

AS WE GATHER

Today we see the importance of God’s Word in our lives. God’s Word is what kept the Israelites as they entered the Promised Land. God’s Word is the sword of the Spirit, a portion of the armor of God we are given and told to put on. God’s Word leads us, protects us, and helps us fight against the evil one.

Gathering Song

Welcome & Invocation

Opening Song

Thy Strong Word LSB 578 vs 1-3

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with

speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we

light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

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Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: We are God’s people. Through His Word, He has given us wisdom and understanding to follow His ways. Yet, there are times when we have chosen foolishness over wisdom, willful ignorance instead of understanding. Still, even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have ignored Your Word. We have lived according to our own commands rather than Yours. We have chosen the wisdom of the world instead of Your perfect wisdom. Forgive us, create in us new hearts, and renew right spirits within us, so that we may follow where You are leading, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn of Confession Offertory LSB 192



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our sins. Because of Jesus, the joy of our salvation is restored, and no iniquity can remain in dominion over us. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

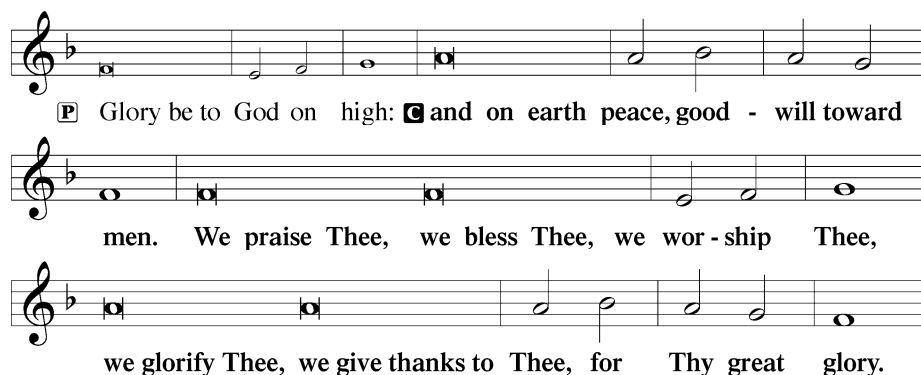
People: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

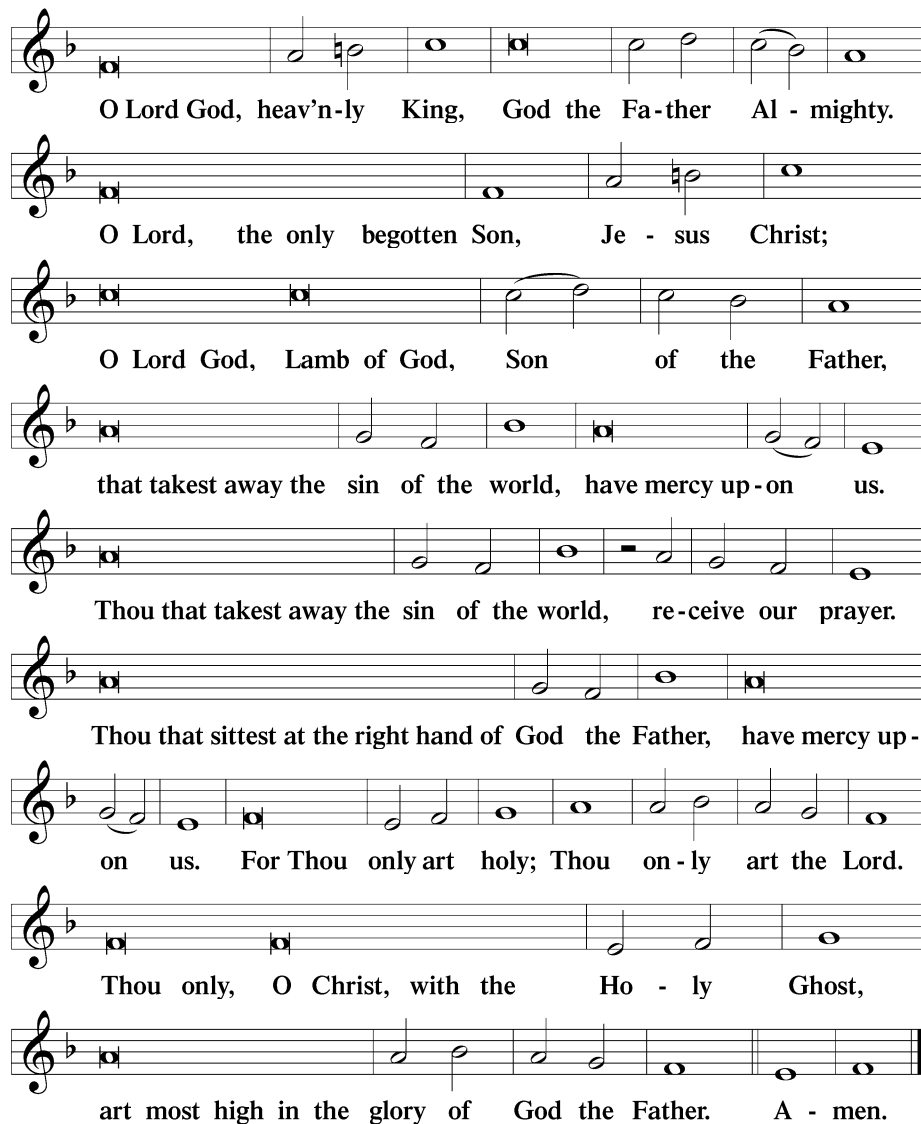
Pastor: O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Gloria In Excelsis LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

