



C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

P 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.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and 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. **Amen.** (*sit*)

### Old Testament *The Bronze Serpent*

Numbers 21:4–9

<sup>4</sup>From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. <sup>5</sup>And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." <sup>6</sup>Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. <sup>7</sup>And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." <sup>9</sup>So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

**and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

### Epistle *By Grace Through Faith*

Ephesians 2:1–10

<sup>1</sup>And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup>among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup>even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup>and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup>not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P This is the word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.** (*stand*)

### Verse of the Day (4:30 and 8:00)

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,

**that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

### Verse of the Day (10:30)

Sunday School

God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,

that all who would in Him believe should everlasting life receive.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

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

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said:] "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. <sup>18</sup>Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. <sup>19</sup>And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Gospel Response** (10:30)

Sunday School

*Children* Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

*Solo* When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.

*Children* Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.  
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

*Solo* I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end.

*All* **Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**  
**Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.**

**Sermon** (*sit*) "Jesus surpasses Hermes"

John 3:14-21

**Hymn of the Day** "God Loved the World"

LSB 571, *soloist sts. 2, 5*

*All* **God loved the world so that He gave  
His only Son the lost to save,  
That all who would in Him believe  
Should everlasting life receive.**

*Solo* Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,  
Who was made flesh and suffered death;  
All then who trust in Him alone  
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

*All* **God would not have the sinner die;  
His Son with saving grace is nigh;  
His Spirit in the Word declares  
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.**

*All* **Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
Forgives all sins which you have done;  
And, justified by Jesus' blood,  
Your Baptism grants the highest good.**

*Solo* If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

*All*      **Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!**

**Apostles' Creed** (*stand*)

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**Prayer of the Church**

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**Offering** (*sit*)

**Preface** (*stand*)

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**Sanctus**

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**Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,  
The Lord of all in spirit did behold  
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,  
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.  
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;  
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.  
With two they veiled their faces as was right,  
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,  
And with the other two aloft they soared;  
One to the other called and praised the Lord:**

**"Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!  
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!"**

**The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,  
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.**

**Pax Domini**

*congregation responds "Amen"*

**Agnus Dei**

LSB 434, st. 1

**Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross didst suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer.  
All sins Thou borest for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!**

**Distribution** (*sit*)      "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

LSB 425

**Post-Communion Hymn** (*stand*)

LSB 617, st. 1

**O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,  
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.  
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish  
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!  
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary, that our sins and sorrows did carry,  
And Thy blood for us plead in all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!**

**Post-Communion Collect and Benedicamus**

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P We give thanks to You, almighty God ... one God, now and forever.  
C **Amen.**  
P Let us bless the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Benediction**

*congregation responds "Amen"*

**Closing Hymn**      "Amazing Grace"

LSB 744