

Confession and Absolution

803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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| 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,<br>God of glory, Lord of love!<br>Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,<br>Praising Thee, their sun above.<br>Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,<br>Drive the gloom of doubt away.<br>Giver of immortal gladness,<br>Fill us with the light of day. | 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,<br>Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,<br>Stars and angels sing around Thee,<br>Center of unbroken praise.<br>Field and forest, vale and mountain,<br>Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,<br>Chanting bird, and flowing fountain<br>Call us to rejoice in Thee. |
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△ 3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

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

- 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.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2*



I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

**I will greatly rejoice | in the LORD;\***

**my soul shall exult | in my God,**

for he has clothed me with the garments of sal- | vation;\*

he has covered me with the robe of | righteousness,

**as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful | headdress,\***

**and as a bride adorns herself | with her jewels.**

**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. | Amen.**

I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;\*

I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

### Kyrie

*LSB 152*

**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** 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 mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C Amen.**

**C** This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Salutation and Collect 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.**

*Sit*

<sup>6</sup>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.  
<sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain  
 the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
 the veil that is spread over all nations.  
<sup>8</sup>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.  
<sup>9</sup>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.”

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

<sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**C Alleluia.****Lord, to whom shall we go?****You have the words of eternal life.****Alleluia, alleluia.****Holy Gospel***Matthew 22:1–14***P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, <sup>3</sup>and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>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.’ <sup>5</sup>But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. <sup>12</sup>And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>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.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C Praise to You, O Christ.***Sit*

## 510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

- 1 A multitude comes from the east and the west  
To sit at the feast of salvation  
With Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the blest,  
Obeying the Lord's invitation.  
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!
  
- 2 O God, let us hear when our Shepherd shall call  
In accents persuasive and tender,  
That while there is time we make haste, one and all,  
And find Him, our mighty defender.  
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!
  
- 3 All trials shall be like a dream that is past,  
Forgotten all trouble and mourning.  
All questions and doubts have been answered at last,  
When rises the light of that morning.  
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!
  
- 4 The heavens shall ring with an anthem more grand  
Than ever on earth was recorded.  
The blest of the Lord shall receive at His hand  
The crown to the victors awarded.  
Have mercy upon us, O Jesus!

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## Sermon

*Stand*

## 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.**

## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

**Offering Plates are located at the entrances to the sanctuary**

*Stand*

### Offertory

*LSB 159*

- C** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 160*

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them to the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  
**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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

*LSB 161*

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*LSB 161*

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **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**

**P** 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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**

*LSB 163*

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

- ☐ **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**  
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Sit*

**Distribution**

**628 Your Table I Approach**

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| <p>1 Your table I approach;<br/>         Dear Savior, hear my prayer.<br/>         Let not an unrepentant heart<br/>         Prove hurtful to me there.</p> <p>2 Lord, I confess my sins<br/>         And mourn their wretched bands;<br/>         A contrite heart is sure to find<br/>         Forgiveness at Your hands.</p> <p>3 Your body and Your blood,<br/>         Once slain and shed for me,<br/>         Are taken at Your table, Lord,<br/>         In blest reality.</p> | <p>4 Search not how this takes place,<br/>         This wondrous mystery;<br/>         God can accomplish vastly more<br/>         Than what we think could be.</p> <p>5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,<br/>         That earth and hell combined<br/>         May not about this sacrament<br/>         Raise doubt within my mind.</p> <p>6 Oh, may I never fail<br/>         To thank You day and night<br/>         For Your true body and true blood,<br/>         O God, my peace and light.</p> |
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**709 The King of Love My Shepherd Is**

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| <p>1 The King of love my shepherd is,<br/>         Whose goodness faileth never;<br/>         I nothing lack if I am His<br/>         And He is mine forever.</p> <p>2 Where streams of living water flow,<br/>         My ransomed soul He leadeth<br/>         And, where the verdant pastures grow,<br/>         With food celestial feedeth.</p> <p>3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,<br/>         But yet in love He sought me<br/>         And on His shoulder gently laid<br/>         And home rejoicing brought me.</p> | <p>4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill<br/>         With Thee, dear Lord, beside me,<br/>         Thy rod and staff my comfort still,<br/>         Thy cross before to guide me.</p> <p>5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;<br/>         Thine unction grace bestoweth;<br/>         And, oh, what transport of delight<br/>         From Thy pure chalice floweth!</p> <p>6 And so through all the length of days<br/>         Thy goodness faileth never;<br/>         Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise<br/>         Within Thy house forever!</p> |
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*Stand*

**Thank the Lord**

LSB 164

- C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Post-Communion Collect**

- A** Let us pray...
- C** Amen.

**Benediction**

LSB 166

- 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.

**692 Praise to You and Adoration**

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| <p>1 Praise to You and adoration,<br/>Blessèd Jesus, Son of God,<br/>Who, to serve Your own creation,<br/>Came to share our flesh and blood.<br/>Guide me that I never may<br/>From Your fold or pastures stray,<br/>But with zeal and joy exceeding<br/>Follow where Your steps are leading.</p> | <p>2 Hold me ever in Your keeping;<br/>Comfort me in pain and strife.<br/>In my laughter and my weeping<br/>Be with me throughout my life.<br/>Give me greater love for You,<br/>And my faith and hope renew<br/>In Your birth, Your life, and passion,<br/>In Your death and resurrection.</p> |
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