

**OPENING HYMN:** *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* (LSB 516)

- 1 “Wake, awake, for night is flying,”  
The watchmen on the heights are crying; “Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”  
Midnight hears the welcome voices  
And at the thrilling cry rejoices: “Oh, where are ye, ye virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes, awake!  
Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia!  
With bridal care yourselves prepare  
To meet the Bridegroom, who is near.”
- 2 Zion hears the watchmen singing,  
And all her heart with joy is springing;  
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.  
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,  
The strong in grace, in truth victorious;  
Her star is ris’n, her light is come.  
Now come, Thou Blessèd One,  
Lord Jesus, God’s own Son, Hail! Hosanna!  
We enter all the wedding hall  
To eat the Supper at Thy call.
- 3 Now let all the heav’ns adore Thee,  
Let saints and angels sing before Thee  
With harp and cymbals’ clearest tone.  
Of one pearl each shining portal,  
Where, joining with the choir immortal,  
We gather round Thy radiant throne.  
No eye has seen the light,  
No ear has heard the might Of Thy glory;  
Therefore will we Eternally  
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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**INVOCATION:**

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

**C Amen.**

**INTROIT** Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV

**P** We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.

O Lord, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!

**C Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.**

**P** And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.

**C Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool!**

**P** Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**KYRIE** LSB 152

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**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 mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE: This is the Feast**

**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. Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 51:4–6

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE:** Jude 20–25

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

**C Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** LSB 156

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL:** Mark 13:24–37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

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

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

**HYMN:** *Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending* (LSB 336)

- 1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending, Once for ev'ry sinner slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of His train:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ the Lord returns to reign.
- 2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him Robed in glorious majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold Him, Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
Shall their true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of His passion Still His dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation To His ransomed worshipers.  
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, amen, let all adore Thee, High on Thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the pow'r and glory, Claim the kingdom as Thine own.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou alone!  
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**SERMON:** When the End is Only the Beginning - Isaiah 51:4-6

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *Nicene Creed*

**C 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***

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the Holy Church, that God would give us grace to serve Him with reverence and awe, granting us faith to endure to the end, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the pastors in our circuit, district and Synod, that God would give them the words to testify to His love in Christ Jesus and the hope that is in them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the troubled in mind and spirit, that God would give them strength to cast every care on Him and give them quietness of heart through a firm trust in Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the lonely, that God would place them into the family of His Church to find peace in Christ and fulfillment through loving service to their neighbors, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the leaders of our nation, that they may walk in the way of justice and truth, using the power vested in them to protect the weak and innocent, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For all threatened by natural disasters, wars, famines and troubles of any kind, that God would fill all hearts with repentance and humility to trust Him in every circumstance, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the hungry, that they would be filled with good things; for the poor and unemployed, that they may find gainful employment; for the sick, [especially \_\_\_\_], that they may be healed; for those who mourn, [ that they may be comforted; and for those who travel, that God would watch over them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For each communicant, that with a repentant heart and faith they would be worthy to receive Christ's body and blood this day, not to their judgment but for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** In thanksgiving for all who have departed this life in faith, that as we see the signs of our Lord's

second coming, we would not lose heart, but remain faithful unto death and receive the crown of life, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Amen.**

### **OFFERING**

*HYMN: O Savior, Precious Savior (LSB 527)*

- 1 O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor, All other names above,  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our holy Lord and King.
- 2 O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought  
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our gracious Lord and King.
- 3 In Thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;  
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.  
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.
- 4 O grant the consummation Of this our song above  
In endless adoration And everlasting love;  
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring,  
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!  
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**OFFERTORY** LSB 192

**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.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**COLLECT FOR PEACE**

**P** Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy

Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### ***BENEDICTION***

**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C Amen.**

### ***CLOSING HYMN: Of the Father's Love Begotten (LSB 384)***

- 1 Of the Father's love begotten Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been, And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.
  - 2 Oh, that birth forever blessed, When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer, First revealed His sacred face  
Evermore and evermore.
  - 3 This is He whom seers in old time Chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets Promised in their faithful word.  
Now He shines, the long-expected; Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.
  - 4 O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing.  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent, Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.
- △ 5 Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion, And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore. Amen.

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