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AS WE GATHER

The Gospel stories of Jesus often have a familiarity to us that may diminish what the sacred writer wants us to understand. Simply put, there has never been any individual on this earth like Jesus. He has divine power that can heal the sick, revive the dead, and multiply bread and fish to feed multitudes. And He can even walk on water. Nobody else has ever done that. Only Jesus. As we worship and hear the Gospel account shared today, let us rediscover in Jesus our one and only Savior.

WELCOME

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: We have begun our worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let us speak together the words of the Apostles' Creed regarding the First Person of the Holy Trinity.

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: What does this mean?

C: **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Let us humble ourselves before God, confess our sins to Him, and ask His gracious forgiveness.

C: **We confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven and before one another, that we are sinful human beings by nature and by deed. We have not always put God first. We have used His holy name in ways that do not honor Him. We have not always been thoughtful caretakers of His creation and have not shared His bounty with others at all times. We have been heedless in word and deed and have not always kept our thoughts, words, and deeds pure and honorable. We sinned in ways we know and in ways we do not even recognize. We have wished for that which is not rightfully ours and have not put the best construction on all things and on all people. We pray God to have mercy on us, to forgive us all our sins, and to bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. As a called and ordained 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LSB 790

- 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!**
- 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?**
- 3 **Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.
What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade you.**
- 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.**
- 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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SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: Let us pray. God of love, in His ministry, Your Son, Jesus, showed His mastery over all the forces of nature, including those of great power. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on Him and to trust His guidance in all things as we pass through this world, confident in His care; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 38:1, 4–18* (God tells Job of His lordship over all creation.)

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ... “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy? “Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb, when I made clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed limits for it and set bars and doors, and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stayed’? “Have you commanded the morning since your days began, and caused the dawn to know its place, that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth, and the wicked be shaken out of it? It is changed like clay under the seal, and its features stand out like a garment. From the wicked their light is withheld, and their uplifted arm is broken. “Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness? Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this.”

- R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Romans 10:5–17* (Faith comes from hearing the Gospel.)

For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us? So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

- R: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 14:22–33* (Jesus walks on the water on the Sea of Galilee.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

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

Immediately he (Jesus) made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.” And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY “Eternal Father, Strong to Save” *LSB 717*

**1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**2a O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**3a Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.**

**4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.**

SERMON “A Game of Who” Reverend Gregory Prauner

NICENE CREED

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 ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING and CONNECTION CARDS

HYMN “We Praise You, O God” *LSB 785*

- 1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
 In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
 We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
 We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

- 2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
 Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
 When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
 And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
 And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
 With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
 To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord, beseeching Him for the gift of peace.
 For the Church and all who are called to lives of service to God’s people, let us pray to the Lord.
- C:** **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the blessing of God upon our nation and its leaders that we lead peaceable lives, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the needs of ourselves and others for healing and restoration, for solace and comfort, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: With thanks for the faithful examples set by those whose earthly journeys are complete and whose witness to Christ yet inspires us, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

Local concerns may be added here

P: These things and all else that we should have asked, grant us according to Your gracious will, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

HOLY COMMUNION

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for having fed us with the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ, assuring us thereby that we are truly members of His Body, the Church. And we ask You to help us by Your Holy Spirit that we continue in this fellowship and do the good works You desire us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

Numbers 6:24–26

HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” *LSB* 643

- 1** **Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
The Supper is ended. O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us, His love shall unite us
To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.**
- 2** **With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.**

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POSTLUDE

Organ – Kris Vocal – Allen

Day 1	Matthew 3:1-17	Day 34	Acts 2:1-21	Day 67	Colossians 3:1-17
Day 2	Matthew 5:1-16	Day 35	Acts 2:22-47	Day 68	1 Thessalonians 5:5-24
Day 3	Matthew 6:9-21	Day 36	Acts 4:1-22	Day 69	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Day 4	Matthew 6:9-21	Day 37	Acts 9:1-22	Day 70	1 Timothy 6: 6-19
Day 5	Matthew 18:12-35	Day 38	Romans 1:15-32	Day 71	2 Timothy 2:1-26
Day 6	Matthew 27:1-31	Day 39	Romans 2:1-16	Day 72	2 Timothy 3:1,4-8
Day 7	Matthew 27:32-66	Day 40	Romans 3:22-31	Day 73	Titus 3:1-8
Day 8	Matthew 28:1-20	Day 41	Romans 5:1-11	Day 74	Hebrews 1:1-13
Day 9	Mark 1:4-20	Day 42	Romans 6:1-23	Day 75	Hebrews 2:5-18
Day 10	Mark 2:1-17	Day 43	Romans 8:1-17	Day 76	Hebrews 4:14, 5:10
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Day 12	Mark 8:1-10	Day 45	Romans 12:1-14	Day 78	Hebrews 11:1-6
Day 13	Mark 14:30-72	Day 46	Romans 12:15-21	Day 79	Hebrews 12:1-11
Day 14	Luke 1:26-45	Day 47	Romans 15:1-6, 13	Day 80	Hebrews 13:1-16
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Day 17	Luke 10:25-42	Day 50	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Day 83	James 3:1-18
Day 18	Luke 15:1-31	Day 52	2 Corinthians 4:1-18	Day 84	James 5:7-20
Day 19	Luke 23:1-25	Day 53	2 Corinthians 5:1-21	Day 85	1 Peter 1:1-9
Day 20	Luke 23:26-56	Day 54	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Day 86	1 Peter 1:13-25
Day 21	Luke 24:1-36,45-53	Day 55	Galatians 2:15-21	Day 87	1 Peter 2:1-25
Day 22	John 1:1-18	Day 56	Galatians 5:13-26	Day 88	1 Peter 3:8-22
Day 23	John 3:1-21	Day 57	Galatians 6:1-10	Day 89	1 Peter 4:12-5:11
Day 24	John 4:1-30,39-42	Day 58	Ephesians 1:3-23	Day 90	2 Peter 1:1-21
Day 25	John 6:28-51	Day 59	Ephesians 2:1-22	Day 91	1 John 1: 1-10
Day 26	John 8:12-51	Day 60	Ephesians 4:1-32	Day 92	1 Johns 2:1-17
Day 27	John 10:1-30	Day 61	Ephesians 5:1-14	Day 93	1 John 3:1-10
Day 28	John 12:1-16, 23-33	Day 62	Ephesians 6:10-19	Day 94	1 John 3:11-24
Day 29	John 13:1-20	Day 63	Philippians 2:1-18	Day 95	1 John 4:1-21
Day 30	John 14:1-31	Day 64	Philippians 3:7, 4:9	Day 96	1 John 5:1-21
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