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Confession and Absolution

Please stand as you are able. The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Invocation

- \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

Exhortation

- 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.

Confession of Sins

- **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.

Absolution

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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.

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

Service of the Word

Kyrie

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816 From All That Dwell Below the Skies



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, live and reign, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

Verse of the Month

- P Our service continues as we speak our Verse of the Month from Romans, chapter six, verse thirteen.
- C "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness." (Romans 6:13)

First Reading

Genesis 1:1–2:4a

¹In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. ²The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

³And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶And God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

¹¹And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." ²¹So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. ²⁵And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷So God created man in his own image,

in the image of God he created him;

male and female he created them.

²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." ²⁹And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

¹Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

⁴These are the generations

of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 8:1-9

- P O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.
- **C** Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.
- P When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
- **G** what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?
- P Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
- **C** You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,
- \mathbf{P} all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
- **C** the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
- P O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
- 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.

Second Reading

²²"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—²³this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. ²⁴God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

"I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

my flesh also will dwell in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,

or let your Holy One see corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, ³¹he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ³³Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. ³⁴For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

"The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at my right hand,

³⁵until I make your enemies your footstool.'

³⁶Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able out of respect for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Athanasian Creed

- P Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic faith.
- **C** Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.
- **P** And the catholic faith is this,
- **C** that we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity, neither confusing the persons nor dividing the substance.
- **P** For the Father is one person, the Son is another, and the Holy Spirit is another.
- **C** But the Godhead of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit is one: the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.
- **P** Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit:
- **C** the Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, the Holy Spirit uncreated;
- **P** the Father infinite, the Son infinite, the Holy Spirit infinite;
- **C** the Father eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal.
- **P** And yet there are not three Eternals, but one Eternal,
- **C** just as there are not three Uncreated or three Infinites, but one Uncreated and one Infinite.
- P In the same way, the Father is almighty, the Son almighty, the Holy Spirit almighty;
- **C** and yet there are not three Almighties, but one Almighty.
- **P** So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God;
- **C** and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
- **P** So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord;
- **C** and yet there are not three Lords, but one Lord.

Matthew 28:16-20

- Just as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge each distinct person as God and Lord, so also are we prohibited by the catholic religion to say that there are three Gods or Lords.
- **C** The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone.
- **P** The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone.
- **C** The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
- P Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.
- **G** And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another;
- **P** but the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal, so that in all things, as has been stated above, the Trinity in Unity and Unity in Trinity is to be worshiped.
- **C** Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.
- P But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C Therefore, it is the right faith that we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is at the same time both God and man.
- P He is God, begotten from the substance of the Father before all ages; and He is man, born from the substance of His mother in this age:
- **C** perfect God and perfect man, composed of a rational soul and human flesh;
- P equal to the Father with respect to His divinity, less than the Father with respect to His humanity.
- **C** Although He is God and man, He is not two, but one Christ:
- **P** one, however, not by the conversion of the divinity into flesh, but by the assumption of the humanity into God;
- **G** one altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of person.
- **P** For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ,
- **G** who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead,
- e ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
- **G** At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds.
- P And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.
- **C** This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved.

Please be seated.

Sermon

940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name God, 1 Ho ly Thy name; of all, we praise Lord we 2 Hark! The gel glad tial hymn An ce les choirs a -3 Lo, the a pos tles' ho _ ly train Join Thy cred sa -Thou Son 4 King of Glo -God. art Christ; of ry, yet ly Δ 5 Ho ly Fa ther, ho ly Son, Ho Spir _ it, ø Thy bow be fore Thee. All on earth scep ter claim, -bove are rais - ing; Cher - u bim and ser a - phim, hal - low; glad the Proph - ets swell re - frain. name to born of Mar - y. For sin ners sac ri - ficed, us name Thee; Though in three we es sence on ly one, 6 dore Thee. fi Thy All in heav'n а bove a -In nite with ing Fill the heav'ns In un ceas cho - rus prais - ing, mar - tyrs And the white - robed fol - low, And from morn to As death Trib - 11 tar - y, First to break the to а Un di claim Thee vid ed God we And, а dor ing, -Thy do - main, Ev er last ing is reign. vast -Ho sweet ac - cord: _ ly, ho _ ly, ho ly Lord! Through the Church the of sun song set goes on. of Thou hast pened bars death, 0 heav'n faith. to -While bend the knee we own the mys ter - y.

