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802 IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8nWcfOu9f94>

1 Immortal, invisible,  
 God only wise,  
In light inaccessible  
 hid from our eyes,  
Most blessèd, most glorious,  
 the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
 Thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting,  
 and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
 Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains  
 high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
 of goodness and love.

3 To all life Thou givest—  
 to both great and small—  
In all life Thou livest,  
 the true Life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
 as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish—  
 but naught changes Thee.

4 Great Father of glory,  
 pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee,  
 all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render:  
 O help us to see  
’Tis only the splendor  
 of light that hides Thee.

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# + CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation** **Amen.**

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**Congregation** **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.)

Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Congregation** **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.**

Pastor 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.

**Congregation** **Amen.**

# + SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT Psalm 121:1-4,7-8; antiphon: v. 5

The Lord is your keeper;  
 the Lord is your shade on your right hand.  
I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
 From where does my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
 who made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved;  
 he who keeps you will not slumber.  
Behold, he who keeps Israel  
 will neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
 he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
 from this time forth and forevermore.  
**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.**  
The Lord is your keeper;  
 the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

KYRIE LSB 152

Pastor In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Congregation** **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.

**Congregation** **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation** **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 45:1-7

1Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
 whose right hand I have grasped,  
to subdue nations before him  
 and to loose the belts of kings,  
to open doors before him  
 that gates may not be closed:  
2“I will go before you  
 and level the exalted places,  
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
 and cut through the bars of iron,  
3I will give you the treasures of darkness  
 and the hoards in secret places,  
that you may know that it is I, the Lord,  
 the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
4For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
 and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name,  
 I name you, though you do not know me.  
5I am the Lord, and there is no other,  
 besides me there is no God;  
 I equip you, though you do not know me,  
6that people may know, from the rising of the sun  
 and from the west, that there is none besides me;  
 I am the Lord, and there is no other.  
7I form light and create darkness,  
 I make well-being and create calamity,  
 I am the Lord, who does all these things.”

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation** **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE I Thessalonians 1:1-10

1Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

2We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, 3remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake. 6And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 9For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

Pastor This is the Word of the Lord.

**Congregation** **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-22

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty second chapter.

**Congregation** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

15Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. 16And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. 17Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” 18But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? 19Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. 20And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” 21They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” 22When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**560 Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ag3f6k615rw>

1 Drawn to the cross, which Thou hast blessed

With healing gifts for souls distressed,

To find in Thee my life, my rest,

Christ crucified, I come.

2 Thou knowest all my griefs and fears,

Thy grace abused, my misspent years;

Yet now to Thee with contrite tears,

Christ crucified, I come.

3 Wash me and take away each stain;

Let nothing of my sin remain.

For cleansing, though it be through pain,

Christ crucified, I come.

4 And then for work to do for Thee,

Which shall so sweet a service be

That angels well might envy me,

Christ crucified, I come.

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**SERMON** <https://youtu.be/NvTmcQqdQ40>

APOSTLES’ CREED

**Congregation** **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** T **everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**Congregation** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Leader Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Congregation** **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 LSB 166

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

**Congregation** **Amen.**

795 Voices Raised to You We Offer

1 Voices raised to You we offer;  
 Tune them, God, for songs of praise.  
Hearts and hands we bring in tribute  
 For Your gifts through all our days.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Triune God, to You we sing!

2 All creation joins to praise You;  
 Earth and sky Your works display.  
Art and music, gifts You lend us,  
 We return to You today.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 God, Creator, source of life!

3 Christ, the song of Love incarnate,  
 Touching earth with heaven’s grace,  
For Your living, suff’ring, dying,  
 For Your rising, hear our praise!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Christ, Redeemer, Lord of life!

4 Spirit, flaming through creation,  
 Kindle faith within each heart.  
Lift our voices high in chorus;  
 Through our hands Your love impart.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Spirit, Helper, breath of life!

5 How can any praise we offer  
 Measure all the thanks we owe?  
Take our hearts and hands and voices—  
 Gifts of love we can bestow.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Triune God, to You we sing!

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