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## *Last Sunday Of The Church Year*

### **Psalm 95:1–7a (antiphon: v. 7a)**

*Psalm 95:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup>Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

<sup>6</sup>Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

<sup>7</sup>For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

### *Prayer before worship:*

*O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that you would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.*

# Divine Service Setting Four

## Processional Hymn: Come, Thou Almighty King

LSB 905 (v. 1-3)

- 1        Come, Thou almighty King,  
          Help us Thy name to sing;  
          Help us to praise;  
          Father all-glorious,  
          O'er all victorious,  
          Come and reign over us,  
          Ancient of Days.
- 2        Come, Thou incarnate Word,  
          Gird on Thy mighty sword;  
          Our prayer attend.  
          Come and Thy people bless,  
          And give Thy Word success,  
          And let Thy righteousness  
          On us descend.
- 3        Come, holy Comforter,  
          Thy sacred witness bear  
          In this glad hour!  
          Thou, who almighty art,  
          Now rule in ev'ry heart,  
          And ne'er from us depart,  
          Spirit of pow'r.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**  
**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**G** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the **✝** Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit

*Ps. 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13*

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\*

the home of | righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure | of my days;\*

let me know how fleeting | I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few | handbreadths,\*

and my lifetime is as nothing be- | fore you.

And now, O Lord, for what | do I wait?\*

My hope | is in you.

Deliver me from all my trans- | gressions.\*

Do not make me the scorn | of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace | at my tears!\*

For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my | fathers.

**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.**

In keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a | new earth,\*  
the home of | righteousness.

## **Kyrie**

**☐ Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

**☐ To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father;  
Your holy name we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy,  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit  
Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Eternal God, merciful Father, You have appointed Your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of His return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for Your own from the foundation of the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24*

<sup>11</sup>“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD.

<sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.”

<sup>20</sup>“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, <sup>22</sup>I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. <sup>23</sup>And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.\*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,\*  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:20–28*

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. <sup>28</sup>When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

**C** **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 25:31–46*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus said:] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.

<sup>32</sup>Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. <sup>33</sup>And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup>And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup>And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

<sup>41</sup>"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Nicene Creed**

**C** **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.**

**Hymn of the Day: Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken**

**LSB 521**

- 1 Christ, the Lord of hosts, unshaken  
By the devil's seething rage,  
Thwarts the plan of Satan's minions;  
Wins the strife from age to age;  
Conquers sin and death forever;  
Slams them in their steely cage.
  
- 2 Michael fought the heav'nly battle,  
Godly angels by his side;  
Warred against the ancient serpent,  
Foiled the beast, so full of pride,

Cast him earthbound with his angels;  
Now he prowls, unsatisfied.

3 Long on earth the battle rages,  
Since the serpent's first deceit;  
Twisted God's command to Adam,  
Made forbidden fruit look sweet.  
Then the curse of God was spoken:  
"You'll lie crushed beneath His feet!"

4 Jesus came, this word fulfilling,  
Trampled Satan, death defied;  
Bore the brunt of our temptation,  
On the wretched tree He died.  
Yet to life was raised victorious;  
By His life our life supplied.

5 Swift as lightning falls the tyrant  
From his heav'nly perch on high,  
As the word of Jesus' vict'ry  
Floods the earth and fills the sky.  
Wounded by a wound eternal  
Now his judgment has drawn nigh!

6 Jesus, send Your angel legions  
When the foe would us enslave.  
Hold us fast when sin assaults us;  
Come, then, Lord, Your people save.  
Overthrow at last the dragon;  
Send him to his fiery grave.

### **Sermon: "The Day with Two Surprises"**

### **Prayer of the Church**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

## Closing Hymn: Lift High the Cross

LSB 837 (v. 1-4, 6)

- ref        Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
              Till all the world adore His sacred name.
- 1            Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
              Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain
- 2            Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
              The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain
- 3            All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
              Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain
- 4            O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
              As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain
- 6            So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
              Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

*Prayer after worship:*

*Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

