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Treasures are hard to find and even harder to hold on to. Jesus describes the kingdom of God as a great treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price, and a net full of fish. But this treasure is one of God's own making. He esteems us His treasured possession and delivers up His own Son that we might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom without end. On earth that treasure is hidden in the dirt, found side by side among cheap trinkets, and in nets that hold good and bad fish. But one day, it will all be clear. They will be set apart and the false treasures exposed. For now, it is enough to believe His Word and trust in His promise and hold steadfast to His Son.

To Our Congregation and Guests about the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is Jesus' meal of forgiveness and strength. However, because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because we also believe that receiving the Lord's Supper together is an outward profession of unity with one another in faith and doctrine, we would therefore only invite communicant members of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod to receive this gift with us. If you still desire to receive the sacrament, please first speak with the pastor.

Guests are still encouraged to come to the altar, cross their arms over their chests, and receive a special blessing.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper can be made by reading the front inside cover and pp. 326-327 of the hymnal along with reaffirming the following statements:

- *I am baptized.*
- *I repent of my sins, trusting in Jesus' atoning sacrifice for forgiveness and eternal life.*
- *I believe that I will eat Jesus' actual flesh and blood in, with, and under bread and wine.*
- *As Jesus has forgiven and loved me, I do not refuse to forgive and love.*
- *By God's grace I will continue to frequently receive Word and Sacrament, and I will strive to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus' holy name.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

✠ Service of Preparation ✠

Song of Invocation

"Revelation Song"

**Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; Holy, holy is He;
Sing a new song to Him who sits On Heaven's mercy seat.**

**Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord, God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come.**

**With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything And I will adore You.**

**Clothed in rainbows of living color, Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder;
Blessing and honor, strength and glory And power to You, the only wise King.**

**Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord, God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come.**

**With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything And I will adore You.**

**Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder, At the mention of Your name;
Jesus, Your name is power, Breath and living water, Such a marvelous mystery.**

**Holy, holy, holy Is the Lord, God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come.**

**With all creation I sing praise to the King of kings;
You are my ev'rything And I will adore You.**

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Invocation

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L In the name of the Father and the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

L Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

L 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.

L 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.

Luke 18:13

Confession and Absolution

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.
Amen.**

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

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.

John 20:19-23

✠ Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

"Lord Have Mercy"

Mark 10:47, LSB pg. 204



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

Gloria In Excelsis

"Glory to God in the Highest"

Luke 2:14, John 1:29



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 - shipped 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

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L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

L Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God,

C give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded;

L 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 Deuteronomy 7:6–9

Please be seated.

"You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading Romans 8:28–39

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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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. John 20:31



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

Gospel Reading

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R The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

R This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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L Christian, what do you believe?

**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 † everlasting. Amen.**



1 From God can noth - ing move me; He will not step a - side
 2 When those whom I re - gard - ed As trust - wor - thy and sure
 3 The Lord my life ar - rang - es; Who can His work de - stroy?
 4 Each day at His good plea - sure God's gra - cious will is done.



But gent - ly will re - prove me And be my con - stant guide.
 Have long from me de - part - ed, God's grace shall still en - dure.
 In His good time He chang - es All sor - row in - to joy.
 He sent His great - est trea - sure In Je - sus Christ, His Son.



He stretch - es out His hand In eve - ning and in morn - ing,
 He res - cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
 So let me then be still: My bod - y, soul, and spir - it
 He ev - 'ry gift im - parts. The bread of earth and heav - en



My life with grace a - dorn - ing Wher - ev - er I may stand.
 I leave death's fear be - hind me; His peace I have with - in.
 His ten - der care in - her - it Ac - cord - ing to His will.
 Are by His kind - ness giv - en. Praise Him with thank - ful hearts!

5 **Praise God with acclamation
 And in His gifts rejoice.
 Each day finds its vocation
 Responding to His voice.
 Soon years on earth are past;
 But time we spend expressing
 The love of God brings blessing
 That will forever last!**

△7 **For thus the Father willed it,
 Who fashioned us from clay;
 And His own Son fulfilled it
 And brought eternal day.
 The Spirit now has come,
 To us true faith has given;
 He leads us home to heaven.
 O praise the Three in One!**

6 **Yet even though I suffer
 The world's unpleasantness,
 And though the days grow rougher
 And bring me great distress,
 That day of bliss divine,
 Which knows no end or measure,
 And Christ, who is my pleasure,
 Forever shall be mine.**

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Sermon

based on Matthew 13:44–52

Prayer of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1-4, LSB pg. 207

L Lord of mercy, hear the prayers of Your people who call upon You in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Almighty God, Your love once created all things and set apart a people of Your promise.

C Grant to us faith that we believe Your Word, heed the call of Your love, and find peace in Your gift of salvation.

L Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Blessed Father, Your love is our great treasure and Your kingdom Your gift.

C Grant that we with bold voice make known Your salvation to all the ends of the earth.

L Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Mighty God, You have set over us leaders who exercise the authority of the state for our protection against enemies and for justice against evildoers.

C Bless the president, the Congress, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

L Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Compassionate God, Your Son was wounded for our transgressions, and in His wounds are healing and strength. Hear us on behalf of all the sick, those who suffer, the grieving, and the dying, [*especially* . . .]. Grant them all that is needed to support them in their hour of need.

Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L God of grace, You have given to us the gift of work and the privilege of using the fruits of our labors for the support of our families and ourselves.

C Give us a generous heart that we give aid to the poor and honor to You with the worship of our hearts and the tithes and offerings of our hands.

L Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Offering -*the offering is being collected at the Narthex-Sanctuary door.*

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

Preface

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L The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C And also with you.

L Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C We lift them to the Lord.

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise

Proper Preface

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L It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.

C 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

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, O Lord, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13, LSB pg. 209

**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.**

Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God"

LSB pg. 210 John 1:29



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Distribution

Distribution Song

"Behold the Lamb"

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us, and we remember.**

**The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.**

**So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace,
Around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
Torn for you. Eat and remember.
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.**

**So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love,
Around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
Shed for you. Drink and remember.
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.**

**So we share in this Bread of Life,
And we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace,
Around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
To respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As His body here on earth
As we share in His suffering
We proclaim Christ will come again
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King**

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Distribution Song "Lead Me to the Cross"

1 **Savior I come quiet my soul Remember
redemption's hill Where Your blood was spilled For my ransom**

**Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss**

Chorus **Lead me to the cross Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross**

2 **You were as I tempted and tried Human
The word became flesh Bore my sin in death Now You're risen**

**Ev'rything I once held dear
I count it all as loss**

Chorus **Lead me to the cross
Where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees
Lord I lay me down
Rid me of myself
I belong to You
Oh lead me lead me to the cross**

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Distribution Hymn LSB 651 "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord" ST. THOMAS



1 I love Your king - dom, Lord, The place of Your a - bode,
2 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize its heav'n - ly ways,
3 I love Your Church, O God, Your saints in ev - 'ry land,
4 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend;
5 Sure as Your truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The Church our blest Re - deem - er saved With His own pre - cious blood.
Its sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.
Dear as the ap - ple of Your eye And grav - en on Your hand.
For them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield And bright - er bliss of heav'n.

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Nunc Dimittis

"Song of Simeon"

Luke 2:29-32

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

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P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.

C Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end;

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus & Benediction

P Let us bless the Lord.

Psalms 103:1, LSB pg. 212

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 † give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

C Amen.



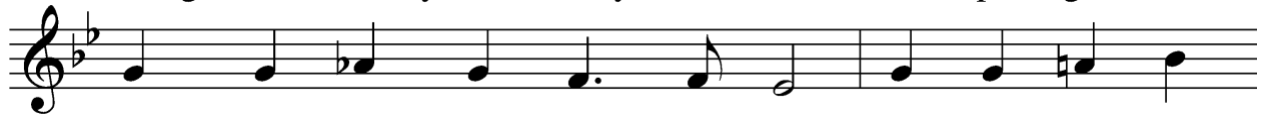
1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, Fount of pur - est plea - sure,
 2 In Thine arms I rest me; Foes who would mo - lest me
 3 Sa - tan, I de - fy thee; Death, I now de - cry thee;
 4 Hence, all earth - ly trea - sure! Je - sus is my plea - sure,



Tru - est friend to me, Ah, how long in an - guish
 Can - not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing,
 Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
 Je - sus is my choice. Hence, all emp - ty glo - ry!



Shall my spir - it lan - guish, Yearn - ing, Lord, for Thee?
 Ev - 'ry heart be quak - ing, Je - sus calms my fear.
 Nor thy threats a - larm me While I sing of peace.
 Naught to me thy sto - ry Told with tempt - ing voice.



Thou art mine, O Lamb di - vine! I will suf - fer
 Light - nings flash And thun - ders crash; Yet, though sin and
 God's great pow'r Guards ev - 'ry hour; Earth and all its
 Pain or loss, Or shame or cross, Shall not from my



naught to hide Thee; Naught I ask be - side Thee.
 hell as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
 depths a - dore Him, Si - lent bow be - fore Him.
 Sav - ior move me Since He deigns to love me.

5 **Evil world, I leave thee;**
Thou canst not deceive me,
Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
Come not forth again.
Past thy hour,
O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.

6 **Hence, all fear and sadness!**
For the Lord of gladness,
Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er
I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

Dismissal

P Go in peace, and serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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