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Hymns: 253:1-4 182:1-4,8,10 230 311 913

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TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

(Rite II—pp. 60-85, Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary)

A HYMN 253 vv. 1-4 "Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray"

1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From thy sleep awaken! Be not by the evil day Unawares o'ertaken. For the foe, Well we know, Oft his harvest reapeth While the Christian sleepeth.

2 Watch against the devil's snares Lest asleep he find thee; For indeed no pains he spares To deceive and blind thee. Satan's prey Oft are they Who secure are sleeping And no watch are keeping.

3 Watch! Let not the wicked world With its pow'r defeat thee. Watch lest with her pomp unfurled She betray and cheat thee. Watch and see Lest there be Faithless friends to charm thee, Who but seek to harm thee.

4 Watch against thyself, my soul, Lest with grace thou trifle; Let not self thy thoughts control Nor God's mercy stifle. Pride and sin Lurk within All thy hopes to scatter;

Heed not when they flatter.

THE INVOCATION (Stand)

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

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ✓ Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C:

 And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord:

Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT Matthew 16:24

P: Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia.

THE GLORIA PATRI

C: \(\int \) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the

beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, have mercy)

C: ∫ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

C: **J** Glory be to God on high:

C: \(\int \) And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ∫ And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT (Prayer for the Day)

P: O God, you have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 18:1-14

And the Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³ and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵ while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the

tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." ¹⁰ The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴ Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

THE GRADUAL Psalm 84

P: Look upon our shield, O God: look with favor on your anointed one. Hear my prayer: O Lord God Almighty. Alleluia! Alleluia! The king rejoices in your strength: how great is his joy in the victories you give. Alleluia!

THE EPISTLE: Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth, ⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf ⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

THE ALLELUIA (Stand)

THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 10:38-42

P: The Holy Gospel for this Sunday is written...

C: ∫ Glory be to You, O Lord

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, ⁴² but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

C: ✓ Praise be to You, O Christ.

THE CREED Nicene Creed

C: 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall 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 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.

CHIEF HYMN: 182 "One Thing Needful" (Sit)

1 One thing needful! This one treasure Teach me, Savior, to esteem; Other things may promise pleasure, But are never what they seem; They prove to be burdens that vex us and chafe us, And true lasting happiness never vouchsafe us; This one precious treasure, that all else exceeds, Gives joy above measure and fills all my needs.

2 Seekest thou the one thing needful, Leave all cares that hind'ring prove; Be of earthly joys unheedful, Fix thy heart on things above; For where God and man both in one are united, With God's perfect fullness the heart is delighted; There, there is the worthiest lot and the best, My one and my all, and my joy, and my rest.

3 Then with Mary's full surrender,
I would offer Thee my heart,
At Thy feet my tribute render,
As my chosen better part.
For Mary's heart burning with fervent emotion,
Was quickened to serve Thee with perfect devotion;
And there filled with love for her Savior and Lord,
Was, with the One needful, in blessed accord.

4 Thus, I Jesus, my endeavor
Is to be forever Thine.
Let no mortal love whatever
Hind'ring now my heart entwine.
Though great be the host that refuses to need Thee,
I'll faithfully follow where'er Thou wilt lead me;
For Thy Word is Spirit and life to my soul,
And through it, O Jesus, my conduct control.

8 Jesus, in Thy cross are centered All the marvels of Thy grace; Thou, my Savior, once hast entered Through Thy blood the holy place: Thy sacrifice holy there wrought my redemption, From Satan's dominion I now have exemption; The way is now free to the Father's high throne, Where I may approach Him, in Thy name alone.

10 Henceforth Thou alone, my Savior,

Shalt be all in all to me.
Search my heart and my behavior,
Cast out all hypocrisy.
Restrain me from wand'ring in pathways unholy,
And throughout life's pilgrimage keep my heart lowly;
I'll value but lightly earth's treasure and store:
Thou art the One needful, and mine evermore!

THE SERMON: "The One Thing Needful" Luke 10:38-42

THE OFFERTORY VERSE (Stand)

C: Γ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

OFFERING:

If you are a first time visitor with us, we encourage you to fill out a welcome card which is in the pew in front of you. You may place it in the offering plate as it comes by and our Pastor will happily reach out to you.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Stand)

P: Let us pray for the Church and all people according to their needs: Almighty God and Father, we thank You for all Your goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Your dear Son, through whom You have revealed Your grace. We pray that You would plant Your Word in our hearts that we may cling to it in faith and bear much fruit in well doing.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Strengthen and defend Your Church, that by Your Word and Sacraments faith may grow and love toward all increase. Guide and protect all who spread abroad the light of Your truth throughout the world. Bless the schools, colleges, and seminaries of the Church that they may send forth laborers to serve in the ministry of Your Word, in the ministry of mercy, and in all godly walks of life. Let the light of Your Word shine continually in our homes. Keep the children of the Church in the grace of their Baptism, and grant that all entrusted with their care may bring them up in true faith and obedience to Your will.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You, let them shout for joy because You defend them.

