Opening Hymn — 493 Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession — *CW 172*

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

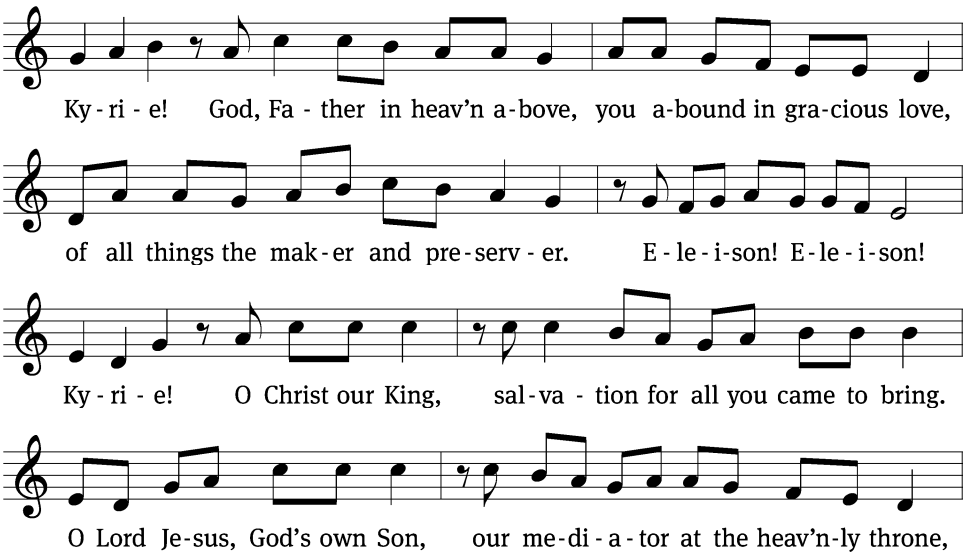
Silence for meditation and reflection

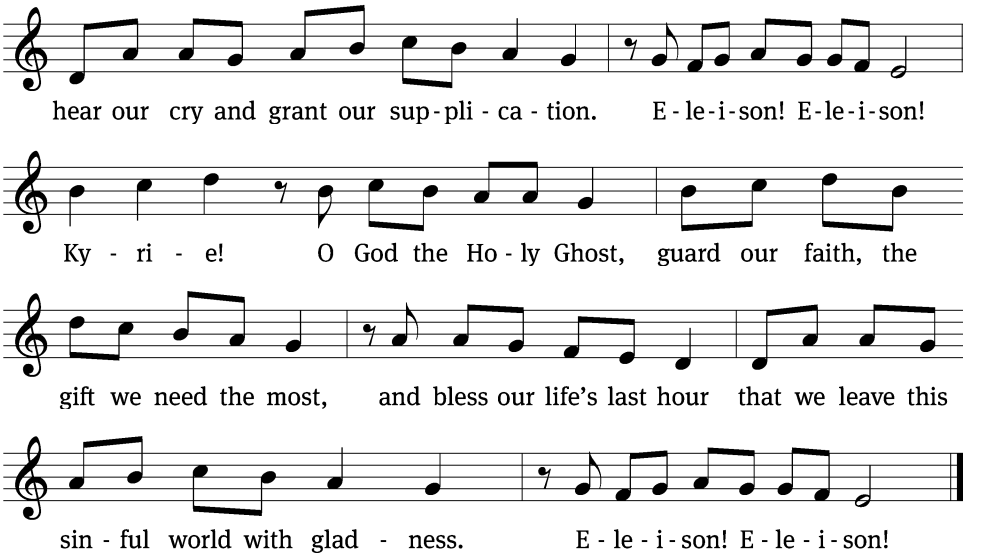
Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

934 Kyrie! God, Father

CW 934





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Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. *Refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. Amen. *Refrain*

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 52:1–6

[1]Wake, awake!
Clothe yourself with strength, O Zion.
Put on your beautiful garments,
Jerusalem, you holy city,
for never again will the uncircumcised
and the unclean enter you.
[2]Shake off the dust.
Get up and take your seat, Jerusalem.
Loosen the chains from your neck,
you captive daughter of Zion.

