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Order of Service: Divine Service Setting One

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Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P 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.

C Amen.

Introit

Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

The LORD lifts up the humble;

He casts the wicked to the ground.

Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the broken-hearted

and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars;

He gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

His understanding is beyond measure.

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.

The LORD lifts up the humble;

He casts the wicked to the ground.

Kyrie

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C **Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father:**

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **Amen.**

Sit

The Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The Word of the LORD came to me: ²“**What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge?’** ³**As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel.** ⁴**Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .** ²⁵**Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’** Hear now, O house of Israel: **Is My way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?** ²⁶**When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die.** ²⁷**Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life.** ²⁸**Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.** ²⁹**Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’** O house of Israel, **are My ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?** ³⁰**Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin.** ³¹**Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel?** ³²**For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”**

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 4

¹To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

³Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

⁵Lead me in Your Truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

⁶Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

⁸Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble His way.

¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep His

Covenant and His Testimonies.

The Epistle Lesson

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . . ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the Word of Life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

C Alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–27

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to Him as He was teaching, and said, **“By what authority are You doing these things, and who gave You this authority?”** ²⁴Jesus answered them, **“I also will ask you one question, and if you tell Me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The Baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?”** And they discussed it among themselves, saying, **“If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say to us, ‘Why then did you**

not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And He said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day: Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

LSB 655

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Your Son
And bring to naught all He has done.
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, Your pow'r make known,
For You are Lord of lords alone;
Defend Your holy Church that we
May sing Your praise eternally.
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.

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Sermon: Why Do We Question Everything?

Matthew 21:23–27

The Apostles' Creed

LSB 159

G 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.

Prayer of the Church

Stand

Offering

Offertory

LSB 159

☩ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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.

Closing Collect

Benediction

LSB 166

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.

☩ Amen.

- 1 In God, my faithful God,
I trust when dark my road;
Great woes may overtake me,
Yet He will not forsake me.
My troubles He can alter;
His hand lets nothing falter.
- 2 My sins fill me with care,
Yet I will not despair.
I build on Christ, who loves me;
From this rock nothing moves me.
To Him I will surrender,
To Him, my soul's defender.
- 3 If death my portion be,
It brings great gain to me;
It speeds my life's endeavor
To live with Christ forever.
He gives me joy in sorrow,
Come death now or tomorrow.
- 4 O Jesus Christ, my Lord,
So meek in deed and word,
You suffered death to save us
Because Your love would have us
Be heirs of heav'nly gladness
When ends this life of sadness.
- 5 "So be it," then, I say
With all my heart each day.
Dear Lord, we all adore You,
We sing for joy before You.
Guide us while here we wander
Until we praise You yonder.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LWML Reminders:

Although the Pandemic has changed the way we Worship and serve, the Lord still has work for us to do. Please bring in your Lenten Bags for Siloam Mission and items for CLWR. School Supplies are on sale and we still need those items for our Kits.

Health and Safety:

The Usher will begin by ushering everyone out from the back of the Church, we ask that you go straight out and if you want to visit with anyone, please do so in the parking lot, we highly encourage everyone to remember to social distance while visiting in the parking lot.

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