

## THE 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

## SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION

*"Just As I Am"* LSB 570  
*"Be Still, My Soul"* LSB 752

## COMMUNION DISMISSAL

## BENEDICTION

## MEMORY VERSE

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.  
(Hebrews 4:12)

## CLOSING SONG

### *"Lord, Be Glorified"*

1. In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.  
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.
2. In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,  
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.
3. In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,  
In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.

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P. Go in God's peace; love and serve your neighbor!  
C. Thanks be to God!

\* \* \* **To GOD BE THE GLORY** \* \* \*

## THE CONNECTION

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**"CONNECT...  
GROW...  
GO..."**



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### Leading Worship

**Pastor** The Rev. Hal Rex. Longshore  
**Music** Kevin Kreger, Organist  
**Elder** Wayne Meyer  
**Worship Assistants** Edward Morison,  
Mark Prieve  
**Soundboard** Cameron/Nicholas Duskin

## WELCOME / CALL TO WORSHIP

## MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE / TITHES & OFFERING

- P. Let us now say together our memory verse.  
C. **Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. (Amos 5:14)**

## WORSHIP SONG *"Seek Ye First"* LSB 712

## OPENING IN THE NAME OF THE TRINITY

- P. We begin our service in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
C. Amen

## CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

- P. Let us come before God as sinful people in need of His love and mercy:  
C. **Lord, we come before You in prayer today, asking for forgiveness. We have not loved as we ought to love, we have not given as we ought to give, and we have fallen short of the mark of truly being Your obedient sons and daughters. We see our sin and remember our shortcomings in love and life. For Jesus' sake, forgive our sins.**

P. God our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life. To those who believe God's word of truth comes the power to be the people of God. In this name of God, and by His authority, as a called and ordained servant of God, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### FIRST READING *Ecclesiastes 5:10-20*

<sup>10</sup>He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity. <sup>11</sup>When goods increase, they increase who eat them, and what advantage has their owner but to see them with his eyes? <sup>12</sup>Sweet is the sleep of a laborer, whether he eats little or much, but the full stomach of the rich will not let him sleep.

<sup>13</sup>There is a grievous evil that I have seen under the sun: riches were kept by their owner to his hurt, <sup>14</sup>and those riches were lost in a bad venture. And he is father of a son, but he has nothing in his hand. <sup>15</sup>As he came from his mother's womb he shall go again, naked as he came, and shall take nothing for his toil that he may carry away in his hand.

<sup>16</sup>This also is a grievous evil: just as he came, so shall he go, and what gain is there to him who toils for the wind?

<sup>17</sup>Moreover, all his days he eats in darkness in much vexation and sickness and anger.

<sup>18</sup>Behold, what I have seen to be good and fitting is to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of his life that God has given him, for this is his lot. <sup>19</sup>Everyone also to whom God has given wealth and possessions and power to enjoy them, and to accept his lot and rejoice in his toil—this is the gift of God. <sup>20</sup>For he will not much remember the days of his life because God keeps him occupied with joy in his heart.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

### SECOND READING *Hebrews 4:1-13*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it. <sup>2</sup>For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened. <sup>3</sup>For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,'" although his works were finished from the foundation of the world. <sup>4</sup>For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works." <sup>5</sup>And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."

<sup>6</sup>Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience, <sup>7</sup>again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."

<sup>8</sup>For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on. <sup>9</sup>So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, <sup>10</sup>for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

<sup>11</sup>Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. <sup>12</sup>For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL READING *Mark 10:23-31*

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

<sup>24</sup>And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God."  
*(continued...)*

<sup>26</sup>And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "See, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the gospel, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last first."

P. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C. Thanks be to God.**

## STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

### *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### MESSAGE SONG

*"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" LSB 740*

## MESSAGE OF THE DAY

**"IN PURSUIT OF THE GOOD LIFE"**

*The Rev. Hal Rex. Longshore*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH