

OPENING HYMN: *O Jesus, King Most Wonderful (LSB 554)*

- 1 O Jesus, King most wonderful! O Conqueror renowned!
O Source of peace ineffable, In whom all joys are found:
- 2 When once You visit darkened hearts, Then truth begins to shine,
Then earthly vanity departs, Then kindles love divine.
- 3 O Jesus, light of all below, The fount of life and fire,
Surpassing all the joys we know, All that we can desire:
- 4 May ev'ry heart confess Your name, Forever You adore,
And, seeking You, itself inflame To seek You more and more!
- 5 Oh, may our tongues forever bless, May we love You alone
And ever in our lives express The image of Your own!
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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 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7

- P** Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!
He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.
- C** **He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.**
- P** His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
- C** **but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love. 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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- 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: Gloria in Excelsis

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- C** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 15:1–6

- L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:1–16

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**ALLELUIA AND VERSE** LSB 156

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12:22–34

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN: Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing (LSB 737)

- 1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, A cheerful trust maintain;
For God, the source of ev'rything, Your portion shall remain.
- 2 He is your treasure, He your joy, Your life and light and Lord,
Your counselor when doubts annoy, Your shield and great reward.
- 3 Why spend the day in blank despair, In restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care; He makes your burdens light.
- 4 Did not His love and truth and pow'r Guard ev'ry childhood day?
And did He not in threat'ning hour Turn dreaded ills away?
- 5 He only will with patience chide, His rod falls gently down;
And all your sins He casts aside In ocean depths to drown.
- 6 His wisdom never plans in vain Nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His counsels may ordain A blessed ending makes.
- 7 Upon your lips, then, lay your hand, And trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand Here and in heav'n above.

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SERMON: A Story of Trust - Hebrews 11:1

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 faith in the wise and gracious will of God, and power to turn from false belief in our own plans and natural powers, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Your Church on earth, that by the seed of father Abraham, our Lord, Jesus Christ, she would be defended against the assaults and temptations of the adversary; and that by Your Holy Spirit, Your people would live unto righteousness in Christ and shine like stars in the heavens forever and ever, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Christian fathers, that they, with faith like Abram, would prize the gift of their children and work in their lives for the good of generations yet unseen, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For rulers to be granted wisdom to know how small and fleeting their reigns are, and that they would rule in loving service to those in their charge, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those in the midst of tribulation, [especially _____,] that they would cast their anxieties upon God, our heavenly Father, who cares for them in body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Your Holy Spirit, that Your servants who recline at Your table this day would be enlightened by Your Word as a lamp unto their feet, being dressed in readiness for the coming of the Son of Man, both now and at the end of days, even as He girds Himself to serve them with His body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For comfort for all who mourn, [especially _____,] and for faith to follow the godly example of those who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, knowing that You will hear the prayers of Your people and answer us with Your mercy, providing all things needful and beneficial to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

HYMN: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (LSB 711)

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care.
In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have bought us; we are Yours.

- 2 We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
 Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Hear us children when we pray.
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- 3 You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
 You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, Early let us turn to You.
- 4 Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will;
 Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.
 Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus, You have loved us, love us still.

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- 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: Consider How the Birds Above (LSB 736)

- 1 Consider how the birds above Feed day by day with carefree ease—
 Does God not keep them in His love?
 Are we not worth much more than these?
- 2 The lilies grow, they do not toil; How fair is their fragility—

If God clothes these, which quickly spoil,
Will He not clothe both you and me?

3 Set not your heart on food or drink,
Nor be weighed down by worldly care;
About such things the godless think,
Yet never thank the Lord in prayer.

4 Be on your guard against all greed, For life is more than what we own.
Our Father knows our ev'ry need Before our needs to us are known.

5 Be not afraid to suffer loss Of all the things for which you pray,
For He who faced for you the cross
Will give you strength to live each day.

6 Seek first God's reign, His boundless grace,
His holy name in all you do:
Christ first and last in ev'ry place; All else will then be given you.

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