605 Father Welcomes



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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 203

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **B**ut with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- E Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Self-examination

P We will have a period of silence as we reflect on our nature in light of God's Word and the Ten Commandments. *Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

Call to confess

P Let us call unto the Lord.

Confession of Sins

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution LSB 203

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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C Amen.

Sharing the Peace

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

Service of the Word





Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.

Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high-God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. "A-men!" our glad re-ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

Verse of the Month

- Our service continues as we speak our Verse of the Month from Psalm twenty-three, verse six.
- "And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.' (Matthew 28:33-34)

First Reading Revelation 7:2–17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads." ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12.000 from the tribe of Reuben.

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

812,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,

12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God,

and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;

the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of living water,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalmody Psalm 149:1–9

- Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!
- **C** Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
- P Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
- For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.
- **P** Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds.
- **C** Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,
- **P** to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples,
- **©** to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron,
- **P** to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the 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.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1–3

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

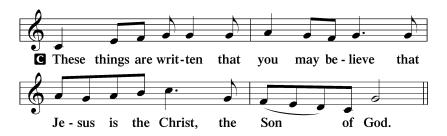




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Verse

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Alleluia LSB 205



Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1–12

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

- ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- 5"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- 6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- 8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
- ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C 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.

Please be seated.

Sermon





- 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, Steals on the ear the distant triumph song, And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west; Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–97, alt. Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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- But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- △ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

 Alleluia! Alleluia!

as you are able.

Prayer of the Church

Please be seated.

Service of the Sacrament

Please stand as you are able.

Preface 208

- **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, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.

Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;

Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are 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.

By faith the saints of old held fast to Your promise of things hoped for though not yet seen, leaving an example and encouragement for us who walk now by faith and not by sight.

Grant that we may faithfully eat and drink this Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood and in the union of His mystical body, the Church, be joined in unending praise with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Moses, Elijah, and all the faithful prophets; the blessed apostles and evangelists, the holy martyrs, and all the saints in glory who fought the good fight of faith before us.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

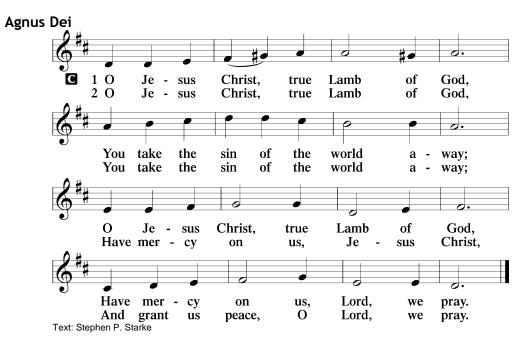
The Words of Our Lord

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:

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.

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676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White host, ar - rayed 1 Be - hold white, Like thou sand in 2 De-spised and scorned, they so journed here; But now, how bless - ed saints in bright ar ray Now safe Who snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; rious ap - pear! Those mar tyrs stand, they the Who end less day, Ex tol Lord, home Be - fore of light? this band the throne These are the priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev er near. On earth they with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and of glo fame, Who from the af saints rious great wept through bit Now God a ter years; has wiped path trod; You toiled sowed the nar - row you and the flood Of flic - tion came And in sus' blood way their tears, Trans-formed their strife To heav'n - ly life, Word a - broad; Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing shame. cleansed from guilt and They now serve God both Are freed them from their fears. And They now en - joy the Be fore the throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels day and night; They sing their less light. Their songs in end - bath rest, The heav'n - ly the blest; The Sab ban quet of their song; O saints, sing with that hap raise py throng! Lift all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright. an - thems ring As they Lamb, their Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest. one voice; Let heav'n re-joice In our Re - deem - er's song! Text: Hans Adolf Brorson, 1694-1764; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

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Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 LSB 212

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

Benediction

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.

Please be seated.

Closing Hymn

700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



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