# LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR NOVEMBER 22, 2020 DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING ONE WITH HOLY COMMUNION



Welcome to all who worship with us today. It is our prayer that you will grow through your experience with the Lord and His Word.

# **Confession and Absolution**

## Hymn of Invocation





The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

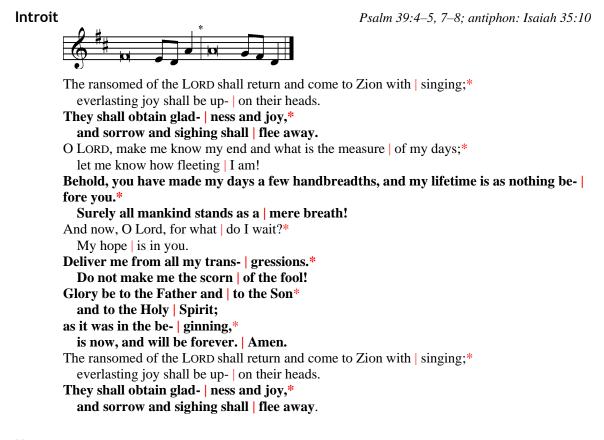
- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

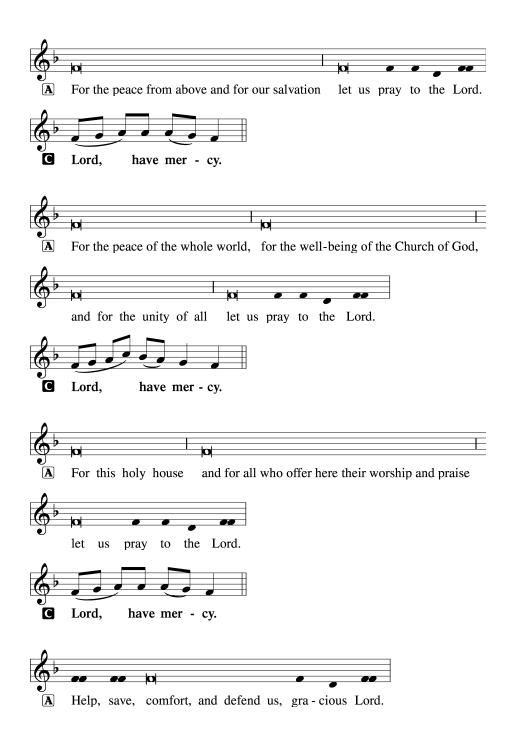
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# Service of the Word

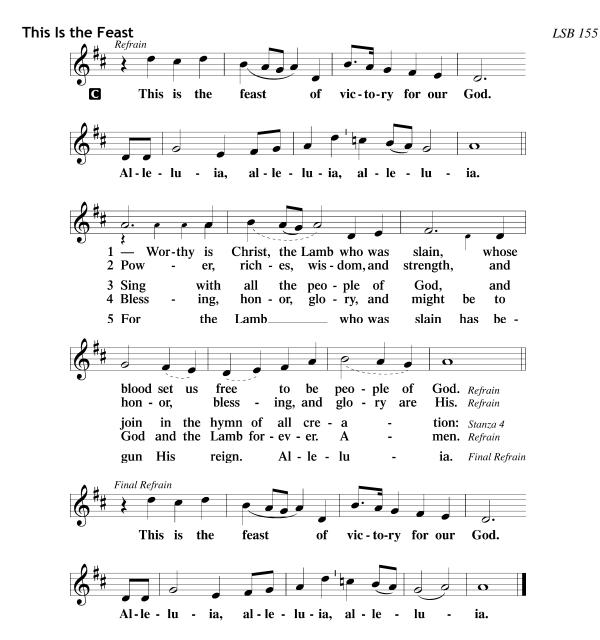




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Salutation and Collect of the Day



P Let us pray.

O Lord, absolve Your people from their offenses that, from the bonds of our sins which by reason of our frailty we have brought upon ourselves, we may be delivered by Your bountiful goodness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 65:17-25

<sup>17</sup>"Behold. I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy. and her people to be a gladness. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit: they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox. and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

#### Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. <sup>4</sup>But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.



<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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Hymn of the Day Turn page 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly -The watch-men on the ing," 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing -And all her heart with ing, 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Let saints and an - gels Thee, rise!" heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a -She wakes, she ris - es from joy is spring - ing; her gloom. With harp and cym-bals' clear - est sing be - fore Thee tone. Mid-night hears the wel-come voic -And at the thrill-ing es her Lord comes down all - glo strong in grace, in For rious, The shin-ing por tal. Of one pearl each -Where, join-ing with the re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye gins wise? cry vir -Her star is ris'n, her light truth vic - to - rious: come. is diant choir im - mor - tal. We gath - er round Thy ra throne. The Bride - groom comes, a-wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take! Bless-ed One, Je - sus, God's own Son, Now come, Thou Lord seen the light. No has heard the might No eye has ear With Al - le - lu - ia! brid - al Your-selves pre care pare Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly θ Bride-groom, who То is near." meet the To eat the Sup - per at Thy call. Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee! Text and tune: Public domain

#### Sermon

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#### Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead. whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

