

**Processional Hymn**

**814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul**

LSB 814



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all with - in me join  
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul, Nor let His mer - cies lie  
 3 'Tis He for - gives thy sins; 'Tis He re - lieves thy pain;  
 4 He crowns thy life with love When ran - somed from the grave;



And aid my tongue to bless His name Whose fa - vors are di - vine.  
 For - got-ten in un-thank - ful - ness And with - out prais - es die!  
 'Tis He that heals thy sick - ness - es And makes thee young a - gain.  
 He that re-deemed my soul from hell Hath sov - 'reign pow'r to save.

5 He fills the poor with good;  
 He gives the suff'ers rest.  
 The Lord hath judgments for the proud  
 And justice for the oppressed.

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

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*Stand*

Confession and Absolution

*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 <sup>T</sup> Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves

from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel/Stand*

- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen.**

*Stand*

Service of the Word

**Introit**

*Ps. 130:1–8*

1Out | of the depths\* I cry to you, | O LORD!  
2O Lord, | hear my voice!\*  
Let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleas for | mercy!  
3If you, O LORD, should mark in- | iquities,\*  
O Lord, | who could stand?  
4But with you there is for- | giveness,\*  
that you | may be feared.  
5I wait for the LORD, my | soul waits,\*  
and in his | word I hope;  
6my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the | morning,\*  
more than watchmen for the | morning.  
7O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
For with the LORD there is | steadfast love,\*  
and with him is plentiful re- | demption.  
8And he will redeem | Israel\*  
from all his in- | iquities.

## Kyrie

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**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

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**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro- claimed at Je-sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

P Let us pray.

**O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout  
prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that**

**what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

C **Amen.**

*Sit*

## **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 50:15–21*

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual**

*Ps. 34:9, 19, alt.*

Fear the LORD, | you his saints,\*  
for those who fear him lack | nothing!  
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous,\*  
but the LORD delivers him out | of them all.

## **Epistle**

*Romans 14:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to

himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God."

<sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

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

C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that  
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

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

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 18:21–35*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup> Peter came up and said to [Jesus], "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?"

<sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup>"Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Apostles' Creed

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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 T everlasting. Amen.**

*Sit*

**Blessing of the Backpacks**

P: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.

**C: Welcome to this time of change, excitement and new opportunities.**

P: Let us pray:

Gracious God, You have promised to be with us always. Be present with each student gathered here today during this new school year. Give each of them an open and eager mind. Protect them from temptation, and guide them with Your love. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

*(Upon each student the sign of the cross is marked with these words: "Jesus is with you wherever you go".)*

**C:** (*The congregation sings the following verse over and over until all children have gone back to their pew*):

**725 Children of the Heavenly Father**

*LSB 725 st. 1*

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.

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## 843 "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"

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The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G clef, common time, and a key signature of one flat. The first staff contains four lines of lyrics, each starting with a note. The second staff contains four more lines of lyrics. The third staff contains four lines of lyrics, ending with a double bar line.

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give,"  
2 How can Your par - don reach and bless  
3 In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls

You taught us, Lord, to pray; But You a - lone can  
The un - for - giv - ing heart That broods on wrongs and  
The truth we dim - ly knew: What triv - al debts are  
And bid re - sent - ment cease; Then, bound to all in

grant us grace To live - the words we say.  
will not let Old bit ter - ness de - part?  
owed to us, How great our debt to You!  
bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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## Sermon

## Installation/Rededication of TLS Teachers and Staff (11:00 am)

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

## Offering

## Lord's Prayer

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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.**

## **Benedicamus and Benediction**

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 <sup>T</sup> give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn**

### **744 Amazing Grace**

*LSB 744 sts. 1–5*

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
3 Through man y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to

now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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## **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

*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).*

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