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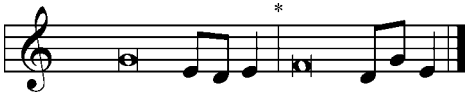
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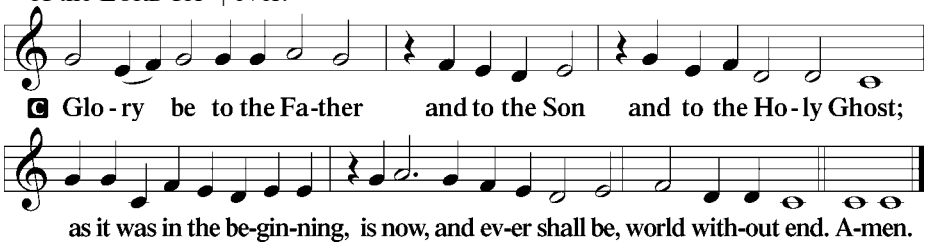
Hymn of Invocation: 663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit *Psalm 89:1a; antiphon: Sirach 45:24*



The Lord made a covenant of peace with him, that he should | be a prince, *
and that he should have the dignity of the priesthood for- | ever.
I will sing of the | mercies *
of the LORD for- | ever.



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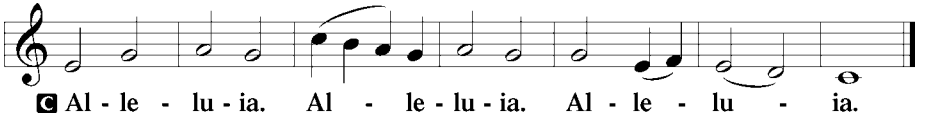
Kyrie – Collect of the Day p. 186ff

P Lord God of hosts, Your servant Martin the soldier embodied the spirit of sacrifice. He became a bishop in Your Church to defend the catholic faith. Give us grace to follow in his steps so that when our Lord returns we may be clothed with the baptismal garment of righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forwer. **Amen.**

First Reading *Selections from Sirach 44—45*

Behold, a high priest who pleased the Lord, and was found righteous; in the time of wrath he was taken in exchange. No one has been found like him in glory, who kept the law of the Most High. Therefore the Lord assured him by an oath that he would increase among His people. The blessing of all men and the covenant the Lord made to rest upon his head; He acknowledged him with His blessings, and preserved him in mercy, so that he found favor in the sight of the Lord. He glorified him in the presence of kings, and gave him a crown of glory. He made an everlasting covenant with him, and gave him a great priesthood. He blessed him with glory, to minister to the Lord and bless His people in His name, and to offer to the Lord worthy incense and a pleasing odor.

Alleluia



Holy Gospel *Luke 12:35–40*

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down to eat, and will come and serve them. And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Apostles' Creed
Hymn of the Day: 661 The Son of God Goes Forth to War
Sermon
Hymn: 726 Evening and Morning
Offertory p. 192 ff
Prayer of the Church P Lord in Your mercy; C **hear our prayer.**
Preface – Agnus Dei p. 194ff
Distribution Voluntary
Nunc Dimittis - Benediction p. 199 ff
Hymn to Depart: 805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Looking Forward to Sunday (Twenty fourth Sunday after Trinity)
Lessons: Isaiah 51:9–16; Colossians 1:9b–14; Matthew 9:18–26
Hymns: 594-p.220-755-726-508/818/750/618/619-805

Looking Forward to Next Wednesday
Lessons: Selections of Sirach 44—45, Luke 12:35-40
Hymns: 914-p.220-TLH 605-537-882

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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.