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Prelude: "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star" ... Paul Manz

*Opening Hymn: "O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" [LSB 395]

1.) O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light, A-glow with race and mercy! Of Jacob's race, King David's son, Our Lord and master, You have won Our hearts to serve You only! Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing! Rule and might o'er all possessing!	2.) Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine, And deep within our hearts now shine; There light a flame undying! In Your one body let us be As living branches of a tree, Your life our lives supplying. Now, though daily Earth's deep sadness May perplex us And distress us, Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.
3.) Lord, when You look on us in love, At once there falls from God above A ray or purest pleasure. Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood Refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure! Let Your mercy Warm and cheer us! O draw near us! For You teach us God's own love through You has reach us.	4.) Almighty Father, in Your Son You loved us when not yet begun Was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love To live in Him here and above: This is Your great salvation. Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving Life forever, Keeps us Yours and fails us never!
5.) O let the harps break forth in sound! Our joy be all with music crowned, Our voices gladly blending! For Christ goes with us all the way Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day! His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out! Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story! Great is He, the King of Glory!	6.) What joy to know, when life is past, The Lord we love is first and last, The end and the beginning! He will one day, oh, glorious grace, Transport us to that happy place Beyond all tears and sinning! Amen! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Crown of gladness! We are yearning For the day of Your returning!

*Confession & Absolution [LSB 151]

P. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

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

C. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

C. 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.

P. 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

*Introit:

Ps 2:7-11, 12c; antiphon: Is 42:1a

P. Behold my servant, whom I uphold,

C. my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

P. I will tell of the decree:

C. The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

P. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

C. and the ends of the earth your possession.

P. You shall break them with a rod of iron

C. and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

P. Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

C. be warned, O rulers of the earth.

P. Serve the Lord with fear,

C. and rejoice with trembling,

P. for his wrath is quickly kindled.

C. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

*Gloria Patri: **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.**

*Kyrie: [*LSB 152*]

P. In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C. Lord, have mercy.

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

C. 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.

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.

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

C. Amen

*Gloria In Excelsis: [*LSB 154*]

A) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

C) Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther:
 We wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo-ry.
 Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:
 You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.
 You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.
 For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord,
 You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Welcome & Prayer: P: The Lord be with you
 C: And also with you
 P: Let us pray

ALL

**Father in heaven,
 at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River
 You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son
 and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit.
 Make all who are baptized in His name
 faithful in their calling as Your children
 and inheritors with Him of everlasting life;
 through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 who lives and reigns with the You and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever. Amen**

Old Testament Reading: **Genesis 1: 1-5**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Epistle Lesson: **Romans 6: 1-11**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia: [LSB 156]

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*Gospel Lesson: **Mark 1: 4-11**

John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair and wore a leather belt around his waist and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Nicene Creed

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

Hymn of the Day: “Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered” [LSB 404]

<p>1) Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Had no blemish of His own; In the waters of the Jordan His true worth and work were shown: Heaven opened and the Spirit There descended like a dove, As the Father’s voice resounded, “Hear My Son, the One I love.”</p>	<p>2) John confessed Him as the Savior “Look, the sinless Lamb of God!” Yet he dared not loose the sandals Of the One God’s love had shod. Oh, how fair the feet of Jesus, Bringing news of peace to us, Christ, the herald of salvation, Preaching mercy from the cross:</p>
<p>3) This the baptism that our Savior Greatly longed to undergo; This the crimson cleansing needed So the world Gods love might know; This the mission of Messiah As He stepped from Jordan’s stream, He, the chosen and anointed Son of God, sent to redeem.</p>	<p>4) Jesus, once with sinners numbered, Full obedience was Your path; You, by death, have consecrated Water in this saving bath: Dying to the sin of Adam, Rising to a life of grace; We are counted with the righteous, Over us the cross You trace.</p>

Sermon

***Offertory: “What shall I render” [LSB 159]**

**What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

Prayer of the Church

***Service of The Sacrament [LSB 160]**

Preface
Sanctus [LSB 161]
Lord’s Prayer
Words of Institution
Agnus Dei [LSB 163]
Distribution ... music: “In Peace and Joy I Now Depart” ... Buxtehude

***Post Communion: “Nunc Dimittis” [LSB 165]**

***Post Communion Collect**

***Benediction [LSB 166]**

P. The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C. Amen, amen, amen

Closing Hymn: “As with Gladness Men of Old” [LSB 397]

<p>1) As with gladness men of old Did the guiding star behold; As with joy they hailed its light, Leading onward, beaming bright; So, most gracious Lord, may we Evermore be led by Thee.</p>	<p>2.) As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to Thy lowly bed, There to bend the knee before Thee, Whom heav’n and earth adore; So may we with willing feet Ever seek Thy mercy seat.</p>
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<p>3) As they offered gifts most rare At Thy cradle, rude and bare, So may we with holy joy, Pure and free from sin's alloy, All our costliest treasure bring, Christ, to Thee, our heav'nly King.</p>	<p>4) Holy Jesus, ev'ry day Keep us in the narrow way; And when earthly things are past, Bring our ransomed souls at last Where they need no star to guide, Where no clouds Thy glory hide.</p>
<p>5) In the heav'nly country bright Need they no created light; Thou its light, its joy, its crown, Thou its sun which goes not down; There forever may we sing Alleluias to our King.</p>	

Postlude: "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here" ... Pachelbel