

## Welcome

### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

#### 869 With the Lord Begin Your Task

- 1 With the Lord begin your task;  
Jesus will direct it.  
For His aid and counsel ask;  
Jesus will perfect it.  
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise,  
And when day is ended,  
In His name then close your eyes;  
Be to Him commended.
  
- 2 Let each day begin with prayer,  
Praise, and adoration.  
On the Lord cast ev'ry care;  
He is your salvation.  
Morning, evening, and at night  
Jesus will be near you,  
Save you from the tempter's might,  
With His presence cheer you.
  
- 3 With your Savior at your side,  
Foes need not alarm you;  
In His promises confide,  
And no ill can harm you.  
All your trust and hope repose  
In the mighty Master,  
Who in wisdom truly knows  
How to stem disaster.
  
- 4 If your task be thus begun  
With the Savior's blessing,  
Safely then your course will run,  
Toward the promise pressing.  
Good will follow ev'rywhere  
While you here must wander;  
You at last the joy will share  
In the mansions yonder.
  
- 5 Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task  
Be to You commended;  
May Your will be done, I ask,  
Until life is ended.  
Jesus, in Your name begun  
Be the day's endeavor;  
Grant that it may well be done  
To Your praise forever.

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### Invocation

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

### Opening Verses

- P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
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.

# Confession and Absolution

## Confession of Sins

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- P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Declaration of Grace

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- P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

- C** **Amen.**

## Introit

*Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17*

- P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.
- C** **What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?**
- P** I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD.
- C** **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.**
- P** O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.
- 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.**
- P** I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.

## Kyrie

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- P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- P** O Christ,  
**C** **have mercy.**
- P** O Lord,  
**C** **have mercy.**

## Hymn

### 851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

- 1 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given  
Blessings countless as the sand  
To the unthankful and the evil  
With Your own unsparing hand.
- 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give You  
Gladly, freely of Your own.  
With the sunshine of Your goodness  
Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures,  
Warmed by You, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed  
'Tis to give than to receive.
- 3 Wondrous honor You have given  
To our humblest charity  
In Your own mysterious sentence,  
"You have done it all to Me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master,  
That You deign for alms to sue,

Saying by Your poor and needy,  
“Give as I have giv’n to you”?

4 Lord of glory, You have bought us  
With Your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones  
That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust You boldly,  
Hope, to stay our souls on You;  
But, oh, best of all Your graces,  
With Your love our love renew.

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### Salutation And Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** We pray,

Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Readings from Holy Scripture

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalms 27

*Psalms 27:1–9; antiphon: v. 4a*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>2</sup>**When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>**One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!

<sup>8</sup>**You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

### Epistle Reading

*Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 20:1–16*

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last.”

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

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

## Hymn of the Day

### 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

*sts. 1–5*

- 1 Salvation unto us has come  
By God’s free grace and favor;  
Good works cannot avert our doom,  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is our one Redeemer.
- 2 What God did in His Law demand  
And none to Him could render  
Caused wrath and woe on ev’ry hand  
For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires  
The spirit of the Law requires,  
And lost is our condition.
- 3 It was a false, misleading dream  
That God His Law had given  
That sinners could themselves redeem  
And by their works gain heaven.  
The Law is but a mirror bright  
To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.
- 4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,  
Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain,  
Our guilt was e’er increasing.  
None can remove sin’s poisoned dart  
Or purify our guileful heart—  
So deep is our corruption.
- 5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled  
Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God’s anger stilled,  
Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the Law obeyed

And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.

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## Sermon

## "Pure Grace"

Matthew 20:1-16

## Hymn of the Day

### 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

sts. 6–10

- 6 Since Christ has full atonement made  
And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad  
And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,  
Your death is now my life indeed,  
For You have paid my ransom.
- 7 Let me not doubt, but truly see  
Your Word cannot be broken;  
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"  
No falsehood have You spoken.  
Baptized into Your precious name,  
My faith cannot be put to shame,  
And I shall never perish.
- 8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin  
And makes us conscience-stricken;  
But then the Gospel enters in  
The sinful soul to quicken.  
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;  
The Law no peace can ever give,  
No comfort and no blessing.
- 9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone  
And rests in Him unceasing;  
And by its fruits true faith is known,  
With love and hope increasing.  
For faith alone can justify;  
Works serve our neighbor and supply  
The proof that faith is living.
- △ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise  
To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by His grace;  
All glory to His merit.  
O triune God in heav'n above,  
You have revealed Your saving love;  
Your blessed name we hallow.

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## Old Roman Symbol (Creed)

**☩ I believe in God the Father almighty;**

**and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, Who was born from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, Who under Pontius Pilate was crucified and buried, on the third day He rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven sits at the right hand of the Father, whence He will come to judge the living and the dead;**

**and in the Holy Spirit, the holy Church, the remission of sins, and the resurrection of the flesh. Amen**

## Offering

## Prayer

**Responsive Prayer**

- P** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** **let my cry come to You.**  
**P** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C** **for You answer me.**  
**P** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** **and blot out all my iniquities.**  
**P** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**  
**P** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**  
**P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**  
**P** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** **my lips will praise You.**  
**P** For You have been my help,  
**C** **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**  
**P** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** **unite my heart to fear Your name.**  
**P** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** **and I will glorify Your name forever.**  
**P** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**  
**P** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**  
**P** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** **listen to my plea for grace.**

**Prayer of the Church****Lord's Prayer**

- 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.**

**Luther's Morning Prayer**

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**  
**Amen.**

**Benedicamus**

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- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Blessing**

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- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.  
**C** **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn****826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying**

- 1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,  
 "Who will go and work today?  
 Fields are white and harvests waiting—  
 Who will bear the sheaves away?"  
 Loud and long the Master calleth;  
 Rich reward He offers thee.  
 Who will answer, gladly saying,  
 "Here am I, send me, send me"?
- 2 If you cannot speak like angels,  
 If you cannot preach like Paul,  
 You can tell the love of Jesus,

You can say He died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked  
With the judgment's dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children  
To the Savior's waiting arms.

3 If you cannot be a watchman,  
Standing high on Zion's wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven,  
Off'ring life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties  
You can do what God commands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron,  
Holding up the prophet's hands.

4 Let none hear you idly saying,  
"There is nothing I can do,"  
While the multitudes are dying  
And the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly,  
Let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth,  
"Here am I, send me, send me!"

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