OPENING HYMN: "LET US EVER WALK WITH JESUS"  

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,  
    Follow His example pure,  
    Through a world that would deceive us  
    And to sin our spirits lure.  
Onward in His footsteps treading,  
    Pilgrims here, our home above,  
    Full of faith and hope and love,  
Let us do the Father’s bidding.  
    Faithful Lord, with me abide;  
    I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus  
    And with patience bear our cross.  
Joy will follow all our sadness;  
    Where He is, there is no loss.  
Though today we sow no laughter,  
    We shall reap celestial joy;  
    All discomforts that annoy  
    Shall give way to mirth hereafter.  
    Jesus, here I share Your woe;  
    Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.  
    Since by death He conquered death,  
        He will free us from destruction,  
        Give to us immortal breath.  
Let us mortify all passion  
    That would lead us into sin;  
    And the grave that shuts us in  
    Shall but prove the gate to heaven.  
    Jesus, here with You I die,  
    There to live with You on high.
4 Let us also live with Jesus.
   He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
   Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
   Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
   Living there with You forever.
   Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.


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 O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

INTROIT

PSALM 119:57–60, 64
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words. I entreat your favor with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. When I think on my ways, I turn my feet to your testimonies; I hasten and do not delay to keep your commandments. The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love; teach me your statutes!

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’ly 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.

O Lord, grant us the Spirit to hear Your Word and know the one thing needful that by Your Word and Spirit we may live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

♫ Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Genesis 18:1–14**

The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.”

♫ 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.

**EPISTLE**

**Colossians 1:21–29**

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you
continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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.

Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet and listened to his teaching. But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♫ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

♫ 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.
CATECHETICAL VERSE
The First Commandment

C You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

C We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

Sit

SERMON HYMN: "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" 

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 “Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

3 “The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never, forsake!

4 “When through fiery trials your pathway will lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply.
The flames will not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

5 “Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove
My sov’reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn,
Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne.”


SERMON: “WHICH DID YOU CHOOSE?” 

By Pastor John Schmidt

Stand

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

C Amen.

OFFERTORY

C♫ 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.
OFFERING

As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.

OFFERING HYMN:

♫ “WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN”
LSB 781 V. 1-2

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

PREFACE

♫ The Lord be with you.
♫ And with thy spirit.
♫ Lift up your hearts.
♫ We lift them up unto the Lord.
♫ Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
♫ It is meet and right so to do.

♫ It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

LORD’S PRAYER

♫ 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

♫ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
♫ Amen.
AGNUS DEI

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: „AT THE LAMB’S HIGH FEAST WE SING”  

1  At the Lamb’s high feast we sing  
   Praise to our victorious King,  
   Who has washed us in the tide  
   Flowing from His piercèd side.  
   Alleluia!

2  Praise we Him, whose love divine  
   Gives His sacred blood for wine,  
   Gives His body for the feast—  
   Christ the victim, Christ the priest.  
   Alleluia!

3  Where the paschal blood is poured,  
   Death’s dread angel sheathes the sword;  
   Israel’s hosts triumphant go  
   Through the wave that dows the foe.  
   Alleluia!

4  Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
   Paschal victim, paschal bread;  
   With sincerity and love  
   Eat we manna from above.  
   Alleluia!

5  Mighty Victim from the sky,  
   Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath You lie;  
   You have conquered in the fight,  
   You have brought us life and light.  
   Alleluia!

6  Now no more can death appall,  
   Now no more the grave enthrall;  
   You have opened paradise,  
   And Your saints in You shall rise.  
   Alleluia!
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS”  
LSB 575

1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. Refrain

Refrain:
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “LORD OF GLORY, YOU HAVE BOUGHT US”  
LSB 851

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 blessèd
‘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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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. 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.

THANKSGIVING
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
And His mercy endureth forever.
Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS
The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Bless we the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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.

Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn: "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
   Among us with Your grace
   That Satan may not harm us
   Nor we to sin give place.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
   Among us with Your Word,
   And thus now and hereafter
   True peace and joy afford.

3 Abide with heav'ly brightness
   Among us, precious Light;
   Your truth direct and keep us
   From error's gloomy night.

4 Abide with richest blessings
   Among us, bounteous Lord;
   Let us in grace and wisdom
   Grow daily through Your Word.

5 Abide with Your protection
   Among us, Lord, our strength,
   Lest world and Satan fell us
   And overcome at length.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
   Among us with Your love;
   Grant steadfastness and help us
   To reach our home above.

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Silent Prayer

Announcements

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