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"In Nomine Iesu"

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Warm greetings to you, dear worshipper, in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the blessings of His presence and His peace be with you throughout this week.

Guests: If you are a guest worshiping with us today, we are honored to have you join us in receiving the rich blessings that our Lord supplies to us through the gift of His holy Word. We invite you to return and worship with us again as the opportunity arises.

If you are visiting for the first time, please sign the guest register in the entryway.

Everyone, *members and guests*, is asked to fill out the attendance card found in the pew rack. Just jot down the names of those in attendance with you today. You can then hand it to an usher or place in the basket as you leave the service.

Prelude “*Lay Your Burdens Down*” - Donald Lee Moore
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service One

Hymn of Invocation *“Christ is Our Cornerstone”* LSB #912

Invocation (*please stand*)

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son
 and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession

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.

P Let us 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.**

Absolution

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.**

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 118:22-24; antiphon: Ps. 118:1

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C **for his steadfast love endures forever!**

P The stone that the builders rejected

C **has become the cornerstone.**

P This is the LORD's doing;

C **it is marvelous in our eyes.**

P This is the day that the LORD has made;

C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

All **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.**

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

C **for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Kyrie

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

The musical score is written on ten staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words in all caps and others in title case. The lyrics are: [A] Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth. [C] Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther; We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

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[C] Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther;

We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.

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You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, You gave Your Son into the hands of sinful men who killed Him. Forgive us when we reject Your unfailing love, and grant us the fullness of Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All Amen.

(be seated)

Choir Anthem *"Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"*

Text: Martin Luther; Harmonization: J.S. Bach

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 5:1-7

¹Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

² He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

³ And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. ⁴ What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵ And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. ⁶ I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briars and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷ For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Philippians 3:4b-14

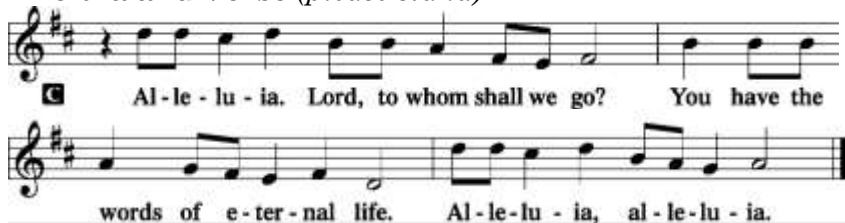
⁴If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (*please stand*)



Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22nd chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³ and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other servants, saying, ‘Tell those who are invited, “See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.”’ ⁵ But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷ The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.’ ¹⁰ And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

(be seated)

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day “*The Church’s One Foundation*” LSB #644

Sermon “*Don’t Miss The Point*” text: Matthew 22:1-10

Our Catechism Moment *(please stand)*

The Second Article of the Apostles' Creed

P 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.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

(be seated)

Presentation of the Offering & Musical Offering

“Greenwell” - Arr. by Edward Broughton

Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Let us pray to the Lord, C Lord, have mercy.

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Merciful Lord, You sing the song of Your love over the vineyard of Your Church. Lift her united voice through Your Spirit, that she in turn would freely praise Your lavish grace and proclaim Your salvation beyond her walls; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

All 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.

Benediction (*please stand*)

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.
C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Fight the Good Fight”

LSB #664

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude *“Honor and Glory”* - Edward H. Wetherill

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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