the appointed time, however, the true Messiah would come and save Israel and all who trust in Him. God is in charge—not just of the ups and downs of this world’s good and bad news but for the sake of His saving work. Jesus’ power is greater than every other power, and His saving purpose will prevail. This is our comfort.

**WELCOME & INVOCATION**

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES**

*Psalm 121:2, 7-8; Psalm 46:2*

- P** My help comes from the LORD,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
- C** **though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**
- P** The LORD will keep you from all evil;
- C** **He will keep your life.**
- P** The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in
- C** **from this time forth and forevermore.**

**HYMN: “GRACIOUS GOD, YOU SEND GREAT BLESSINGS”**

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1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
 2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
 3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior  
 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
 Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
 Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of  
 Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and

nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
 end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
 ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

*Refrain*

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,  
 Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

1 John 1:8-9; John 20:19-23

- P** God's Word tells us, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."**

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**  
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

## KYRIE

Mark 10:47 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



- C** A - men.

**THIS IS THE FEAST**

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9 LSB 155

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray:
- C** O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Isaiah 45:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped,  
to subdue nations before him  
and to loose the belts of kings,  
to open doors before him  
that gates may not be closed:  
<sup>2</sup>“I will go before you  
and level the exalted places,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and the hoards in secret places,  
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
I name you, though you do not know me.  
<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other,  
besides me there is no God;  
I equip you, though you do not know me,  
<sup>6</sup>that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is none besides  
me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness,  
I make well-being and create calamity,  
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

*1 Thessalonians 1:1–10*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,  
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.  
<sup>2</sup>We give thanks to God always for all of you,  
constantly mentioning you in our prayers,  
<sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your  
work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness  
of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know,  
brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you,  
<sup>5</sup>because our gospel came to you not only in word,  
but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with  
full conviction. You know what kind of men we  
proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you

became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you  
received the word in much affliction, with the joy  
of the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example  
to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.  
<sup>8</sup>For not only has the word of the Lord sounded  
forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your  
faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we  
need not say anything. <sup>9</sup>For they themselves report  
concerning us the kind of reception we had among  
you, and how you turned to God from idols to  
serve the living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his  
Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead,  
Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 22:15–22*

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to  
entangle [Jesus] in his talk. <sup>16</sup>And they sent their  
disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying,  
“Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the  
way of God truthfully, and you do not care about  
anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by  
appearances. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it  
lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus,  
aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the

test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin for the  
tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>And  
Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and  
inscription is this?” <sup>21</sup>They said, “Caesar’s.” Then  
he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the  
things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that  
are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard it, they marveled.  
And they left him and went away.

**P** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## 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.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN: "LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US"

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1 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your  
2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You Glad - ly,  
3 Won - drous hon - or You have giv - en To our  
4 Lord of glo - ry, You have bought us With Your



life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the  
free - ly of Your own. With the sun - shine of Your  
hum - blest char - i - ty In Your own mys - te - rious  
life - blood as the price, Nev - er grudg - ing for the



lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice;  
good - ness Melt our thank - less hearts of stone  
sen - tence, "You have done it all to Me."  
lost ones That tre - men - dous sac - ri - fice.



And with that have free - ly giv - en Bless - ings  
Till our cold and self - ish na - tures, Warmed by  
Can it be, O gra - cious Mas - ter, That You  
Give us faith to trust You bold - ly, Hope, to



count - less as the sand To the un - thank - ful  
You, at length be - lieve That more hap - py  
deign for alms to sue, Say - ing by Your  
stay our souls on You; But, oh, best of



and the e - vil With Your own un - spar - ing hand.  
and more bless - ed 'Tis to give than to re - ceive.  
poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you?"  
all Your grac - es, With Your love our love re - new.

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## SERMON

<b>Main Points:</b>	
<b>One thing NEW I learned:</b>	<b>What can I apply to my life?</b>

## OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

God of our salvation, You deliver Your Son's work through Your Word in power and in the Holy Spirit. Strengthen the Church to proclaim Your truth. Increase the faith of all who hear, that they may respond in love, steadfast in their hope. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of all truth, from the rising of the sun to its setting, You make known Your salvation in Christ. Bless fathers and mothers as they teach their children Your Word and Your ways. Let them know that there is no God besides You and so rejoice in Your faithfulness. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God our Father, You appointed Cyrus as Your instrument to return Your people to Jerusalem. Uphold the authorities of our nation in wisdom and integrity, that we might live in peace with a good conscience. Grant that they would make salutary use of the taxes we render, and lead us to recognize them as Your instruments, honoring them as You command. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O Lord, our help comes from You, who made heaven and earth. You preserve our life. Have mercy on [ \_\_\_\_\_ and ] all who are afflicted. Keep them from all evil and shade them from all harm. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, guard those who travel. Keep their going out and their coming in. Protect them from every trouble, prosper their journey according to Your will and make their homecomings joyful. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** True and living God, You have turned us from idols to serve You and live. As we await Your Son's return in glory, grant that we would faithfully serve You and proclaim the salvation of Jesus Christ to all the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

### BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN: "TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE"

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1 Take my life and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on - ly for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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