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## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

**Hymn ----- Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly**

CW 484

1. Brothers, sisters, let us gladly  
Give to God our all, our best-  
Service hearty, thorough, honest,  
With a living love impressed.  
All our duty, all our striving,  
All our time to him belong;  
Praise him, then, with true devotion;  
Come before him with a song.
2. By his mercy, by his bounty,  
By the gift of Christ, his Son,  
What great goodness he has shown us,  
What high marvels he has done!  
Let us to him promptly, freely,  
Yield our bodies and our souls,  
Thankful that his love protects us,  
That his wisdom all controls.
3. Gracious Lord, accept our service  
For the sake of Christ, your Son;  
Lo, our hope abides now only  
In the righteousness he won.  
Bless and save us; help and guide us;  
Watch to comfort and restore  
Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing,  
Praising you forevermore.

*Stand.*

M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

#### CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

M: 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 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.**

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

*Lord, Have Mercy*

*Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

*O Lord, Our Lord*



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin;

you com-fort our spir-it; you make us pure and

ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your on-ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa-ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



### *Prayer of the Day*

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Be seated.*

### THE WORD

#### **First Lesson** ----- **Jeremiah 11:18–20**

The LORD revealed their plot to me so I became aware of it. He showed me what they were doing. I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I had not realized that they had plotted against me. They were saying:

“Let us destroy the tree along with its fruit.  
Let us cut him off from the land of the living,

so that his name will no longer be remembered.”

But, LORD of Armies, you judge righteously.  
You test the heart and mind.  
Let me see your vengeance on them,  
for I have presented my case to you.

**Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 31**

CW p.77

*Refrain*

**Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,  
and he will be my Savior.**

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;  
deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,  
a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

*Refrain*

My times are in your hands;  
save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness,  
which you have stored up for those who fear you.

You heard my cry for mercy  
when I called to you for help.

**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.    *Refrain***

**Second Lesson ----- James 3:13–18**

Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good way of living show that he does things in wise humility. But if you have bitter

envy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie, contrary to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but it is



worldly, unspiritual, and demonic. In fact, where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and every bad practice. But the wisdom that comes from above is first pure, then also

peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who practice peace.

*Verse of the Day*

*2 Corinthians 12:9a*

*Tune: CW 334*

C: When, suf - fer - ing, for help you plead My grace is  
all you'll ev - er need; In weak-ness is my pow'r  
made known Find strength in me, and me a - lone.

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*Stand.*

**Gospel ----- Mark 9:30–37**

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know this, because he was teaching his disciples. He told them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him. But three days after he is killed, he will rise.”

But they did not understand the statement and were afraid to ask him about it.

They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they remained silent,

because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he will be the last of all and the servant of all.” Then he took a little child and placed him in their midst. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me, welcomes not just me but also him who sent me.”

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*Be seated.*

**Hymn of the Day ----- Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us**

CW 486

1. Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice,  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To th' unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.
2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely, of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.
3. Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity  
In your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it unto me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you need what we can do,  
Saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?
4. Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings Which on ev'ry hand we view  
Channels are for gifts and off'rings Due by solemn right to you,  
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay  
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.
5. Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on you;  
But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.

*My God Speaks When I Am Silenced*

1. *By My Fear Of Facing Unpleasant Truths*

2. *By My Shame In Facing Selfish Concerns*

*Stand.*

*Nicene Creed*

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Be seated.*

*Offering*

*Stand.*

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## *Prayer of the Church*

*The minister calls for the petitions and the congregation prays with “**Lord, have mercy.**”*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the Church of Christ, that the Holy Spirit would rid us of all bitter jealousy and selfish ambition, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our Synod’s leaders and all pastors, that the Lord would give them the wisdom that comes down from above, making them peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere; and that they would sow among us in peace, yielding a harvest of righteousness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the world, that the Lord would uphold it in His order; for the Church, that she would be defended from all enemies; for our homes, that God would bless parents and children in service toward each other and faith until life’s end; and for the government, that God would grant all authorities health and wisdom, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the homebound, the lonely, the depressed and anxious, those preparing for surgery and the ill, [*and especially \_\_\_\_\_,*] that committing their cause to the Lord and submitting themselves to God, they may know His peace and receive His comfort and healing, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For those who commune, that we may worthily receive the body and blood of Christ — who was cut off from the land of the living for us on the tree of the cross — so that we may live forever, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For right faith and true prayers, that what we ask from God may not be squandered after our passions, but pressed into His service for our neighbors, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Hear us, heavenly Father, for the sake of Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*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, 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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



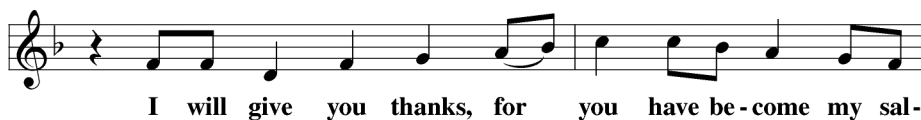
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Sanctus*



### *Words of Institution*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



### *O Christ, Lamb of God*

### *Agnus Dei*





*Be seated.*

#### DISTRIBUTION

*In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.*

*During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymn:*

**Hymn ----- Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**

CW 312

1. Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation;  
It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.
2. Although you did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,  
And in your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,  
And though your people shall not see Your glory and your majesty  
Till dawns the judgment morning,
3. Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation,  
But you are present ev'rywhere And with your congregation.  
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand  
Or subtle craft and cunning.



4. We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing  
That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true, And there is naught you cannot do,  
For you, Lord, are almighty.
5. Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere At once in many places.  
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;  
I trust its truth unfailing.
6. Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears  
And is my priceless treasure.
7. Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race,  
In holiness increasing.
8. For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me  
When living and when dying.

#### THANKSGIVING

*Stand.*

*Thank the Lord*



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

### *Blessing*

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



*Be seated.*

Hymn ----- In You, O Lord, I Put My Trust

CW 448

1. In you, O Lord, I put my trust-  
 Leave me not helpless in the dust;  
 Let me not be confounded.  
 My faith, O Lord, Must in your Word  
 Be always firmly grounded.
2. Oh, listen, Lord, most graciously,  
 And hear my cry, my prayer, my plea;  
 Make haste for my protection,  
 For woes and fear Surround me here.  
 Help me in my affliction.
3. You are my strength, my shield, my rock,  
 My fortress that withstands each shock,  
 My help, my life, my tower,  
 My battle sword, Almighty Lord-  
 What can resist your power?
4. With you, O Lord, I cast my lot;  
 O faithful God, forsake me not,  
 To you my soul commending.  
 Lord, be my stay, And lead the way  
 Now and when life is ending.

5. All honor, praise, and majesty  
To Father, Son, and Spirit be,  
Our God forever glorious,  
In whose rich grace We run our race  
Till we depart victorious.

