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**WORSHIP THE LORD WITH GLADNESS**  
**SATURDAY SERVICE WITH COMMUNION - NOVEMBER 21, 2020**

**GREETINGS and PRAYER**

**A SONG: LSB 515 "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"**

**(Rise)**

**INVOCATION**

P: We make our beginning in the name of the Father;

**C: WHO HAS CREATED US, DEFENDED US, AND PROVIDED FOR ALL OUR NEEDS.**

P: We make our beginning in the name of the + Son;

**C: WHO HAS COME TO US, REDEEMED US, AND WILL COME AGAIN TO TAKE US HOME.**

P: We make our beginning in the name of the Holy Spirit;

**C: WHO HAS GIVEN US LIFE, BROUGHT US TO FAITH, AND SANCTIFIED US BY HIS WORD.**

P: To the Triune God be all glory, thanks, and praise.

**C: AMEN.**

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

P: Heavenly Father, you have made us, we are your creation, everything we have and need comes from your hand. We thank you for this day and all its gifts. But, Father, we must also confess that we have transgressed your commands and gone our own way. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Therefore, Father, hear us as we confess who we are:

**ALL: LORD GOD, WE CONFESS OUR SIN. YOU HAVE PROMISED TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OUR NEEDS, YET WE MISTRUST YOUR PROMISE. YOU HAVE GIVEN US YOUR SPIRIT AND CALLED US TO OBEDIENCE, YET WE SERVE OUR OWN DESIRES AND MAKE THEM GODS BEFORE YOU. YOU HAVE URGED US TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS, YET WE CHOOSE WHOM WE WILL LOVE AND TREAT THE REST AS THOUGH THEY DO NOT MATTER. FATHER, FORGIVE US, FOR WE HAVE SINNED. FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON AND HIS AWESOME SACRIFICE, FORGIVE US AND MAKE US WHOLE AGAIN.**

P: Our God is a great God and greatly to be praised. He gives us daily bread for both body and soul. Sin no longer has dominion over us, and the Old Accuser has no claim upon us. By his grace, we fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, and in his Name we have peace with God. Our sins are forgiven; our guilt set aside. By the cross of Jesus and the Word of God then believe these words: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: AMEN!**

**(Sit)**

**INTROIT**

We are looking forward to a new  
heaven and a new earth,\*  
the home of righteousness.

Show me, O Lord, my life's end and  
the number of my days;\*  
let me know how fleeting is my life.  
You have made my days a mere  
handbreadth; the span of my years is as  
nothing before you.\*

Each man's life is but a breath.  
But now, Lord, what do I look for?\*

My hope is in you.  
Save me from all my transgressions;\*  
do not make me the scorn of fools.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, listen to my  
cry for help;\*  
be not deaf to my weeping.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen

*(Antiphon, 2 Peter 3:13b;  
Ps. 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a)*

**SONG OF RESPONSE: LSB 814 vv. 1, 2, 6 "O Bless the Lord, My Soul"**

**SALUTATION & COLLECT:**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with Thy Spirit.**

P: Let us pray.

**ALL:** Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth your Son, we pray, that he may lead home his bride, the Church, that we with all the redeemed may enter into your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**THE OLD TESTAMENT: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

**11** "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. **12** As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. **13** I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. **14** I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. **15** I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. **16** I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice. **20** "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. **21** Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, **22** I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. **23** I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. **24** I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **THE EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

**20**But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21**For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. **22**For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. **23**But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. **24**Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. **25**For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **26**The last enemy to be destroyed is death. **27**For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. **28**When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(stand)

**A SONG: LSB 336 "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending" (to the tune of LSB 621)**

## **The GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46**

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

(sit)

**31**"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his throne in heavenly glory. **32**All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33**He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. **34**"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. **35**For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, **36**I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' **37**"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38**When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? **39**When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' **40**"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' **41**"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. **42**For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, **43**I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' **44**"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' **45**"He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' **46**"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **HOMILY**

**OFFERING/OFFERTORY: LSB 789 vs. 1 & 2 "Praise and Thanksgiving"**

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

## **PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT**

P: The Lord is with his people; Now may He be with you.

**C: THE LORD IS WITH HIS SERVANT; MAY HE BE WITH YOU, TOO.**

P: Dear Friends, let us now prepare ourselves to meet our Lord Jesus in the Supper he himself instituted for us to eat and to drink. As we gather as brothers and sisters in Christ, may we be strengthened in our faith, may we be assured of the forgiveness won for us upon the Cross, and may we be enabled to live His will in our lives in the days ahead. Let us receive this meal with repentant hearts and joyful anticipation as we pray the prayer He himself has taught us:

#### **The LORD'S PRAYER**

#### **The CONSECRATION**

#### **THE DISTRIBUTION**

**LSB 809 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" & LSB 837 "Lift High the Cross"**

#### **THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**ALL: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, ALMIGHTY GOD, THAT YOU HAVE REFRESHED US WITH THIS GREAT GIFT, AND WE ASK YOU BY YOUR GREAT MERCY TO STRENGTHEN US BY IT THAT WE MAY LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND SERVE YOU FAITHFULLY, THROUGH YOUR SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND FORVER. AMEN.**

#### **THE BENEDICTION**

P: Bless we the Lord.

**C: THANKS BE TO GOD.**

P: Now the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with his favor and + give you His peace.

**C: AMEN.**

#### **CLOSING SONG: LSB 851 "Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"**