

Last Sunday of the Church Year  
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**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION:**

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 46:1, 6, 8-11*

*Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

**People: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; He utters His voice, the earth melts.**

*Pastor: Come, behold the works of the LORD, how He has brought desolations on the earth.*

**People: He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear; He burns the chariots with fire.**

*Pastor: "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"*

**People: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

*Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" (Lutheran Service Book, #549, verses 1, 3, 5, 6)

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem

And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by His grace  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at His feet  
And crown Him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
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And crown Him Lord of all.

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## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

*Pastor: Time is speeding to its end, beloved; this world is passing away while Christ is preparing for us new heavens and a new earth, the home of righteousness.*

**People: Yet we cling to what is present and often give no thought to what is to come. We fail to recognize the signs that portend the final coming of the Lord and listen with only partial attention when we are reminded of it. Forgive us, merciful Father! Turn our guilt to innocence by the blood of Your Son, and by Your Spirit transform our spiritual complacency into energetic discipleship that vibrantly points all nations to Jesus before He comes again. Amen.**

*Pastor: Fear not, my friends! The same Lord Jesus Who is coming at the Last Day is also present today, abiding in His word and sacraments, and faithfully shepherding His flock toward heaven. You are tattooed with the sign of His cross to share forever in His resurrection. As a called and ordained minister of this gospel, and by the authority the reigning King of kings has bestowed*

*on His Church, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People:** Amen.

### **A LITANY FOR THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR:**

*Pastor: Thanks be to You, most glorious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for the revelation of Yourself in this fallen world and for the commission to Your Church to proclaim the Gospel of Christ to every nation:*

**People: Thanks be to You, O God.**

*Pastor: For the early disciples who were sent forth by Christ to declare the coming of Your Kingdom:*

**People: We praise You, O God.**

*Pastor: For the apostles of the nations, who in obedience to Christ's word carried the news of His death and resurrection to places near and far:*

**People: We praise You, O God.**

*Pastor: For the missionaries, known and unknown, who first brought the Gospel to this continent:*

**People: We praise You, O God.**

*Pastor: For all the faithful who in times of distress pressed forward and watched for the coming of the Lord:*

**People: We praise You, O God.**

*Pastor: For all who through the centuries reminded the Church of the great task of evangelizing the globe:*

**People: We praise You, O God.**

*Pastor: For those who have gone to the ends of the earth to bring the light of Your truth to those who dwell in the dark shadows of death:*

**People: We praise You, O God.**

*Pastor: For Your messengers who have joined the noble army of martyrs and for all converts to Christianity who have lost their lives for their witness to Jesus:*

**People: We praise You, O God.**

*Pastor: For the innumerable company out of every tribe, language, nation, and people who now praise Your name in heaven:*

**People: We praise You, O God.**

*Pastor: We humbly acknowledge, O Lord, our unworthiness of Your mercies and confess how little we have done to pass on in freedom and fullness the faith that was passed to us by previous generations of believers, so in repentance we pray:*

**People: O Lord, forgive.**

*Pastor: Our neglect of this responsibility:*

**People: O Lord, forgive.**

*Pastor: Our ignored opportunities:*

**People: O Lord, forgive.**

*Pastor: Our deafness to Your calls:*

**People: O Lord, forgive.**

*Pastor: Our small sacrifices for so great a cause:*

**People: O Lord, forgive.**

*Pastor: Our forgetfulness of those who have gone forth relying of our prayers:*

**People: O Lord, forgive.**

*Pastor: Stir up the hearts of Your people everywhere to greater devotion and unite Your Church in vibrant witness to Your Son:*

**People: We beseech You, holy Father.**

*Pastor: God of all nations, at all times, but particularly now, when the signs that point to the coming of Your Son at the Last Day are evident and many, help us to remember the multitudes who have been created in Your image yet remain lost in unbelief. Grant that by the prayers and labors of Your Church they may be delivered from ignorance, idolatry, superstition, and all false knowledge and be brought to the worship of Jesus, Your Son, Whom You have sent to be the salvation of the world, its light and life, and for Whose return we pray:*

**People: Amen.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** *With Joyful Thanksgiving*

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Malachi 3:13–18*

“Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against You?’ You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping His charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? And now we

call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.”

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed His name. “They shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up My treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.”

*Lector: This is the word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING:** *Colossians 1:13–20*

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.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.

*Lector: This is the word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter:*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL READING:** *Luke 23:27–43*

And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for Him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs

that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with Him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified Him, and the criminals, one on His right and one on His left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide His garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at Him, saying, "He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He is the Christ of God, His Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked Him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If You are the King of the Jews, save Yourself!" There was also an inscription over Him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this Man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom." And He said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed.*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The 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!**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**HYMN:** "Praise Be to Christ" (LSB, #538)

Praise be to Christ in whom we see  
The image of the Father shown,  
The firstborn Son revealed and known,  
The truth and grace of deity;  
Through whom creation came to birth,  
Whose fingers set the stars in place,  
The unseen pow'rs, and this small earth,  
The furthest bounds of time and space.

Praise be to Him whose sov'reign sway  
And will upholds creation's plan;  
Who is, before all worlds began  
And when our world has passed away:  
Lord of the Church, its life and head,  
Redemption's price and source and theme,  
Alive, the firstborn from the dead,  
To reign as all-in-all supreme.

Praise be to Him who, Lord Most High,  
The fullness of the Godhead shares;  
And yet our human nature bears,  
Who came as man to bleed and die.  
And from His cross there flows our peace  
Who chose for us the path He trod,  
That so might sins and sorrows cease  
And all be reconciled to God.

