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Christ's blessings to all! **To our visitors**, we rejoice to have you gathered together with us in our Lord's House this day & look forward to having you with us again. If you are searching for a Church home, **please introduce yourself to Pastor** afterwards, or indicate such together **with your contact information** in the red 'Fellowship Booklets' located in each pew.

(Bold – Congregation speaks

Bold Italic – Congregation sings or chants

Hymns in folder)

The Order of Service without Holy Communion

Prelude:

Hymn –#606

"O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking"

Invocation:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Confession of Sins and Pronouncement of Grace:

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto 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.

Who made heaven and earth.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Amen.

Introit: *Ps. 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: Ps. 84:3*

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

How lovely is your dwelling place,

O LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up-rightly.

O LORD of hosts,

blessèd is the one who trusts in you!

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

Gloria Patri:

***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, world without end.
Amen***

The Kyrie:

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis:

Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy 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, That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Salutation:

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray:

The Collect for The Day:

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ***Amen.***

+ The Catechism Review – Office of the Keys

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathe don His disciples and said, “Receive he Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

The Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18–24

¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of
the LORD!

Why would you have the day of
the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,
¹⁹ as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned
his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.

²⁰ Is not the day of the LORD dark-
ness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness
in it?

²¹ “I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your
solemn assemblies.

²² Even though you offer me your
burnt offerings and grain
offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your
fatted animals,
I will not look upon them.

²³ Take away from me the noise of
your songs;
to the melody of your harps I
will not listen.

²⁴ But let justice roll down like
waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.”

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Triple Hallelujah:
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

¹[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

The Apostles’ Creed:

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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn – #609

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

Sermon – “Watch for the Bridegroom!”

Matthew 25:1-13

- I. The meaning of the parable of the ten virgins.
- II. Lessons from the parable.

The Offertory (*stand*)

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

Presentation of the Offerings

Vocal Solo: “The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us”

The Prayer of The Church

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Hymn – #604

“Great God, What do I See and Hear?”

The Collect for The Word / The Church (*stand*)

Amen.

The Benediction

The Lord bless thee and keep thee.

The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Hymn - #72

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

Silent Prayer & Postlude

+ SOLI DEO GLORIA +

DAILY READINGS

November 8: Jer. 20:1–18; Matt. 24:29–51; 9: Jer. 22:1–23; Matt. 25:1–13; 10: Jer. 23:1–20; Matt. 25:14–30; 11: Jer. 23:21–40; Matt. 25:31–46; 12: Jer. 25:1–18; Matt. 26:1–19; 13: Jer. 26:1–19; Matt. 26:20–35; 14: Jer. 29:1–19; Matt. 26:36–56.

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