The Opening Hymn

“In The Is Gladness”  

1 In Thee is glad ness A mid all sad ness, Je sus,
2 Since He is ours, We fear no pow ers, Not of
sun shine of my heart. By Thee are giv en The gifts of
earth nor sin nor death. He sees and bless es In worst dis
heaven, Thou the true Re deem er art. Our souls Thou
wak est, Our bonds Thou break est; Who trusts Thee sure ly Has built se-
sto ry Tell of His glo ry With hearts and voic es; All heav n re
secure ly; He stands for ever: Al le lu ia! Our hearts are
joic es In Him for ever: Al le lu ia! We shout for
pin ing To see Thy shin ing, Dy ing or liv ing
glad ness, Tri umph o er sad ness, Love Him and praise Him

To Thee are cleav ing; Naught can us sev er: Al le lu ia!
And still shall raise Him Glad hymns for ev er: Al le lu ia!


Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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,
who made heaven and earth.
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Confession of Sins

O almighty God, merciful Father,
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.

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 I the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Introit

Gloria Patri

Kyrie

Gloria in Excelsis
Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

P Let us pray.

Collect

P Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Psalm 34:12–22 - What man is there who desires life and loves many days, that he may see good? Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all. He keeps all his bones; not one of them is broken. Affliction will slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will
be condemned. The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

The Readings – Incarnating the Christ

**Proverbs 9:1-10** – Eat the bread of wisdom for insight and life – Wisdom has built her house; she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her beasts; she has mixed her wine; she has also set her table. She has sent out her young women to call from the highest places in the town, “Whoever is simple, let him turn in here!” To him who lacks sense she says, “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight.” Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

P  This is the Word of the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.

**Ephesians 5:6-21** – Having eaten the bread of Christ, walk as wise men – Therefore do not associate with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

P  This is the Word of the Lord.
C  Thanks be to God.

C  Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. (to be sung)

P  The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.
C  Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (to be sung)

**John 6:51-69** – Eat the bread of Christ’s body for eternal life – [Jesus said:] “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some
of you who do not believe.” (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the Twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to Thee, O Christ. (to be sung)

The 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 T of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon Hymn

O God, My Faithful God

1 O God, my faith-ful God, True foun-tain ev-er flow-ing,
2 Grant me the strength to do With read-y heart and will-ing
3 Keep me from say-ing words That lat-er need re-call-ing;
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind-ly words and ac-tions,

With-out whom noth-ing is, All per-fect gifts be-stow-ing:
What-ev-er You com-mand, My call-ing here ful-fill-ing;
Guard me lest i-dle speech May from my lips be fall-ing;
And let me find good friends For coun-sel and cor-rec-tion.

Give me a health- y frame, And may I have with-in
That I do what I should While trust-ing You to bless
But when with-in my place I must and ought to speak,
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small

A con-science free from blame, A soul un-stained by sin.
The out-come for my good, For You must give suc-cess.
Then to my words give grace Lest I of-fend the weak.
And by Your Spir-it’s might To live in peace with all.
5 Let me depart this life
   Confiding in my Savior;
By grace receive my soul
   That it may live forever;
And let my body have
   A quiet resting place
Within a Christian grave;
   And let it sleep in peace.

6 And on that final day
   When all the dead are waking,
Stretch out Your mighty hand,
   My deathly slumber breaking.
Then let me hear Your voice,
   Redeem this earthly frame,
And bid me to rejoice
   With those who love Your name.


The Sermon
I have come that you might have life – John 6:51-69

Votum

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Brief silence

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

P The Lord be with you.
   And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.
   We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
   It is meet and right so to do.
Proper Preface (Abbreviated)

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

The Lord’s Prayer

P 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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. (to be sung)

The Words of Our Lord

P 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.

Agnus Dei

O Christ, Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
The Distribution & Distribution Hymns

Distribution Hymns

LSB #636 - Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

1 Soul, a - dom your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
3 He who craves a preci - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day-light's
loving rev - rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is
splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
heaven God to us has free - ly giv - en.
bound-less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:

Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him. Say - ing, as you
Though the wealth of earth were pro - fered, None could buy the
With the choicest wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to

ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -

hol - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!
Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love’s treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav’n receive me.


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LSB #973 Thy Word Is a Lamp

Refrain

Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet
And a light un-to my path.
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**LSB #783 – Take My Life and Let It Be**

1. Take my life and let it be Con-sc-rat-ed, Lord, to Thee;
2. Take my hands and let them move At the im-pulse of Thy love;
3. Take my voice and let me sing Al-ways, on-ly for my King;
4. Take my sil-VER and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

   Take my mo-ments and my days, Let them flow in cease-less praise.
   Take my feet and let them be Swift and beau-ti-ful for Thee.
   Take my lips and let them be Filled with mes-sages from Thee.
   Take my in-tel-lect and use Ev-’ry pow’r as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it Thine,
   It shall be no longer mine;
   Take my heart, it is Thine own,
   It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
   At Thy feet its treasure store;
   Take myself, and I will be
   Ever, only, all for Thee.


**Nunc Dimittis**

C Lord now lestest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-
Thanksgiving

P  O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

and His mercy endureth forever.

Collect

P  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. (to be sung)
Salutation

P  The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

P  Bless we the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P  The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C  Amen, amen, amen. (to be sung)

The Closing Hymn

God’s Word is Our Great Heritage


+ Soli Deo Gloria +