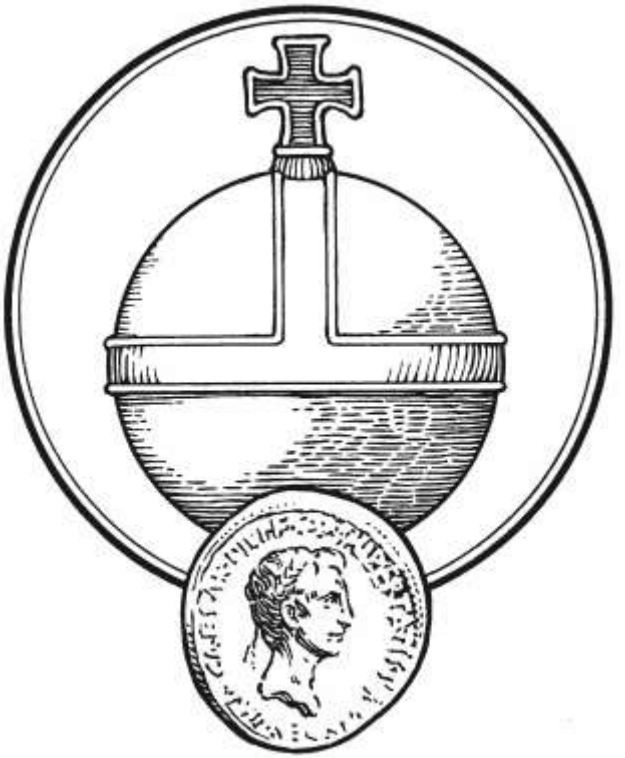
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Hymn of Invocation: 726 Evening and Morning

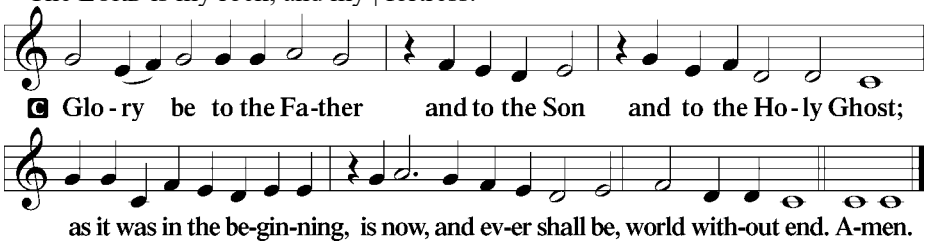
Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

Psalm 18:1–2a; antiphon: v. 48



He delivereth me from mine | enemies:*
yea, Thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me, | O Lord.
I will love Thee, O LORD, my strength.*
The LORD is my rock, and my | fortress.



He delivereth me from mine | enemies:*
yea, Thou liftest me up above those that rise up against me, | O Lord.
Then shall ye call upon Me, and ye shall go and pray | unto Me*
and I will hearken | unto you.

Kyrie - Salutation p. 186 ff

Collect of the Day

P Absolve, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy people from their offenses, that from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon us, we may be delivered by Thy bountiful goodness; 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.**

Sit

Prophecy

Proverbs 8:11–22

"Wisdom is better than rubies, and all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her. I, wisdom, dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge and discretion. The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom; I am understanding, I have strength. By me kings reign, and rulers decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, all the judges of the earth. I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently will find me. Riches and honor are with me, enduring riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold, and my revenue than choice silver. I traverse the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of justice, that I may cause those who love me to inherit wealth, that I may fill their treasuries. The Lord possessed me at the beginning of His way, before His works of old."

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 43:1b, d; 3a



Plead my cause, | O Lord:*
deliver me from the deceitful and | unjust man.
Oh, send out Thy light | and Thy truth:*
let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy | holy hill.

Epistle

Philippians 3:17–21

Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse of the Day

Psalm 138:1



Alleluia. I will praise Thee with | my whole heart: before the angels will I sing praise | unto Thee.
Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–21

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



At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Jesus in His talk. And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, “Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the tax money.” So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, “Whose image and inscription is this?” They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” And He said to them, “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.”



Nicene Creed

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 714 Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

Sermon

Offering Voluntary:

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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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:

659 Lord of Our Life / 724 If God Himself Be for Me /
781 We Give Thee But Thine Own / 533 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure /
544 O Love, How Deep / 625 Lord Jesus Christ, Life-Giving Bread

Stand

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction p. 199 ff

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

Looking Forward to Wednesday (St. Martin of Tours)
Lessons: Selections of Sirach 44—45, Luke 12:35-40
Hymns: 663-661-726-514

Looking forward to next Sunday (Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity)
Lessons: Isaiah 51:9–16; Colossians 1:9b–14; Matthew 9:18–26
Hymns: 594-Venite-755-726-508/818/750/618/619-805

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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.