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Hymns: **639 98 184 326:1,3,5 579**

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TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

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

A HYMN CW 639 "God Has Spoken by His Prophets"

1 God has spo - ken by his proph - ets, spo - ken his un - chang - ing Word,
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3 God is speak - ing by his Spir - it, speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,

each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the right - eous Lord.
bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, with the Fa - ther ev - er one;
in the age - less Word de - clar - ing his own mes - sage, now as then.

In the world's de - spair and tur - moil one firm an - chor holds us fast:
spo - ken by the Word in - car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was;
Thro' the rise and fall of na - tions one sure faith is stand - ing fast:

God is King, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.
Light from Light, to earth de - scend - ing, he re - veals our God to us.
God a - bides, his Word un - chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The first system has three lines of lyrics. The second system has three lines. The third system has three lines. The fourth system has three lines. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

THE INVOCATION (*Stand*)

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

C: ♪ Amen.

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 Jeremiah 29:11

P: I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil. Then you will call upon me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. Lord, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

THE GLORIA PATRI

C: ♪ 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: ♪ Glory be to God on high:

C: ♪ 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: Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son we pray, that He may lead home His Bride, the Church, that we with all Your saints may enter into Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Habakkuk 1:1-3; 2:1-4

The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

² O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,

and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!”

and you will not save?

³ Why do you make me see iniquity,

and why do you idly look at wrong?

Destruction and violence are before me;

strife and contention arise.

I will take my stand at my watchpost

and station myself on the tower,

and look out to see what he will say to me,

and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

² And the Lord answered me:

“Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,

so he may run who reads it.

³ For still the vision awaits its appointed time;

it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.
⁴ “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.

THE GRADUAL **Psalm 45 & Revelation 21**

P: The king's daughter shall be led to the king: her virgin companions follow her and are brought to you. They are led in with joy and gladness: they enter the palace of the king. Alleluia! Alleluia! I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God: prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. Alleluia!

THE EPISTLE: Revelation 22:6-13

⁶ And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.”

⁷ “And behold, I am coming soon. Blessed is the one who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book.”

⁸ I, John, am the one who heard and saw these things. And when I heard and saw them, I fell down to worship at the feet of the angel who showed them to me, ⁹ but he said to me, “You must not do that! I am a fellow servant with you and your brothers the prophets, and with those who keep the words of this book. Worship God.”

¹⁰ And he said to me, “Do not seal up the words of the prophecy of this book, for the time is near. ¹¹ Let the evildoer still do evil, and the filthy still be filthy, and the righteous still do right, and the holy still be holy.”

¹² “Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

THE ALLELUIA (*Stand*)

C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 12:35-40**

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

C: ♪ Glory be to You, O Lord

³⁵ “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master

finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

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 worshipped 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: 98 “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” (*Sit*)

1 Lo! He comes with clouds descending,
Once for our salvation slain;
Thousand thousand saints attending
Swell the triumph of His train:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Christ reveals His endless reign.

2 Ev'ry eye shall now behold Him,
Robed in dreadful majesty;
Those who set at nought and sold Him,

Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
Shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of His Passion
Still His dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation
To His ransomed worshipers.
With what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, amen, let all adore Thee,
High on Thine eternal throne;
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,
Claim the kingdom for Thine own.
O come quickly, O come quickly, O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, come!

THE SERMON “Blessed Are Those Servants” **Luke 12:37**

THE OFFERTORY VERSE *(Stand)*

C: ♪ 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: 184 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (*Sit*)

1 My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away;
O, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!

2 May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As Thou hast died for me,
O, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!

3 While life's dark maze I tread
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide.
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.

4 When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O, bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!

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; who with Your only-begotten Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, one Lord. In the confession of the only true God we worship the Trinity in person and the Unity in substance, of majesty co-equal. 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: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, 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: ♪ Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

C: ♪ 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: 326 vv. 1,3,5 "O Living Bread from Heaven"

1 O Living Bread from heaven,
How richly hast Thou fed Thy guest!
The gifts Thou now hast given
Have filled my heart with joy and rest.
O wondrous food of blessing,
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift professing,
In thankful songs o'erflows;
For while the faith within me

Was quickened by this food,
My soul hath gazed upon Thee,
My highest, only Good!

3 A heart that hath repented,
And mourns for sin with bitter sighs--
Thou, Lord, art well-contented
With this my only sacrifice.
I know that in my weakness

Thou wilt despise me not,
But grant me in Thy meekness
The blessing I have sought;
Yes, Thou wilt hear with favor
The song that now I raise,
For meet and right 'tis ever
That I should sing Thy praise.

5 O well for me that, strengthened
With heav'nly food and comfort here,

Howe'er my course be lengthened,
I now may serve Thee free from fear!
Away, then, earthly pleasure!
All earthly gifts are vain;
I seek a heav'nly treasure,
My home I long to gain,
My God, where I shall praise Thee,
Where none my peace destroy,
And where my soul shall raise Thee
Glad songs in endless joy.

THE NUNC DIMITTIS (*Stand*)

C: ♪ 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: ♪ Amen.

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

THE BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

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: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 579 “Abide in Grace, Lord Jesus”

1 Abide in grace, Lord Jesus,
Among us constantly,
Lest Satan's art deceive us
And gain the victory.

2 Abide, Lord, with the story
Of Thy redeeming love;
May we the Gospel's glory
And saving virtue prove.

3 Abide, our pathway brighten
With Thy celestial ray;
Blest Light, our souls enlighten,
Show us the truth, the way.

4 Abide with us in blessing,
Lord of the earth and sky;
Rich grace and strength possessing,
Do Thou our need supply!

5 Abide, our only safety,
Thy people's sure defense;
No power can withstand Thee
Divine Omnipotence!

6 Abide among us ever,
Lord, with Thy faithfulness;
Jesus, forsake us never,
Help us in all distress!

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS for November 23, 2025

Monday 6:30 PM: **Men's Fellowship**

Wednesday 9:30 AM: **Women's Bible Study** - Resumes Jan. 7th

Saturday 9:00 AM: **Church decorating for Christmas**

Sunday 9:00 AM: **Sunday School & Bible Study**
10:30 AM: **Divine Service**
5:00 PM: **Fireside Thanksgiving Devotion**

Men's Bible Study - TBA

If you would like to put flowers in church for a special occasion, please speak with Walter Rosser about what you would like the bulletin announcements to say. You can bring your own flowers or contact Sylvia Bull Sr. for more information. **210-260-0275**