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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

THE ORDER OF MATINS

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Vacation Bible School Kickoff

August 2 & 3, 2025

5:30 PM & 8:00 AM

PRESERVICE MUSIC

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG “This Is the Day” *(repeat verse)*

This is the day,
This is the day
That the Lord hath made,
That the Lord hath made;
We will rejoice,
We will rejoice
And be glad in it,
And be glad in it.
This is the day
That the Lord hath made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it,
This is the day,
This is the day
That the Lord hath made.

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Please stand

INVOCATION

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

C Amen!

P O Lord, open my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed You in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

PSALM 100:1-5 (*Spoken responsively by whole verse*)

P ¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

C ²**Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!**

P ³Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

C ⁴**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

P ⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**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.**

Please be seated**FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26**

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . .

¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave

everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Acts 4:23-35 (New Living Translation-NLT)

²³ As soon as they were freed, Peter and John returned to the other believers and told them what the leading priests and elders had said. ²⁴ When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: "O Sovereign Lord, Creator of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them— ²⁵ you spoke long ago by the Holy Spirit through our ancestor David, your servant, saying,

'Why were the nations so angry? Why did they waste their time with futile plans? ²⁶ The kings of the earth prepared for battle; the rulers gathered together against the LORD and against his Messiah.'

²⁷ "In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, your holy servant, whom you anointed. ²⁸ But everything they did was determined beforehand according to your will. ²⁹ And now, O Lord, hear

their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

³¹ After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

³² All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. ³³ The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God's great blessing was upon them all. ³⁴ There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them ³⁵ and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.

L This is the Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL READING Luke 12:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, from the twelfth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶ And he told them a parable, saying, "The

land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷ and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸ And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' (continued...)

²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

G Thanks be to God.

COMMON RESPONSORY

P Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.



G Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.



G Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.



G Lord, I love
the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Nancy Simonson*

HYMN "I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus" *LSB 729, sts. 1-6*

SERMON "MONEY FOLLOWS MISSION" (TEXT: ACTS 4:23-35)
The Rev. Dr. William Utech

HYMN OF PRAISE “’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” sts. 1-4

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
And to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
And to know, “Thus says the Lord!”

Refrain

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust Him more!

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to trust His cleansing blood;
And in simple faith to plunge me
'Neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Refrain

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace.

Refrain

4. I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee,
Precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that Thou art with me,
Wilt be with me to the end.

Refrain*Public domain***Please stand****CREED *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

TITHES & OFFERING

(8:00 ONLY – “Trust In the Lord” ~*Summer Choir*)

Please stand

KYRIE

C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Let us pray as our Savior taught us...

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.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Each intercession ends with the words **P** “Lord, in Your mercy,”
to which the congregation responds, **C** “hear our prayer.”

PRAYER FOR GRACE

P O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God. Defend us with Your mighty power and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Please be seated

HYMN **“Jesus Loves Me”** *LSB 588, sts, 1-2*

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

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