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Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: 573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Psalm 48:1; antiphon: vv. 9–10



We have thought of Thy lovingkindness, | O God,*
in the midst of Thy | temple.

According to Thy name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends | of the earth;*
Thy right hand is full of | righteousness.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city | of our God,*
on the mountain of His | holiness.



G Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

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Kyrie - Salutation *p. 186 ff*

Collect of the Day

P Grant to us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we, who cannot be without Thee, may be enabled to live according to Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Sit

Prophecy

Jeremiah 23:16-29

Thus says the Lord of hosts: “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord. They continually say to those who despise Me, ‘The Lord has said, “You shall have peace” ’; and to everyone who walks according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, ‘No evil shall come upon you.’ ” For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, and has perceived and heard His word? Who has marked His word and heard it? Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord has gone forth in fury—a violent whirlwind! It will fall violently on the head of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly. “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, and had caused My people to hear My words,

then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings. Am I a God near at hand,” says the Lord, “And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?” says the Lord; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the Lord. “I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in My name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long will this be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart, who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; and he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat?” says the Lord. “Is not My word like a fire?” says the Lord, “And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?” says the Lord Almighty.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 31:2b, 1a



Be Thou my | strong rock: *
 for an house of defense to | save me!
 In Thee, O LORD, do I | put my trust; *
 let me never | be ashamed.

Epistle

Romans 8:12-17

Brethren: We are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse of the Day

Psalm 65:1



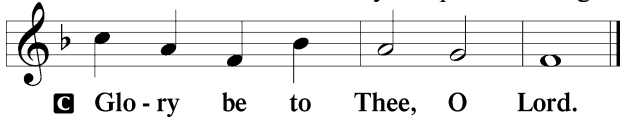
C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. Praise waiteth for Thee, O God, in | Zion: and unto Thee shall the vow | be performed.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 7:15-23

P The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.



At that time Jesus said to His disciples: “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them. Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’ ”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 745 In God, My Faithful God

Sermon

Offering Hymn: 575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Stand

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church **P** let us pray to the Lord: **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting 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:

Sanctus - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

Sit

Distribution Hymns:

508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near /

625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread /

627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior /

704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light
578 Thy Strong Word

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*

Hymn to Depart: 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Postlude

Looking Forward to Wednesday

Lessons: Romans 5:8b-11a, Mark 9:38-48

Hymns: 888-666-895-777

Looking forward to next Sunday (Ninth Sunday after Trinity)

Lessons: Proverbs 16:1-9; I Corinthians 10:6b-13; Luke 16:1-9

Hymns: TLH 265-730-726-617/618/619/536/743-898

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We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter's or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach (please read I Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:17-32). Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

"Repetitio est mater studiorum: Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

