



AS WE GATHER

As the liturgical year is coming to its end, God our Father gives us great encouragement that our salvation and deliverance from sin and sorrow is complete because of the forgiveness won for us by the blood of Jesus, the one and only sacrifice for your sin and the source of daily cleansing, faith, hope, confidence, and love. This faith is certain and full of hope even if your current circumstances would have you think otherwise. As God provided for the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17), so was the widow's offering (Mark 12) an expression of confident faith in God's promised salvation. No clearer picture can be given of the certainty of hope in Christ our Savior than in the letter to the Hebrews as it tells of Christ's once-for-all sacrifice that not only forgives but takes away all sin and supplies us with newness of life by His life-giving body and blood all our days!

CALL TO WORSHIP Praise to The Lord the Almighty (LSB 790)

Verse 1

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is your health and salvation
Let all who hear now to His temple draw near
Joining in glad adoration

Verse 2

Praise to the Lord
Who o'er all things is wondrously reigning
And as on wings of an eagle
Uplifting sustaining
Have you not seen All that is needful has been
Sent by His gracious ordaining

Verse 4

Praise to the Lord Who will prosper
Your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily
attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
As with His love He befriends you

Verse 5

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him!

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG God You're So Good

(Verse 1)

Amazing love that welcomes me The kindness of mercy
That bought with blood wholeheartedly My soul undeserving

(Chorus)

God You're so good

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God You're so good

You're so good to me *(Continues to next page)*

(Verse 2)

Behold the cross age to age And hour by hour

The dead are raised the sinner saved The work of Your power

(Sing Chorus Again)

(Bridge)

I am blessed I am called I am healed I am whole

I am saved in Jesus' name Highly favored anointed

Filled with Your pow'r For the glory of Jesus' name

(Verse 3)

And should this life bring suffering Lord I will remember

What Calvary has bought for me Both now and forever

(Sing Chorus)

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 34:1, 3, 8–9; 37:28; 97:11–12*

Pastor: I was glad when they said to me,

People: **“Let us go to the house of the Lord!”**

Pastor: Christ Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant,

People: **so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Scripture says, “under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. . . . But Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Let us prepare to receive forgiveness and cleansing from God our Savior by confessing our need and repentance of our sin.

People: **Lord God, we come before You this day seeking Your mercy and grace for the forgiveness of our sins and the cleansing of our lives. We confess to You all our sins, both the wrong we have done as well as the love we have withheld and the good we have failed to do for others. Lord, have mercy on us.**

Pastor: God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son, Jesus, that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

FIRST READING 1 Kings 17:8–16 (The widow of Zarephath)

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him, ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.”

¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE Hebrews 9:24–28 (Christ, the sacrifice once for all)

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 12:38–44 (The widow’s offering)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸ And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹ and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰ who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” ⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.^[a] ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” (*not in LSB hymnal*)

(Verse 1)

I am weak Thou art strong
Jesus keep me from all wrong
I'll be satisfied just long
As I walk let me walk close to Thee

Chorus

**Just a closer walk with Thee
Grant it Jesus, is my plea
Daily walking close to Thee
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be**

(Verse 2)

Thro' this world of toil and snares
If I falter Lord who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee dear Lord none but Thee

(Verse 3)

When my feeble life is o'er
Time for me will be no more
Guide me gently safely o'er
To thy kingdom shore To thy shore

SERMON “Personal Commitment: His and Yours” *Mark 2:1-12*

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 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 life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Lord's Prayer:

☩ 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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG Things Of Heaven

Verse 1

Something is coming I feel the wind blowing
With mystery Things unseen
The tides are now changing I see the dawn breaking
It's happening The awakening

Pre-Chorus

Come Holy Spirit come
Hover over us
Holy Spirit come

Chorus

**Open the heavens fling wide the gates
Unleash Your presence pour out Your grace
Show me Your glory the power of Your love
'Cause even a glimpse is more than enough for me**

Verse 2

You're willing and able You're making a table
In front of me Before my enemies
You're mighty to save And You're making a way
To do so much more Than we've known before

(Sing PreChorus and Chorus)

Bridge

We're gonna see those dry bones dancing
We're gonna see the strongholds bow
We're gonna see the things of heaven
Here now
We're gonna see a new revival
We're gonna see Your kingdom pow'r
We're gonna see the things of heaven
Here now **(Repeat Bridge)** here now

(Sing Chorus 2x)

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: 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 ✠ 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 ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

1 Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!

Hail, Thou Galilean King!

Thou didst suffer to release us;

Thou didst free salvation bring.

Hail, Thou universal Savior,

Bearer of our sin and shame!

By Thy merit we find favor:

Life is given through Thy name.

- 2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,
 All our sins on Thee were laid;
 By almighty love anointed,
 Thou hast full atonement made.
 All Thy people are forgiven
 Through the virtue of Thy blood;
 Opened is the gate of heaven,
 Reconciled are we with God.
- 3 Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory,
 There forever to abide;
 All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee,
 Seated at Thy Father's side.

- There for sinners Thou art pleading;
 There Thou dost our place prepare,
 Ever for us interceding
 Till in glory we appear.
- 4 Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing
 Thou art worthy to receive;
 Highest praises, without ceasing,
 Right it is for us to give.
 Help, ye bright angelic spirits,
 All your noblest anthems raise;
 Help to sing our Savior's merits,
 Help to chant Immanuel's praise!

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782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

- 1 Gracious God, You send great blessings
 New each morning all our days.
 For Your mercies never ending,
 For Your love we offer praise. Refrain
- ref* Lord, we pray that we, Your people
 Who Your gifts unnumbered claim,
 Through the sharing of Your blessings
 May bring glory to Your name.
- 2 By Your Word You formed creation
 Filled with creatures large and small;

- As we tend that endless treasure
 May our care encircle all. *Refrain*
- 3 In His earthly life, our Savior
 Knew the care of faithful friends;
 May our deeds of dedication
 Offer love that never ends. Refrain
- △ 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring
 Bear the imprint of Your grace;
 With the Son and Holy Spirit,
 Praise be Yours in ev'ry place! Refrain

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

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 ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN This Is Our God

(VERSE 1)

Remember those walls that we called sin and shame
They were like prisons that we couldn't escape
But He came, and He died, and He rose, those walls are rubble now
Remember those giants we called death and grave
They were like mountains that stood in our way
But He came and He died and He rose
Those giants are dead now

(CHORUS)

**This is our God this is who He is He loves us
This is our God this is what He does He saves us
He bore the cross beat the grave Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus**

(VERSE 2)

Remember that fear that took our breath away
Faith so weak that we could barely pray
But He heard every word every whisper
Now those altars in the wilderness
Tell the story of His faithfulness
Never once did He fail and He never will

(SING CHORUS)

(BRIDGE)

Who pulled me out of that pit? He did He did
Who paid for all of our sin? Nobody but Jesus

(REPEAT BRIDGE)

Who rescued me from that grave? Yahweh Yahweh
Who gets the glory and praise? Nobody but Him!

(SING CHORUS)

(ENDING)

He bore the cross beat the grave
Let heaven and earth proclaim
This is our God King Jesus