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Prelude: “Prelude and Chorale” by Robert Wetzler

*Hymn: “O Worship the King” [LSB 804]

1) O worship the King, all-glorious above. O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love; Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.	2) O tell of His might, O sing of His grace, Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space; His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
3) This earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old, Established it fast by a changeless decree, And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.	4) Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light, It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
5) Frail children of dust and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail. Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!	6) O measureless Might, ineffable Love. While angels delight to hymn Thee above, Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays, With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

*Confession & Absolution [LSB 203]

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

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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:

Psalm 92:12–15; antiphon: v. 1

P: It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C: to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

P: The righteous flourish like the palm tree

C: and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

P: They are planted in the house of the Lord;

C: they flourish in the courts of our God.

P: They still bear fruit in old age;
C: they are ever full of sap and green,
P: to declare that the Lord is upright;
C: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.
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 204]

KYRIE *≈ Lord, Have Mercy*

Mark 10:47

The KYRIE may be sung once or several times in response to various petitions.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

*Gloria In Excelsis [LSB 204]

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *≈ Glory to God in the Highest*

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

During Advent and Lent, the GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is omitted.



C 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
 2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
 3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
 O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
 For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

*Collective Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray

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Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Old Testament: **Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it."

Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 5:1-10**

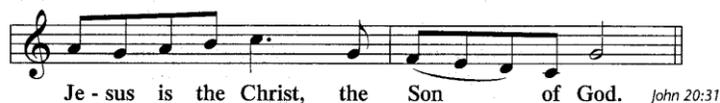
We know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

*Alleluia: [LSB 205]



The congregation sings the following, or the choir may sing the appointed VERSE:



***Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:26-34**

[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

***Apostles Creed [LSB 207]**

**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 virgin 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day: “Consider How the Birds Above” [LSB 736]

1) Consider how the birds above Feed day by day with carefree care Does God not keep them in His love? Are we not worth much more than these?	2)The lilies grow, they do not toil How fair is their fragility If God clothes these which quickly spoil Will He not clothe both you and me
3) Set not your heart on food or drink Nor be weighed down by worldly care About such things the godless think Yet never thank the Lord in prayer	4)Be on your guard against all greed For life is more than what we own Our Father knows our every need Before our needs to us are known
5) Be not afraid to suffer loss Of all the things for which you pray For He who faced for you the cross Will give you strength to live each day	6) Seek first God’s reign, His boundless grace His holy name in all you do Christ first and last in ev’ry place All else will then be given you.

*Offertory: : **“Gracious God You Send Great Blessings” [LSB 782 v1]**

1) Gracious God You Send great blessings
New each morning all our days
For Your mercies never ending
For Your Love we offer praise
Lord we pray that we your people
Who Your gifts unnumbered claim
Through the sharing of Your blessings
May bring glory to Your name.

*Prayer of the Church

*Service of The Sacrament [LSB 208]

Preface

Sanctus [LSB 208]

Lord’s Prayer

Words of Institution

Agnus Dei [LSB 210]

Distribution – “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love” by Jayne Southwick Cool

*Post Communion: **“Nunc Dimittis” [LSB 211]**

*Post Communion Collect

*Benediction [LSB 212]

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

Closing Hymn: **“On What Has Now Been Sown” [LSB 921]**

1 On what has now been sown Thy blessing, Lord, bestow; The pow'r is Thine alone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou in grace the harvest raise, And Thou alone shalt have the praise!	2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs; Accept what is Thine own And pardon what is ours. Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive, And to Thy Word a blessing give.
3 O grant that each of us, Now met before Thee here, May meet together thus When Thou and Thine appear And follow Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!	

Postlude: “Trumpet Rondo” by Fenton Groden