



**Welcome!** We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

**Families**, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to teach and encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out for whatever reason; there is a cry room near the back of the sanctuary and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the elevator (to the left as you exit the sanctuary). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the Guest side of the Welcome Card found in the pews/ chair backs and place it in the offering plates.

**As We Gather** The Scriptures call to us, "Seek the Lord and live." "Seek good, and not evil." "Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart." In the Gospel, we are to discover what the rich young man did not, namely, the good we are to seek is not in our works, but in our coming to follow Jesus, our Lord and God, the only good one. The young man was right in one respect as he desired to inherit eternal life. The only way to inherit eternal life is by being made an heir, related to the Savior by baptismal faith.

## WELCOME

*Please Stand*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## OPENING HYMN

782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings



1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings  
 2 By Your Word You formed cre - a - tion  
 3 In His earth - ly life, our Sav - ior

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies  
 Filled with crea - tures large and small; As we tend that  
 Knew the care of faith - ful friends; May our deeds of

nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.  
 end - less trea - sure May our care en - cir - cle all.  
 ded - i - ca - tion Of - fer love that nev - er ends.

*Refrain*

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,  
 Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

## OPENING SENTENCES

*Psalm 124:8; 126:3*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**C The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

**C We confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have been careless in our devotion and have not always honored those in authority over us. We have done violence to others in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We have taken what is not ours and have spoken that which is not helpful or true. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Our God hears our prayers and forgives our sins because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection. At the command of Christ and through the power of the cross and the empty tomb, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Alleluia! Amen.**

## GREETING

### HYMN OF PRAISE

*782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings*

4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring;  
Bear the imprint of Your grace;  
With the Son and Holy Spirit, Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! *Refrain*

*Refrain*      *Lord, we pray that we, Your people, Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,  
Through the sharing of Your blessings, May bring glory to Your name.*

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### SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Summon our hardness of heart, Lord God, that we may love all whom You love. Continue transforming our lives into invitations that summon people to the love of Christ, so that Your full blessing would come to all for whom He died, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Be Seated*

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ **WORD** +

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Proverbs 16:1-9, 16*

*(The plans belong to man, the answer to the Lord.)*

16 The plans of the heart belong to man, but the answer of the tongue is from the LORD. <sup>2</sup>All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit. <sup>3</sup>Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. <sup>4</sup>The LORD has made everything for its purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble. <sup>5</sup>Everyone who is arrogant in heart is an abomination to the LORD; be assured, he will not go unpunished. By steadfast love and faithfulness iniquity

*Taking the cross of grace and peace to form a community of uncommon servants.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING *(cont.)*

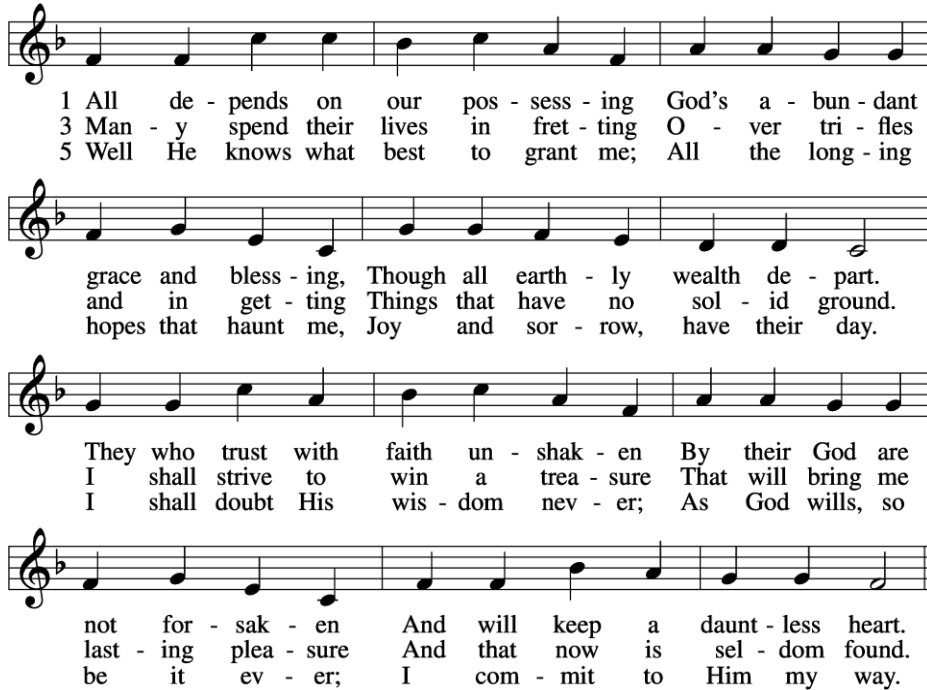
is atoned for, and by the fear of the LORD one turns away from evil. <sup>7</sup> When a man's ways please the LORD, he makes even his enemies to be at peace with him. <sup>8</sup> Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues with injustice. <sup>9</sup> The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps. ...<sup>16</sup> How much better to get wisdom than gold! To get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

