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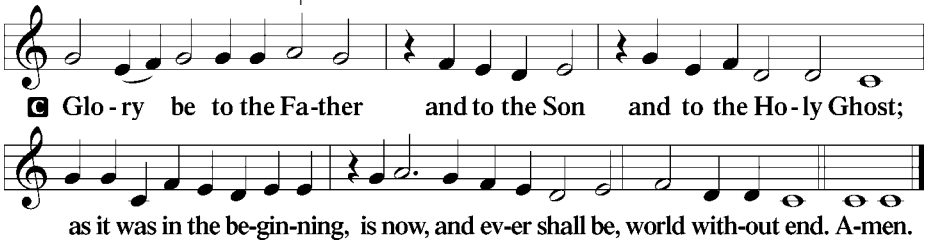
Hymn of Invocation: 904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit *Psalm 48:1; antiphon: Prayer of Azariah 1:5a, 6a, 7b, 20b, 19b*

In all the things that Thou hast brought upon us, | O Lord,*
Thou hast executed true | judgment.
For we have sinned a- | gainst Thee,*
and have not obeyed Thy com- | mandments.
But give glory to Thy | name, O Lord,*
and deal with us according to the multitude of Thy | mercies.
Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city | of our God,*
in the mountain of His | holiness.



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Kyrie – Collect of the Day *p. 186ff*

℗ Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve Thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

First Lesson *II Thessalonians 3:6–13*

Brethren: We command you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw from every brother who walks disorderly and not according to the tradition which he received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. Now those who are such we command

and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread. But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary in doing good, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Alleluia

Holy Gospel *Luke 14:12–15*

At that time Jesus said to one of the rulers of the Pharisees: "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just." Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God!"

Apostles' Creed
Hymn of the Day: 890 O Blessed Light, O Trinity
Sermon
Hymn: 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own
Offertory *p. 192 ff*
Prayer of the Church P let us pray to the Lord: C **Lord, have mercy.**
Preface – Agnus Dei *p. 194ff*
Distribution Voluntary: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
Nunc Dimittis - Benediction *p. 199 ff*
Hymn to Depart: 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Looking Forward to Sunday [Reformation, (Observed)]
Lessons Revelation 14:6–7; Romans 3:19–28; Matthew 11:12–15
Hymns: ELHB 274-582-555-954-TLH 259-960-TLH 260/658/865/627/607/617-656

Looking Forward to Next Wednesday (Sts. Simon and Jude)
Lessons: I Peter 1:3-9; John 15:17-21
Hymns: 518:1,28,3-586-675-539

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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.