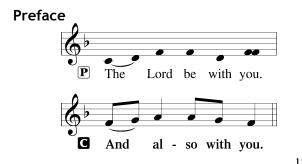
### Prayer of the Church

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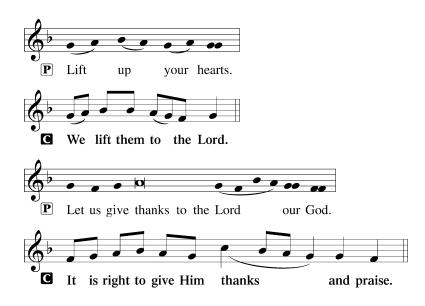


# Service of the Sacrament

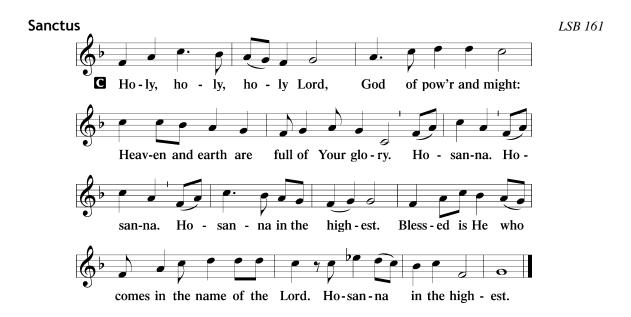
St. Paul reminds us to examine ourselves before taking the Lord's Supper. Communicants are required to be members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation. We do this out of pastoral concern and in Christian love. If you have any questions, please see Pastor before worship. Thank you.



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P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:



#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

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 LSB 161

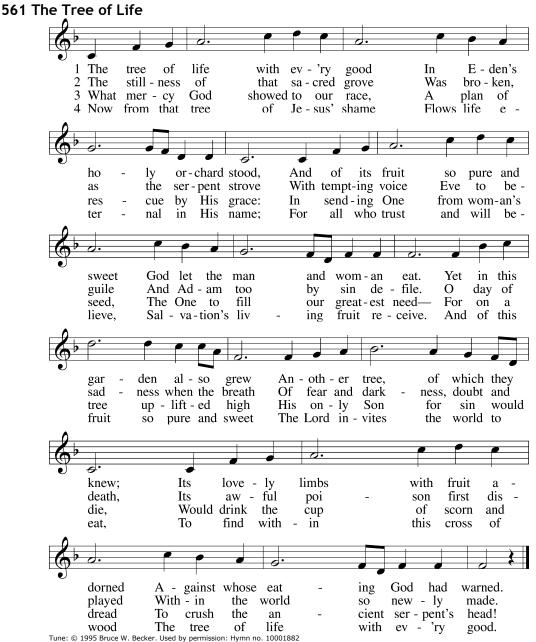
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.



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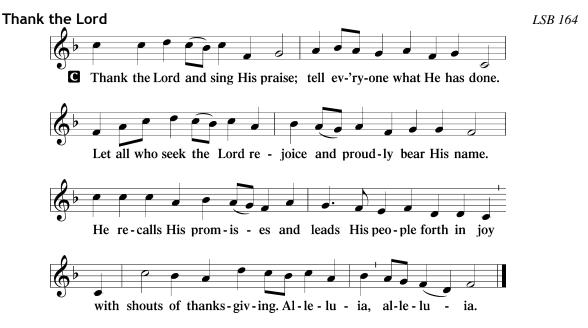


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In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart T in peace.
- C Amen.

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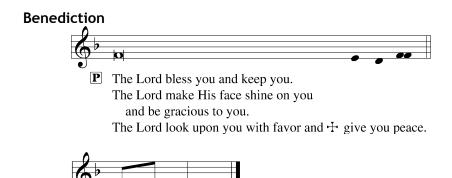


#### **Post-Communion Collect**

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



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Hymn to Depart

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337 The Night Will Soon Be Ending 1 The night will soon be end The dawn can ing; 2 The One whom an gels tend eð Comes near. а 3 The earth in Will soon bring sure ro ta tion 4 Yet nights will bring their And sad ness rob our 5 God dwells with dark And makes the us in ness songs of not be far. Let praise as cend ing Now serve; Thus child, to God, the judge of fend ed, Bears morn - ing bright, So run where God's sal tion Glows va peace, And all its ness A hearts of sin in mad night day; Yet we re sist the bright - ness And as ð greet the Morn - ing Star! All you whom dark ness The our sins de serve. need all guilt - y not in а sta - ble's light. As old as sin's per round us may in crease. But now one Star is turn from God -But grace does for а way. not fright - ens With guilt grief God's ra - diant or pain, or For cow - er, God has rec - on - ciled Through His re mer - cy's God brings a ver - sion Is vast de - sign: beam - ing Whose rays have pierced the night: God comes for sake us. How - ev - er far we run. God claims us 9 Star bright - ens And bids you sing gain. now a demp - tive pow - er All those who trust this child. child new tion—This its seal and sign. cre a deem - ing From op - pres - sive sin's might. our re chil - dren Through Mar - y's in - fant still as Son. Text: © 1998 GIA Publications, Inc. Used by permission: Hymn no. 10001882

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