*L This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

*732 All Depends on Our Possessing*



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting O - ver tri - fles  
5 Well He knows what best to grant me; All the long - ing

grace and bless - ing, Though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
and in get - ting Things that have no sol - id ground.  
hopes that haunt me, Joy and sor - row, have their day.

They who trust with faith un - shak - en By their God are  
I shall strive to win a trea - sure That will bring me  
I shall doubt His wis - dom nev - er; As God wills, so

not for - sak - en And will keep a daunt - less heart.  
last - ing plea - sure And that now is sel - dom found.  
be it ev - er; I com - mit to Him my way.

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## EPISTLE

*1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11*

*(Jesus suffered. As people connected to Jesus, we can expect to suffer also.)*

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. <sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. <sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. <sup>17</sup> For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup> And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" <sup>19</sup> Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. ...  
<sup>6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

*L This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Please Stand*

## VERSE

Romans 6:9; John 14:18

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

**C I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL *(The Rich Young Man.)*

Mark 10:17-25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup> And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." <sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Be Seated – Children are dismissed for Children's Church (CC).*

## MESSAGE HYMN

850 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

- 1 God of grace and God of glory, On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the facing of this hour, For the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo, the hosts of evil round us, Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, For the living of these days, For the living of these days.
- 3 Cure Your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.

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## MESSAGE

*Please Stand*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**C 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.**

**OFFERING** *(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here! Children return from CC.)*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Prayer response after each petition...)*

P Christ is Risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**+ SACRAMENT +**

**PROPER PREFACE**

P 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 the universe. You sent Your only-begotten Son to be born of Mary, to call the twelve disciples, and to be betrayed unto death by one of them, before rising to life again on the third day and revealing Yourself openly to Your disciples before returning to Your heavenly throne. Therefore with with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS**

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho-san-na. Ho-  
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.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*Matt. 26:26-28; Mk. 14:22-24; Lk. 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*Be Seated*

**CHIME CHOIR**

*Take My Life and Let It Be  
Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** *(see pew hymnals)*

*966 Before You, Lord, We Bow  
425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Please Stand*

*Taking the cross of grace and peace to form a community of uncommon servants.*

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P We thank You, Jesus, for gathering us at Your Table as an oasis for our parched and weary souls. Strengthen us as we face fiery trials and suffering so that Your glory may be revealed; for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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.

## CLOSING HYMN

555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come By God's free grace and  
6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made And brought to us sal-  
9 Faith clings to Je - sus' cross a - lone And rests in Him un-  
△ 10 All bless-ing, hon - or, thanks, and praise To Fa - ther, Son, and

fa - vor; Good works can - not a - vert our doom, They  
va - tion, Each Chris - tian there - fore may be glad And  
ceas - ing; And by its fruits true faith is known, With  
Spir - it, The God who saved us by His grace; All

help and save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus  
build on this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear  
love and hope in - creas - ing. For faith a - lone can  
glo - ry to His mer - it. O tri - une God in

Christ a - lone, Who did death for all the  
Lord, I plead, Your death is now my  
jus - ti - fy; Works serve our neigh - bor  
heav'n a - bove, You have re - vealed Your

world a - tone; He is our one Re - deem - er.  
life in - deed, For You have paid my ran - som.  
and sup - ply The proof that faith is liv - ing.  
sav - ing love; Your bless - ed name we hal - low.

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## DISMISSAL

*Into the world, seeking Him first through the joy of the resurrection ...*

**A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen (virtual and in-person) today...**

Pastor ..... Rev. Jason Hoerth  
Children's Message ..... Chris Graves, DCE  
Elder ..... Robert Buckingham

Reader ..... Todd Thorbahn  
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