[3]Yes, this is what the LORD says.
You were sold for nothing,
and you will be redeemed without money.

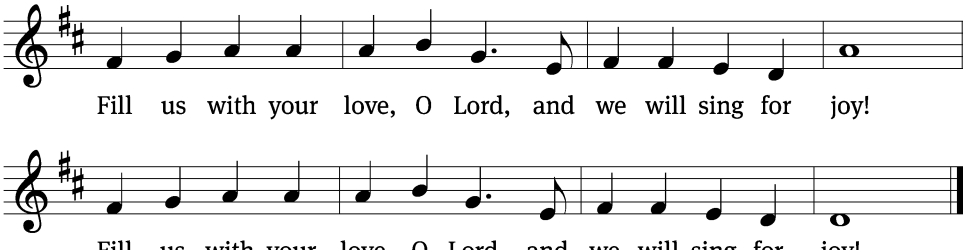
[4]Yes, this is what the LORD God says.
In the beginning, my people went down to Egypt to stay there for a while.
Later Assyria oppressed them without cause.

[5]Now what do I have here? declares the LORD.
Indeed, my people have been taken away for nothing.
Their rulers howl with mockery, declares the LORD.
My name is continually despised all day.
[6]Therefore my people will know my name.
So on that day they will know that I am the one—
the one who is saying, "Here I am!"

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90 — Fill Us with Your Love, O Lord

Refrain



Tone

Lord, you have been our / dwelling place
throughout all gener- / ations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the / whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting / you are God.

You turn people / back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, you / mortals."
A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has / just gone by,
or like a watch / in the night. *Refrain*

Teach us to number / our days,
that we may gain a heart of / wisdom.
May the favor of the Lord our God / rest on us;
establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work / of our hands.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

[1]Concerning the times and dates, brothers, there is no need to write to you, [2]for you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]When people are saying, "Peace and security," destruction will suddenly come on them, like labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will certainly not escape. [4]But you, brothers, are not in the dark so that this day could take you by surprise like a thief, [5]for you are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep like everyone else, but rather let us remain alert and sober.

[7]To be sure, those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. [9]You see, God did not appoint us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. [10]He died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. [11]Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are also doing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 24:42

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Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

1"At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their
lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and
five were wise. 3When the foolish ones took their lamps, they did not take any
oil with them; 4but the wise took oil in their containers with their lamps.
5While the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep.
6But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look, the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him!' 7Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish ones
said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil because our lamps are going out.'
9But the wise answered, 'No, there may not be enough for us and for you.
Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.' 10But while they
were away buying oil, the bridegroom came. Those who were ready went in
with him to the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. 11Later, the other
virgins also came and said, 'Lord, Lord, let us in.' 12But he answered, 'Amen I
tell you: I do not know you.' 13Therefore, keep watch, because you do not know
the day or the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day — 486 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

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Sermon

Matthew 25:1–13

"A Love Story with a Happy Ending?"

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Offering

May be left in the offering box in the entryway or given online

Prayer of the Church

Lord our God, teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

May your favor rest on us, Lord. **Have compassion on your servants.**

Equip us with your Word, that we may be armed and ready as we live in this dark world until we receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May your favor rest on us, Lord. **Have compassion on your servants.**

Call people from the nations out of darkness into your wonderful light. In your grace, give them time that they may have opportunity to hear and believe your Word, be spared from judgment and enjoy your eternal kingdom.

May your favor rest on us, Lord. **Have compassion on your servants.**

We give thanks for those who have served their country and risked life and limb for the defense of its people. Thank you for protecting them while they served the nation and for maintaining the blessings of freedom and safety we still enjoy through their service.