P: Guide and bless all lawful authority, especially our President, the Congress, and the Governor and legislators of this state. Give them wisdom and sound judgement, that justice may prevail and wickedness be hindered and punished.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our Helper.

P: We commend into Your care all who are in trouble, want, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those who are suffering for Your name and Your truth. Comfort them, O God, with Your Holy Spirit, that in all their afflictions they may acknowledge Your fatherly will and rejoice in Your gracious and speedy deliverance.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your name.

P: Let Your blessing rest upon seed time and harvest, on commerce and industry, on medicine and science; sanctify the arts and culture, the rest and leisure of Your people. Protect all who travel, and care for all whose labor is difficult or dangerous. Bless all who in their daily calling endeavor to do Your will, and give them the assurance that their work is pleasing in Your sight.

C: Blessed are You, O Lord, for You have not turned away from our prayer!

(Special intercessions may be added)

P: Protect our bodies and souls from all harm and danger; support us in our last hour with Your mercy; and finally admit us into Your eternal joy, to love and serve You in the blessed company of Your saints and angels forevermore; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. The righteous cry out and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Service of Holy Communion

Our Communion Practice.

Faith Lutheran Church practices closed communion, admitting to the Lord's Supper only those who are members of our Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) or of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS). We ask that all others refrain from communing out of respect for our practice.

If you would like to receive a blessing during the Lord's Supper, please come forward and signify by crossing your arms across your chest. Please speak with our Pastor if you have questions. Thank you.

A HYMN: 230 "Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth" (Sit)

1 Speak, O Lord, Thy servant heareth, To Thy Word I now give heed; Life and spirit Thy Word beareth, All Thy Word is true indeed. Death's dread power in me is rife; Jesus, may Thy Word of Life Fill my soul with love's strong fervor That I cling to Thee forever. 2 O what blessing to be near Thee And to hearken to Thy voice! May I ever love and fear Thee That Thy Word may be my choice! Oft were hardened sinners, Lord, Struck with terror by Thy Word; But to him who for sin grieveth Comfort sweet and hope it giveth.

THE PREFACE (Stand)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ✓ And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ✓ We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ✓ It is good and right so to do.

THE PROPER PREFACE AND SANCTUS (Holy, Holy, Holy)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who ascended above the heavens and sitting at Your right hand, poured out on this day, as He had promised, the Holy Spirit on the chosen disciples. At this the whole world rejoices with exceeding joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: Γ Holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

THE 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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My † blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of

sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

THE PAX DOMINI (The Peace of the Lord)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: J Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

C: \(\int \) O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

THE DISTRIBUTION (Sit)

A HYMN: 311 "Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

1 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray That we may feed on Thee today; Beneath these forms of bread and wine Enrich us with Thy grace divine.

2 The chastened peace of sin forgiv'n, The fellowship of heirs of heav'n, Grant as we share this wondrous food, Thy body broken and Thy blood.

3 Our trembling hearts cleave to Thy Word; All Thou hast said Thou dost afford,

All that Thou art we here receive, And all we are to Thee we give.

4 One bread, one cup, one body, we, United by our life in Thee, Thy love proclaim till Thou shalt come To bring Thy scattered loved ones home.

5 Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly pray To keep us steadfast to that day That each may be Thy welcomed guest When Thou shalt spread Thy heav'nly feast.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (Stand)

C: I Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen

THE COLLECT OF THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: ↑ And his mercy endures forever.

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through

these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: J Amen.

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ∫ And with your spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

THE BENEDICTION

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

C: J Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: CW 913 "Come Away from Rush and Hurry"

1 Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace; From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release. Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace; Come join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.

2 In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul. From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole. At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed. With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

3 Come, then, children, with your burdens, life's confusions, fears and pain. Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead his kingdom's reign. Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them he alone will satisfy. All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS for July 20, 2025

Voter's meeting with potluck after service.

Monday 6:30 PM: Women's Fellowship - Willie's on San Pedro

Wednesday 9:30 AM: Women's Bible Study - 1 Peter

Sunday 9:00 AM: Sunday School & Bible Study

10:30 AM: **Divine Service**

August 8th, 5:30 PM Family Fun Night