New Member Welcome

Reader

David Sarandos

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

(Moses' encouragement to the Israelites)

¹Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹"Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10–20

(Put on the whole armor of God.)

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Third Reading

Mark 7:14–23

(What defiles a person?)

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message

Song of the Day

Thy Strong Word LSB 578 vs 4-6

4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth
 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy
 Δ 6 God the Fa - ther, light - cre - a - tor, To Thee

forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -
 mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the
 laud and hon - or be. To Thee, Light of

ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.
 hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.
 Light be - got - ten, Praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, light - re - veal - er, Glo - ry,

Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with
 glo - ry be to Thee. Mor - tals, an - gels,

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!
 now and ev - er Praise the ho - ly Trin - i - ty!

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Sermon

“Teach Your Children”

Pastor Aaron Boerst

Creed – Nicene Creed

People: 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.

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: For all people who serve in various vocations, that they be given creativity, wisdom, understanding, discernment, and courage to follow where God is leading. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all those who celebrate good news of births and birthdays, anniversaries and Baptisms, success at work or school, and anything else that is worthy of praise, we thank You, Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all those who mourn the death of loved ones, we pray for comfort in the face of grief. Help them to grasp firmly our hope in the resurrection and eternal life with You. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all those who govern in this nation and throughout the world, that they lead and serve according to God's wisdom rather than the wisdom of the world. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all pastors, teachers, church planters, missionaries, musicians, and servants in Your Church, that God's Word rules their lives and overflows into the lives of others. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: For all who fight the assaults of Satan, that they find strength and protection in the whole armor of God. Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend,

People: and I will praise Thee without end.

Pastor: O Lord, Hear us now on behalf of those in our congregation and all who stand in need:

Local concerns are added by congregational elder.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Sharing the Peace

Offering Give Thanks LSB 806

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,

Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He's given

Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"

Let the poor say "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say "I am strong,"

Let the poor say "I am rich,"

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks.

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Presentation of Gifts

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good things, and Your Word makes clear that every good and perfect gift comes from You. We ask that You accept these gifts back unto Yourself and use them to Your glory. [*Psalm 145:15, James 1:17*]

People: **Amen.**

Holy Communion

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

The Words of Our Lord [*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*]

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. [*1 Cor.11:26*]

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** [*Revelation 22:20*]

Lord's Prayer [*Matthew 6:9–13*]

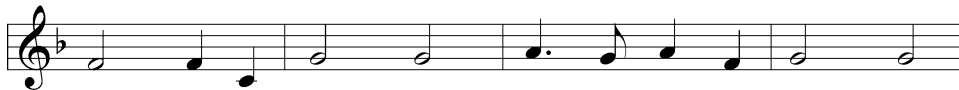
Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: **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.**

Distribution

This is the Feast

Splendor and Honor LSB 950



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er
 2 Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our re - demp - tion,
 3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,
 By whose self - of - f'ring we are made God's peo - ple:
 And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -
 A priest - ly king - dom, from all tongues and
 Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry



a - tion Called in - to be - ing.
 na - tions, Called to God's ser - vice.
 giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

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The Lamb LSB 547



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.



Refrain
 Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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Benediction [Numbers 6:24-26]

Pastor: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Song

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God LSB 941 vs1, 3, 4



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo - ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com-mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav-ens sing,
You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num - bered where prais-es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
You o - pened heav-en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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