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**SERMON:** "Grand Finale" (Luke 23:27-43)

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** (11:00am)

## DEDICATION OF PARACORD BRACELETS

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### THE 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.

#### PREFACE

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

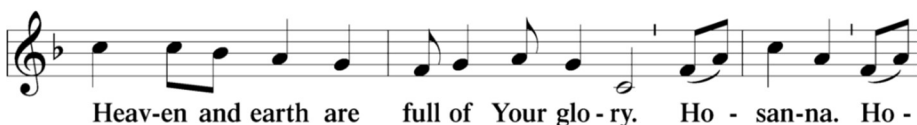
*Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

#### PROPER PREFACE

*Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You mightily and tenderly govern and protect Your Church, which proclaims the saving Gospel of Christ crucified and raised again. In Jesus' name the communion of saints exercises authority to forgive sin, and with eagerness it looks to the day of His triumphant return. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

#### SANCTUS





san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His 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 covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

**PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord***

*Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION**

**The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.**

**DISTRIBUTION SONG: "God So Loved"**

Come all you weary.  
Come all you thirsty.  
Come to the well that never runs dry.  
Drink of the water,  
Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners.  
Come find His mercy.  
Come to the table He will satisfy,  
Taste of His goodness,  
Find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there  
With open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.  
The power of hell forever defeated.  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom.  
For God so loved God so loved the world.

Praise God praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him  
For the wonders of His love

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us.  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.  
The power of hell forever defeated.  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom.  
For God so loved God so loved the world.

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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: “All to Us”**

Precious cornerstone, sure foundation,

You are faithful to the end.

We are waiting on You, Jesus.

We believe You're all to us.

**(Repeat)**

Let the glory of Your name  
Be the passion of the Church.

Let the righteousness of God

Be a holy flame that burns.

Let the saving love of Christ

Be the measure of our lives.

We believe You're all to us.

Only Son of God, sent from heaven,

Hope and mercy at the cross.

You are ev'rything, You're the promise.

Jesus, You are all to us.

Let the glory of Your name  
Be the passion of the Church.

Let the righteousness of God

Be a holy flame that burns.

Let the saving love of Christ

Be the measure of our lives.

We believe You're all to us.

When this passing world is over,

We will see You face to face,

And forever we will worship.

Jesus, You are all to us.

Jesus, You are all to us.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread” (LSB, #625)**

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giving bread,  
May I in grace possess You.  
Let me with holy food be fed,  
In hunger I address You.  
Prepare me well for You, O Lord,  
And, humbly by my prayer implored,  
Give me Your grace and mercy.

To pastures green, Lord, safely guide,  
To restful waters lead me;  
Your table well for me provide,  
Your wounded hand now feed me.  
Though weary, sinful, sick, and weak,  
Refuge in You alone I seek,  
To share Your cup of healing.

O bread of heav'n, my soul's delight,  
For full and free remission  
I come with prayer before Your sight  
In sorrow and contrition.  
Your righteousness, Lord, cover me  
That I receive You worthily,  
Assured of Your full pardon.

I do not merit favor, Lord,  
My weight of sin would break me;  
In all my guilty heart's discord,  
O Lord, do not forsake me.  
In my distress this comforts me  
That You receive me graciously,  
O Christ, my Lord of mercy!

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Christ is Surely Coming” (LSB, #509)**

Christ is surely coming  
Bringing His reward,  
Alpha and Omega,  
First and Last and Lord:  
Root and Stem of David,  
Brilliant Morning Star;  
Meet your Judge and Savior,  
Nations near and far!

See the holy city!  
There they enter in,  
All by Christ made holy,  
Washed from ev’ry sin:  
Thirsty ones, desiring  
All He loves to give,  
Come for living water,  
Freely drink, and live!

Grace be with God’s people!  
Praise His holy name!  
Father, Son and Spirit,  
Evermore the same;  
Hear the certain promise  
From the\_ eternal home:  
“Surely I come quickly!  
Come, Lord Jesus, come!”

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**COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: Lord Jesus Christ, once entombed on earth but now enthroned in heaven, rule over us in mercy and might that we, being governed by Your**

righteousness, may be welcomed on the last day into Your everlasting Paradise, where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**BENEDICTION:** (2 Corinthians 13:14)

*Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** "Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise" (LSB, #680)

Thine the amen Thine the praise  
Alleluias angels raise  
Thine the everlasting head  
Thine the breaking of the bread  
Thine the glory Thine the story  
Thine the harvest then the cup  
Thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.

Thine the life eternally  
Thine the promise let there be  
Thine the vision Thine the tree  
All the earth on bended knee  
Gone the nailing gone the railing  
Gone the pleading gone the cry  
Gone the sighing gone the dying what was loss lifted high.

Thine the truly Thine the yes  
Thine the table we the guest  
Thine the mercy all from Thee  
Thine the glory yet to be  
Then the ringing and the singing  
Then the end of all the war  
Thine the living Thine the loving evermore evermore.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize  
Thine the wonder full surprise  
Thine the banquet then the praise  
Then the justice of Thy ways  
Thine the glory Thine the story

Then the welcome to the least  
Then the wonder all increasing at Thy feast at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night  
No more dying only light  
Thine the river Thine the tree  
Then the Lamb eternally  
Then the holy holy holy  
Celebration jubilee

Thine the splendor Thine the brightness only Thee only Thee.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Liturgist: Rev. Walt Pohland

Proclaimer: Rev. Chaplain Don Ehrke

Musicians: Adam Perez

Organist: Karen Darby

8:15 Lay Reader: Brian Mersiovsky

11:00 Lay Reader: Brian Mersiovsky

Children's Message: DCE Jonathan Loesch