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Prayer of the Church

Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- E Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [*name(s)*] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- **C** Amen.

Please be seated.

Service of the Sacrament

Please stand as you are able.

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **C** Amen.

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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

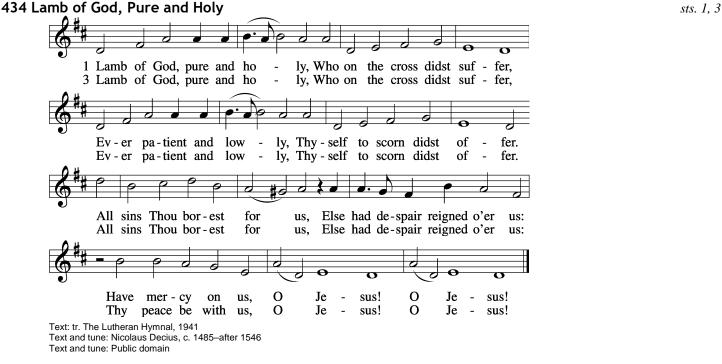
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.



Please be seated.

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Distribution

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

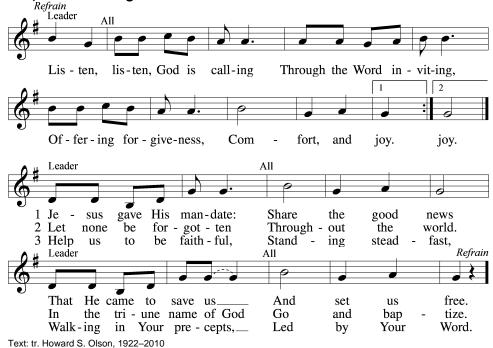
In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

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Dismissal Statement

- The body and blood of our lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart + in peace and joy.
- **C** Amen.

833 Listen, God Is Calling



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633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



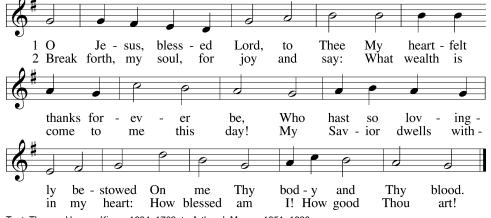
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617 O Lord, We Praise Thee

Lord, we praise 0 Thee, bless Thee, and a - dore Thee, 1 2 ho - ly bod God be - stow giv - en, fa - vor Thy in to death was y 3 May on us His grace and thanks - giv - ing fore Thee. Thou In bow be with Thy great - er Life to win for in heav No us en. That we fol - low Christ our Sav ior And live to -Thy blood didst nour - ish bod - y and Our weak souls that love than Thee could this feast there this to bind us; May geth - er love and u - nion Nor de - spise this here in 0 they flour ish: Ο Lord, have mer may cy! of re mind us! 0 Lord, have mer cy! blest Com - mu Ο Lord, have mer nion! cy! -That May Thy bod - y, Lord, born of Mar our v. Thy kind - ness did Lord, con - strain Thee That Thy SO Spir Grant Let not Thy good - it for - sake us: that sor - rows did car - ry, And Thy blood for us plead sins and All our blood should bless and sus - tain me. debt Thou hast paid; heav'n - ly - mind - ed He make us; Give Thy Church, Lord, to see In all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer cy! Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mer cy! u - ni - ty: of peace and O Lord, have mer cy! Days Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; (st. 1): German, 14th cent.; (sts. 2-3): Martin Luther, 1483-1546

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632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee



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Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

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

Benediction

- **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.

Please be seated.

507 Holy, Holy, Holy



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