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## ***Welcome***

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service.

May God bless your worship with us today,  
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,  
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of Christian faith in our community, to all generations, wherever they may be'*

**Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost    *Divine Service Three* (pp 184ff)**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Sharing of the Peace**

**Opening Song**

**“The Clouds of Judgment Gather”** *LSB 513*

The clouds of judgment gather,  
The time is growing late;  
Be sober and be watchful,  
Our judge is at the gate:  
The judge who comes in mercy,  
The judge who comes in might  
To put an end to evil  
And diadem the right.

Arise, O true disciples;  
Let wrong give way to right,  
And penitential shadow  
To Jesus' blessed light:  
The light that has no evening,  
That knows no moon or sun,  
The light so new and golden,  
The light that is but one.

The home of fadeless splendor,  
Of blooms that bear no thorn,  
Where they shall dwell as children  
Who here as exiles mourn;  
The peace of all the faithful,  
The calm of all the blest,  
Inviolate, unfading,  
Divinest, sweetest, best.

Oh, happy, holy portion,  
Relief for all distressed,  
True vision of true beauty,  
Refreshment for the blest!  
Strive now to win that glory,  
Toil now to gain that light;  
Send hope ahead to grasp it  
Till hope be lost in sight.

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## Invocation

LSB 184

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination*

**P** Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C** **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

**P** Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

**C** **In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness**

**P** Enter not into judgment with your servant,

**C** **for no one living is righteous before you.**

**P** I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done;

**C** **I ponder the work of your hands.**

**P** I stretch out my hands to you;

**C** **my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.**

**P** Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

**C** **Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

**P** For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!

**C** **In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**

**Gloria Patri** (*Sung*)

*LSB 186*

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Lord, Have Mercy** (*Sung*)

*LSB 186*

**C** **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Song of Praise** (*Sung*)

*LSB 187*

**P** Glory be to God on High,

**C** **and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon**

**us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And with thy spirit.**

**P** Let us pray together...

**G** **Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **First Reading**

Psalm 90:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. <sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. <sup>3</sup> You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!" <sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night. <sup>5</sup> You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning: <sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. <sup>7</sup> For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. <sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. <sup>9</sup> For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. <sup>10</sup> The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. <sup>11</sup> Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? <sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia *(Sung)*

LSB 190

**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup> Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup> But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup> And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup> But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup> Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

**☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.**

## Children's Message

### Message Song

**"Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray" *LSB 663***

Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;

From your sleep awaken!

Be not by the evil day

Unawares o'ertaken;

For the foe, Well we know,

Is a harvest reaping

While the saints are sleeping.

Watch against the devil's snares

Lest asleep he find you;

For indeed no pains he spares

To deceive and blind you.

Satan's prey Oft are they

Who secure are sleeping

And no watch are keeping.  
Watch! Let not the wicked world  
With its lies defeat you  
Lest with bold deceptions hurled  
It betray and cheat you.  
Watch and see Lest there be  
Faithless friends to charm you,  
Who but seek to harm you.  
Watch against yourself, my soul,  
Lest with grace you trifle;  
Let not self your thoughts control  
Nor God's mercy stifle.  
Pride and sin Lurk within,  
All your hopes to shatter;  
Heed not when they flatter.  
But while watching, also pray  
To the Lord unceasing.  
God protects you day by day,  
Strength and faith increasing,  
So that still Mind and will  
Shall unite to serve Him  
And forever love Him.

## Message

**"Timing is Everything"**

## Offering

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## Offering Song - *Sung*

*LSB 192*

- ☑ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**



# Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** It is truly good, right, and proper ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### Holy, Holy, Holy *(Sung)*

LSB 195

- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: LSB 196

- C** **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.**



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

### The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

### The Peace of the Lord

LSB 197

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## Lamb of God *(Sung)*

LSB 198

**☐ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

## Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

*The Lord gave this Holy Sacrament to His Church so that His followers might receive His love and forgiveness in a visible, tangible way. When the Church celebrates this Sacrament, believers are also making a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:26). Holy Communion is offered every Sunday at St. John Lutheran, but because it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper to one's detriment (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we ask all who wish to partake of it to examine themselves as follows:*

1. *Do I believe that I am a sinner and therefore deserve God's punishment?*
2. *Am I truly sorry that by my sins I have offended God?*
3. *Do I believe that God accepts the death of Jesus as payment for my sins and therefore forgives my sins for Jesus' sake alone and not because of any goodness or effort on my part?*
4. *Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins?*
5. *Do I seek to forgive others as God has forgiven me?*
6. *Do I believe Christ's own Word that His body and blood are truly given and received in and with the bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28)?*

*If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and can answer "yes" to the above questions, you are invited to receive Holy Communion with the assurance of all the blessings Scripture promises.*

## Distribution Hymn

### "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" LSB 610

Lord Jesus, think on me  
And purge away my sin;  
From worldly passions set me free  
And make me pure within.

Lord Jesus, think on me,  
By anxious thoughts oppressed;  
Let me Your loving servant be  
And taste Your promised rest.

Lord Jesus, think on me  
Amid the battle's strife;  
In all my pain and misery,  
O be my health and life!

Lord Jesus, think on me  
Nor let me go astray;  
Through darkness and perplexity  
Point out Your chosen way.

Lord Jesus, think on me  
That, when this life is past,  
I may the eternal brightness see  
And share Your joy at last.

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## Song of Simeon *(Sung)*

LSB 199

**☐ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

**☐** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



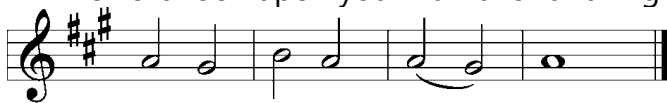
**☐** A - men.

## Blessing

LSB 202

**☐** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Song

## “Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death” *LSB 697*

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
And Christ shall give you light;  
So learn His love, its length and breadth,  
Its fullness, depth, and height.

To us on earth He came to bring  
From sin and fear release,  
To give the Spirit’s unity,  
The very bond of peace.

Then walk in love as Christ has loved,  
Who died that He might save;  
With kind and gentle hearts forgive  
As God in Christ forgave.

For us Christ lived, for us He died,  
And conquered in the strife;  
Awake, arise, go forth in faith,  
And Christ shall give you life.

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