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

BENEDICTION

- P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ + and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C. Amen.

<u>(Please sit)</u>

CLOSING SONG *"Let All Things Now Living"* (stanzas 1-2)

1. Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving To God the Creator Triumphantly raise, Who fashioned and made us. Protected and stayed us, Who still guides us on To the end of our days. His banners are o'er us. His light goes before us, A pillar of fire Shining forth in the night, Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished. As forward we travel From light into light.

2. His law He enforces, The stars in their courses, The sun in his orbit, obediently shine. The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains, The deeps of the ocean Proclaim Him divine.
We too should be voicing Our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration A song let us raise Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving To God in the highest Hosanna and praise!

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord! **C. Thanks be to God!**

* * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * *

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THE CONNECTION

January 12, 2025 10:30am



PRELUDE / WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS (please fill out Friendship Pads)

WORSHIP SONG

"Father Welcomes" (LSB 605, stanzas 1-3)

(Please stand)

INVOCATION

- P. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C. Amen

CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

- P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.
- C. Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.
- P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

(Please sit)

FIRST READING Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. ⁵Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L. Here ends the first reading.

SECOND READING Romans 6:1-11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. *(continued...)* ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

L. Here ends the second reading.

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING *Luke* 3:15-22

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

STATEMENT OF FAITH *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

<u>(Please sit)</u>

TITHES & OFFERING

(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE SONG

"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord" (*LSB* 405, stanzas 1-6)

MESSAGE OF THE DAY

"A New Beginning and a New Covenant" The Rev. Peter Gueldner

(Please stand)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...