

HYMN: Sing to the Lord of Harvest (LSB 893)

- 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise.
By Him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.
- 2 God makes the clouds rain goodness, The deserts bloom and spring,
The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with His fullness, All things with large increase;
He crowns the year with blessing, With plenty and with peace.
- 3 Bring to this sacred altar The gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before Him When at His feet you fall,
And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all.

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INVOCATION:

- P In the name of the Father, and of the Son; and of the Holy Spirit, let us join our thankful voices, saying,
- C **Amen! Praise the Lord!**
- P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
- C **His steadfast love endures forever.**
- P He has created us together with all creatures.
- C **He has given us our bodies and souls, eyes, ears, and all our members.**
- P He has given us our reason and all our senses and still takes care of them.
- C **He has given us clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home.**
- P He has given us our spouses and children, our land, animals, and all that we have.
- C **He richly and daily gives us all that we need to support our bodies and lives.**
- P He defends us against all danger and guards and protects us from all evil.
- C **All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me.**
- P For all this it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
- C **This is most certainly true.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P God has indeed given us all we need to support our lives, and yet we often fail to return thanks for all He has given us. We often take for granted the abundant blessings He has poured into our lives. We have often hungered for more, rather than being content with what the Lord has given. We now turn to the Lord, seeking His forgiveness for the sake of Jesus. (Silence for reflection.) Heavenly Father,
- C **we confess that we have taken Your good gifts without returning thanks. Forgive us for our grumbling. Have mercy on us, forgive us, and lead us, so that we delight in Your good gifts and walk in Your glorious way.**
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given many good gifts to you, but the greatest of all was His

beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus has died and is risen for you and your salvation. 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. We return thanks to the Lord for His forgiveness. We remember all His good gifts.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

P Dear parents: when your children were baptized, the Pastor addressed you and reminded you that it is your obligation as Christian parents to bring up your children in the true knowledge and worship of God; that they be taught the Ten Commandments, the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. You were also encouraged to place in their hands the Holy Scriptures, bring them to the services of God's house and provide for their further instruction in the Christian faith.

The church and the home work together to bring our children the Word of God in its truth and purity. We encourage one another, that we may grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord. In that partnership, we ask you to take these bibles, given as a gift from our Sunday School, and present them to your child, that they may indeed read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the food that Jesus speaks of when He says that we do not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

(The bibles are presented)

P May this wonderful, life-changing Word live in your hearts and in your homes. Share it with one another, and help each other to see God's glory revealed as He speaks to us, His people

C Amen.

HYMN: 10,000 Reasons

Chorus: Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes (Chorus)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find (Chorus)

And on that day when my strength is failing

The end draws near and my time has come

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending

Ten thousand years and then forevermore (Chorus)

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FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-4

CHILDREN'S SERMON:

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 17:11-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter

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

Luke 17:11-19

P This is the Gospel of the Lord

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

HYMN: *Preach You the Word (LSB 586)*

- 1 Preach you the Word and plant it home
To men who like or like it not,
The Word that shall endure and stand
When flow'rs and men shall be forgot.
- 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task
Your servant bade us undertake:
To preach Your Word and never ask
What prideful profit it may make.
- 3 The sower sows; his reckless love
Scatters abroad the goodly seed,
Intent alone that all may have
The wholesome loaves that all men need.
- 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched
And some be choked and matted flat,
The sower sows; his heart cries out,
"Oh, what of that, and what of that?"
- 5 Of all his scattered plenteousness
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
And bears a harvest hundredfold:

“Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!”

- 6 Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend His planted Word.

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THE CATECHISM: The Office of the Ministry

P How is the Office of the Keys related to the proclamation of the Gospel?

C **The Office of the Keys is a special God-given way of applying the Gospel to the individual. “God is surpassingly rich in His grace: First, through the spoken word, by which the forgiveness of sin is preached to the whole world; second, through Baptism; third, through the holy Sacrament of the Altar; fourth, through the power of keys; and finally, through the mutual conversation and consolation of brethren.” (SA III IV).**

P How does the church publicly exercise the Office of the Keys?

C **The Christian congregation by the command of Christ calls pastors to carry out the Office of the Keys publicly in His name and on behalf of the congregation. The pastoral office is a divine institution.**

SERMON: A Gift For His Church - Ephesians 4:11-13

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Apostle’s Creed*

OFFERING:

HYMN: *We Praise You, O God* (LSB 785)

- 1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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THANKSGIVING PRAISE AND PRAYER:

P Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of Lights. All around us we see the bounty that our God so graciously provides for us. His love and goodness assure us of a glorious harvest of all that is planted under His guiding hand.

**C: (sung) Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer
For all things living, created good:
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

P We see with our own eyes how God continues to open his hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

**C: (sung) Bless, Lord, the labour we bring to serve you,
That with our neighbour we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
Harvesting, milling for daily bread.**

P We cling to the promise that He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and multiply our seeds for sowing His word and will increase the harvest of righteousness.

C May we and all those around us hear the word and understand it, so that we will bear fruit that abundantly yields love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

P Anxiously we await the final harvest of souls when we will be gathered together and brought to our heavenly home,

C Confident in our hope that the risen Christ, the first fruits of those who have died, will also raise us up at the Last Day.

**C: (sung) Father, providing Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know Your care.**

P With thankful hearts, Lord, we bring You our prayers this day. We remember Your many acts of kindness to Your people through all ages. We bless You for the orderly progression of the seasons and thank You for the bountiful harvest of the fruits of the earth which we now celebrate.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P We pray for our world, the earth on which You once walked, and all the people who share it with us. Give us all things needful for our lives and grant that we may be good stewards of our earth.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P Also, we pray for the church, which is our spiritual home. Bless the leaders and the people with a full measure of thankfulness and a willingness to speak of Your gracious love to all people.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P We pray for ourselves, that we would be truly thankful, remembering that it is only by Your gracious providence that we live out our lives.

C Lord, hear our prayer.

P We pray for those with special needs, whose earthly journeys are challenging or difficult. Especially we remember the sick, the shut in and also those others known to each of us who are in need of prayer. (___) Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Finally, eternal Lord, we thank You for the faithful witness of those no longer with us here on

earth who rejoice in Your eternal presence. May we be inspired by their faithful witness and seek to serve You constantly all of our days. Lord, hear our prayer

C In the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION:

P Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

C Amen. Amen. Let it be so.

CLOSING HYMN: Build Your Kingdom Here

Come set Your rule and reign In our hearts again
Increase in us we pray Unveil why we're made
Come set our hearts ablaze with hope
Like wildfire in our very souls
Holy Spirit come invade us now
We are Your church
We need Your pow'r in us

Chorus: Build Your kingdom here Let the darkness fear
Show Your mighty hand Heal our streets and land
Set Your church on fire Win this nation back
Change the atmosphere Build Your kingdom here we pray

We seek Your kingdom first
We hunger and we thirst
Refuse to waste our lives
For You're our joy and prize
To see the captives' hearts released
The hurt the sick the poor at peace
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause
We are Your church
We pray revive this earth (Chorus)

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r
Reaching the near and far
No force of hell can stop
Your beauty changing hearts
You made us for much more than this
Awake the kingdom seed in us
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ
We are Your church
We are the hope on earth (Chorus)