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**OPENING HYMN** - 461, “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

## INVOCATION

(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.  
**(Congregation) Amen.**

## Versicles *Psalm 100*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

Know 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.**

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

**Give thanks to Him; bless His name!**

For 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 ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins;

**His mercy endures forever.**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins:

**Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of the world: We confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word, and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins. We grieve to think of them. Their burden is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **KYRIE ELEISON**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord of Life, live in us that we may live for you.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR THE DAY

Let us pray:

We thank you, Heavenly Father, for having created us and continually blessing us from generation to generation. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Most of all, receive our utmost thanks for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Give us the strength to live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## READING & PRAYER - Acts 17:22-28

So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”<sup>(ESV)</sup>

Let us pray:

O Lord, almighty God, we praise and thank you for your mighty acts. We especially praise and thank you for your creative work. What you created with only your word at the foundations of the world was truly good and perfect. Sin, however, has ruined such goodness and perfection. Lord, have mercy! Today we confess before you that in the things we have done and the things we have left undone we have not been responsible stewards of your creation. Forgive us Lord! Open our eyes to the beauty of your created world. By your Spirit’s power, guide and move us to use everything which you have created in a way pleasing to you, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN - 50, "Before Your Awesome Majesty"

### READING & PRAYER - Deuteronomy 8:11-18

"Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day."<sup>(ESV)</sup>

Let us pray:

Gracious God, all that we have comes from you: our bodies and minds, our strength and intelligence, our time and abilities, our energy and possessions. Guard us from the temptation to use these gifts only for our personal benefit. Make us willing to use them joyfully in service to you and to your people, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN - 63, "Now Thank We All Our God"

### READING & PRAYER - Psalm 104:1,10-35

Bless the Lord, O my soul! O Lord my God, you are very great!  
You are clothed with splendor and majesty. You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills; they give drink to every beast of the field; the wild donkeys quench their thirst. Beside them the birds of the heavens dwell; they sing among the branches. From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

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You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth and wine to gladden the heart of man, oil to make his face shine and bread to strengthen man's heart.

The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has her home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.

He made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the beasts of the forest creep about. The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they steal away and lie down in their dens. Man goes out to his work and to his labor until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Here is the sea, great and wide, which teems with creatures innumerable, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan, which you formed to play in it.

These all look to you, to give them their food in due season. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the Lord endure forever; may the Lord rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!<sup>(ESV)</sup>

Let us pray:

Compassionate Father, you have given us all we need for body and life. You provide daily for the needs of all of your creatures on earth. However, we live in a world plagued with sin and its evil effects. For those who suffer or are in pain, provide relief. For those who grieve and mourn, provide comfort. For those who are hungry or thirsty, satisfy them. Remind them—and us all— of the neverending love, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN - 57, "Evening and Morning"

### READING & PRAYER - 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>(ESV)</sup>

Let us pray:

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

### CHOIR - "Glory to God in the Highest"

### HOMILY - Rev. Burgess Huehn

#### CONFESSION OF FAITH *1st Article of the Creed & Luther's Explanation*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them; that He richly and daily provides me with food and clothing, home and family, property and goods, and all that I need to support this body and life; that He protects me from all danger, guards and keeps me from all evil; and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit**

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or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

### OFFERING

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### PRAYER

Let us pray:

O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has taught us to pray:

**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

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give ☩ you peace.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN - 443, "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"**

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