



Whether we live
or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.

ROMANS 14:8, ESV



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907 God Himself Is Present



1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still



Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the T 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 and call upon Him in prayer and praise, 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, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Service of the Word

Kyrie

LSB 204



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

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



☐ 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.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 50:15–21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 14:1–12

¹As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:21–35

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

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

²¹Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. ²³“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³²Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

C **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.

that You have done for us, and enable us to show our thankfulness in lives that are wholly given to Your service. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Save and defend Your whole Church, purchased with the precious blood of Christ. Strengthen Your faithful people through the Word and the holy Sacraments, making them perfect in love and in all good works, and establishing in them the faith once delivered to the saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Take from us all hatred and prejudice, give us the spirit of love, and order our days in Your peace. Prosper the labor of those who work to bring peace and justice to the nations of the world that mutual understanding and common endeavor may be increased among all peoples. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P By Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity (especially especially **Shelli Tuttle, Rick Zimmerman, Lyle Todd, Kim Daum, Kim Fales, Joanne Walsh, Justin Miller, Phyllis Todd, Susan Utech, Sarah Hansen, Beth, Ken Todd, Bob Dormire, Kimberly Christiansen, Don Mallette, Pastor Jeff Walsh, Kathy Mast, Howie Holdenried, Mary Bose, Joan Bruhn, Lauren Borchers, Diane Barge, Roxanne Daum, Karen Nissen, Doug Mallette, Penny Parker, Pastor Henry Witte, Diane Nelsen, Matt LeGrande, Josh LeGrande, Bonnie Schnieder, Katrina Peabody, Pastor Jerry Bruhn, Steve Dolezal, Deanna Dolezal, Gary Bach, Sandy Mallette, Ann Peterson, Lori Langenberg, Bob Gruber, Will Wittenborg, Carmen Ortega, Steve Petersen, Jeannie Barnes, Randy Barnes, Corby Barnes, Butch Putzier, Joel Brandon, Norman LeGrande, Capistrana Hanna, Troy Crouch, Titus Diediker, Frank Phillips and for our shut-ins Shirley Patrick, James & Tereasa Santee, Bob Jager, Jane Winter, Lois Wendt, Marie Dahle, Florence Knoop, Doris Beckman, Dave Hauf, Don Larson, Glenda Beck, Shirley Book** Be with those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow, and grant to all a measure of Your love, taking them into Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord defend your church especially **St. John Lutheran, Wakefield, NE; Our Redeemer Lutheran, Philip, SD; Faith Lutheran, Pierre, SD; St. Paul Lutheran, Plankinton, SD; LCMS District-Nebraska; Concordia University Ann Arbor, MI; Grace Community Church, Rock Valley, IA; Eastside Baptist Church, South Sioux City, NE;** Lord in Your Mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C 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.

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 T give you peace.
C Amen.

739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand;
2 When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws near

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
When my life is al - most gone,
And the day is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light.
Hear my cry, hear my call; Hold my hand lest I fall.
At the riv - er I stand; Guide my feet, hold my hand,

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.
Take my hand, pre - cious Lord; lead me home.

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Announcements

Please do NOT hesitate to contact Pastor Awe if you would like him to come see you. 402-368-9929

Guidelines for Dakota county are posted on the bulletin board.

PLEASE LOOK AT THE SIGN AND OUR WEBSITE FOR UPDATES ABOUT SERVICES AND EVENTS! ALSO, YOU CAN MAIL IN YOUR OFFERINGS DURING THIS TIME IF YOU WOULD LIKE.

WE ARE STILL IN PHASE 3 OF DIRECTED HEALTH MEASURES. CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION ON WHAT THIS MEANS FOR US AS A CHURCH.

In need of volunteers to help out with Faith, Food & Fun Day. It will only require one hour of your time. Need volunteers for serving meals, help watching the kids in the gym, and teachers. It will be every Saturday starting September 12- December 19. If you are interested please contact Pastor Awe-402-368-9929 OR Pastor Flo-402-987-6805

We are looking for volunteers to teach ESL once or twice a week 6-7:30PM starting Sept 14th. Please contact Pastor Flo if you are interested. 402-987-6805

Thank you from our Hispanic Ministry Committee! We give thanks for all who helped with VBS this year and for all who contributed to their mission project (our Hispanic Ministry!). "*Damos gracias a Dios*" ("we give thanks to God") and to all of you for the resources and support that have been set aside to continue our work as we reach our Hispanic neighbors with the love and message of their Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Thanks also to Pastor Awe for, well, the hair :)

There will not be Sunday School until Dakota County officially moves to phase 4. We apologize for the miscommunication and confusion. If and when the phase 4 order does go into effect, there will be Sunday School the following week.

The Ladies Aid will be collecting items to make School and Hygiene Kits for Orphan Grain Train. The items that will be needed are listed below. These items can be put in the bench in the Narthex. The items need to be collected by October 4th. We appreciate all your help. This is a very worthwhile project.

Hygiene Kits:

- 1 bath towel
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 bath size bar of soap
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 sturdy comb
- 6 Band-Aids (1/2" or 3/4")

School Kits:

- New backpack
 - 2 spiral notebooks
 - 2 pencils
 - 2 pens
- 10 sheets of construction paper
- 24 pack of crayons
- ruler
- 2 glue sticks
- scissors
- washable markers 8-10 pack

SERVING THE LORD:

OFFICIATING:

Rev. Michael Awe

SUNDAY ORGANIST:

Clara Woten

ALTAR CARE:

Jo Diediker & Mary Cummins

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Lois Lackore

WEDNESDAY ORGANIST:

Jo Chernock

THIS WEEK'S STATISTICS

- **Sunday Worship Attendance—56**
- **Total Offerings Received—\$2,850.20**
- **Budget needed per week--\$3,787.90**

THIS WEEK	TIME	EVENT
TODAY	9:30AM	Worship Service
	10:30am	Bible Study
	5:00PM	Hispanic Service: Study
MONDAY	10:30AM	Bible Study
	6:00PM	ESL Classes Start
TUESDAY	6:00PM	Mission Board Meeting
	7:00PM	Voter's Meeting
WEDNESDAY	9:30AM	Staff Devotions
	7:00PM	Worship Service
THURSDAY	6:00PM	ESL Classes
SATURDAY	9AM-12PM	Faith, Food & Fun Day
NEXT SUNDAY	9:30AM	Worship Service w/ communion
	10:30AM	Bible Study
	5:00PM	Hispanic Service: Study

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