May your favor rest on us, Lord. **Have compassion on your servants.**

You encourage us through Christian friends, your saints on earth. Move us to befriend one another with your love, to uplift those who are sad, to strengthen those who are weak, and to proclaim your grace to those who need hope.

May your favor rest on us, Lord. **Have compassion on your servants.**

As you strengthen us with your Word, you adorn us with faith, hope, and love. Strengthen the faith of those who suffer in mind or body, [*especially…,*] that they may look to you with hope even in the darkest times and be assured of your constant love.

May your favor rest on us, Lord. **Have compassion on your servants.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

Listen, Lord, to the thoughts and cares of our hearts.

Silent prayer.

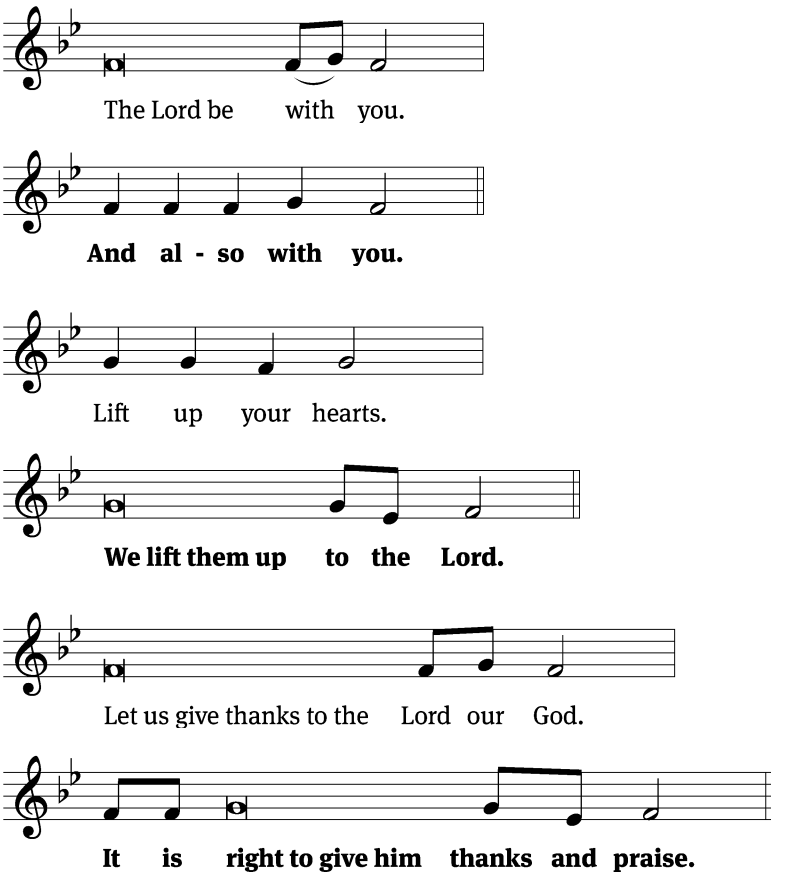
Lord God, heavenly Father, guide our hearts by your power and protect us against false security and willful sins, that we wait for our heavenly bridegroom, Jesus Christ, in true faith, ready for him to take us into his heavenly wedding banquet; who lives and reigns, now and forever.
Amen.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 183



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It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✝ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✝ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Be seated

To You, Our Dear Guests …

Our Saviour Evangelical Lutheran Church practices "**Close Communion**" as commanded by God's Word (1 Corinthians 11:27; Romans 16:17). Those who are of our ***close*** fellowship—members in good standing of *our congregation* or those churches *in close fellowship with us* (WELS and ELS)—may commune at our altar. **We ask all others to meet with our pastor first before taking communion with us so he may teach you about this.** Please make an appointment to do so! Thank you for respecting our historic and Scriptural practice.

Distribution Hymn

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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn 884 Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Lord, when your glory I shall see
and taste your kingdom's pleasure,
your blood my royal robe shall be,
my joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
your righteousness shall be my crown;
with these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
as your own bride I shall be brought,
to stand in joy beside you.

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