PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: ♫ “WITH THE LORD BEGIN YOUR TASK” LSB 869

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.


Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

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.
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 136:23–26

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. It is he who remembered us in our low estate, for his steadfast love endures forever; and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever; he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever. Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

GLORIA PATRI

C♫ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE

C♫ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

♫ Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

♫ The Lord be with you.
♫ And with thy spirit.
♫ Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♫ Amen.

SIT

OLD TESTAMENT READING  

LEVITICUS 18:1–5; 19:9–18

The L ORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the L ORD your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the L ORD your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the L ORD.

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the L ORD your God.

“You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the L ORD.

“You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the L ORD.

“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the L ORD.

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the L ORD.”

♫ This is the Word of the Lord.
♫ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news, who publish peace and bring good news of salvation. Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,
To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven.

Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

ALLELUIA


HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Behold, a lawyer stood up to put [Jesus] to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.
Apostles’ Creed

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.

Sit

SERMON HYMN: “JOYFUL, JOYFUL WE ADORE THEE”

1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,
   God of glory, Lord of love!
   Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee,
   Praising Thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
   Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
   Fill us with the light of day.

2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
   Earth and heav’n reflect Thy rays,
   Stars and angels sing around Thee,
   Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
   Flow’ry meadow, flashing sea,
   Chanting bird, and flowing fountain
   Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3 Thou art giving and forgiving,
   Ever blessing, ever blest,
   Wellspring of the joy of living,
   Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
   Fountainehead of love divine:
   Joyful, we Thy heav’n inherit!
   Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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SERMON: “THANK GOD”

COLOSSIANS 1:3-10

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Stand

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Amen.
OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: ♫ "WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN"  
1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Sit

HYMN: ♫ "LOVE IN CHRIST IS STRONG AND LIVING"

1 Love in Christ is strong and living,  
Binding faithful hearts in one;  
Love in Christ is true and giving.  
May His will in us be done.

2 Love is patient and forbearing,  
Clothed in Christ’s humility,  
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,  
Reaching out in charity.

3 Love in Christ abides forever,  
Fainting not when ills attend;  
Love, forgiving and forgiven,  
Shall endure until life’s end.


Stand

P Collect
C♫ Amen

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.
C♫ Amen, amen, amen.
CLOSING HYMN: ♫ “WE ALL BELIEVE IN ONE TRUE GOD” ♫

1 We all believe in one true God,
   Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
   Ever-present help in need,
   Praised by all the heav’nly host;
   All He made His love enfolds,
   All creation He upholds.

2 We all believe in Jesus Christ,
   Son of God and Mary’s son,
   Who descended from His throne
   And for us salvation won;
   By whose cross and death are we
   Rescued from all misery.

3 We all confess the Holy Ghost,
   Who from both in truth proceeds,
   Who sustains and comforts us
   In all trials, fears, and needs.
   Blessèd, holy Trinity,
   Praise forever be to Thee!

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SILENT PRAYER

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