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Last Sunday of the Church Year

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#### St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

**WELCOME to Worship today!** What a joy to be together in Christ! Please fill out the "Member" or "Guest" side of our Communication Card located in the pew racks. Please place them in the offering plate or hand to an elder during the singing of the first hymn. Prayer request cards are also available. Again, welcome!

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is offered at the **10:30 AM service today** to all Confirmed members of our congregation.

+ For personal preparation for communion, use the following prayers:

**Before communion (communing):** Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**After Communion (Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament):** Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

- + Lutherans who are in good standing with their own congregations of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) are welcome to join with us in receiving this blessed meal.
- **+Guests** are asked to speak with the Pastor or elder **before** communing that they may properly understand the Lutheran teaching on the Lord's Supper.
- + Children, Teens, and Adults who have not yet completed confirmation instruction are invited to come forward with their row and cross their arms in front of their chest to receive a blessing from the Pastor during distribution.
- + White grape juice is available from the center of the individual cup tray.
- + **Gluten-Free wafers** are located in the silver dish at the center of the altar for you to pick up as you come forward. Standard wafers will be distributed to other communicants during the Distribution of the Supper.
- **+ Communion at the pew** is available at the start of Distribution to those who sit in the second pew on either side.
- + Those with wheelchairs or walkers are invited to come forward with others who are communing. However, anyone who wishes to receive Communion at your seat please speak to an Elder or the Pastor prior to the start of Worship.

#### **AS WE GATHER**

The Last Sunday of the Church Year is about the last things, the day of judgment when Jesus Christ "will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead," Christ, "whose kingdom will have no end" (Nicene Creed). The last Sunday is therefore known as the Sunday of fulfillment, when all the plans and promises of God's salvation break forth in the resurrection of all flesh and eternal life in the new heavens and earth. This year we hear the Readings appointed for what some churches call Christ the King Sunday. With the vision of the prophet Daniel, we are given a fascinating "apocalyptic" revelation. As such, we are cautioned against overinterpreting the symbolism of the four beasts, fiery flames, burning wheels, and the like. The clear point is that God Himself is Lord, king, and ruler over all the nations of the earth. The four nations of Daniel chapter 7 are progressively more evil than the ones before: Babylon, Medo-Persian, Greek, and Roman empires. Not all earthly kingdoms or nations are evil, of course. Yet evil and the devil's madness appear here and there everywhere. Christ is the king not only over all the ancient nations of the world but also over our own! With great and glad celebration, therefore, we gather to rejoice over our assurance that Jesus Christ, the King of kings, rules ultimately over all things, always for our good, our healing, our salvation, and our destiny in the day of resurrection.

Prelude Welcome/announcements Ringing of the Bell

# Opening Hymn: 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized

- 1 All Christians who have been baptized,
  Who know the God of heaven,
  And in whose daily life is prized
  The name of Christ once given: Consider now what God has done,
  The gifts He gives to ev'ryone. Baptized into Christ Jesus!
- 2 You were before your day of birth, Indeed, from your conception, Condemned and lost with all the earth, None good, without exception. For like your parents' flesh and blood, Turned inward from the highest good, You constantly denied Him.
- 3 But all of that was washed away—
  Immersed and drowned forever.
  The water of your Baptism day
  Restored again whatever, Old Adam and his sin destroyed
  And all our sinful selves employed. According to our nature. ▶

- 4 In Baptism we now put on Christ—
  Our shame is fully covered
  With all that He once sacrificed
  And freely for us suffered. For here the flood of His own blood
  Now makes us holy, right, and good, Before our heav'nly Father.
- O Christian, firmly hold this gift
  And give God thanks forever!
  It gives the power to uplift
  In all that you endeavor. When nothing else revives your soul,
  Your Baptism stands and makes you whole
  And then in death completes you.
- 6 So use it well! You are made new—
  In Christ a new creation!
  As faithful Christians, live and do
  Within your own vocation, Until that day when you possess
  His glorious robe of righteousness. Bestowed on you forever!

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### **Invocation/Confession & Absolution**

- Arr In the name of the Father and of the Arr Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Late Service: Baptism of Laken Reynolds and her daughter Jolene King

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. 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.
- Amen.

#### Service of the Word

#### Introit

Psalm 39:4-5a, 7-8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV

- P We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.
- **©** O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am!
- P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
- **1** And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you.
- P Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

- **G** Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears!
- 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.
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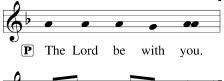


men.

#### This Is the Feast LSB 155



#### Salutation and Collect of the Day





#### P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

#### **Old Testament Reading**

Isaiah 51:4-6

<sup>4</sup>"Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. <sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. <sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

P This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

#### **Epistle** *Jude 20–25*

<sup>20</sup>But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; <sup>21</sup>keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. <sup>22</sup>And have mercy on those who doubt; <sup>23</sup>save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh. <sup>24</sup>Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup>to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

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#### Holy Gospel Mark 13:24–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.



<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup> and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from <sup>28</sup>"From the fig tree learn its the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32"But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. 35Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



# Early Service: Nicene Creed (see back cover of the hymnal)

Sit

#### Hymn of the Day: 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne; Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns

All music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn:

Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem,

The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.

No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight,

But downward bend their wond'ring eyes At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife

For those He came to save.

His glories now we sing,

Who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring

And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above, Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n

The wondrous name of Love.

Crown Him with many crowns

As thrones before Him fall;

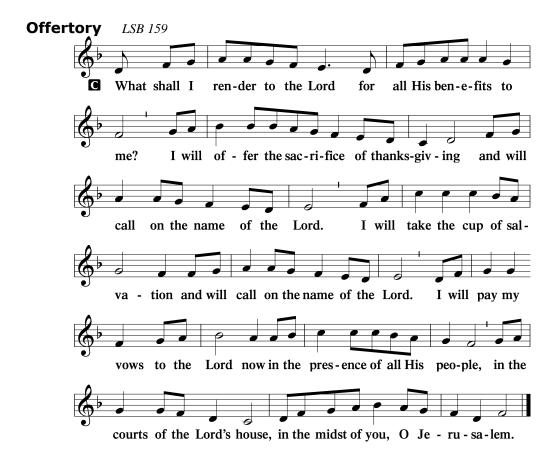
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,

For He is king of all.
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#### **Sermon**

#### The Gathering of our Tithes and Offerings

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# **Prayer of the Church**

#### 8:00 AM service concludes at bottom of the page

**The Lord's Prayer** (see back cover of the hymnal)

#### **Collect for Grace**

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### **Benediction**

#### LSB 166



**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 + give you peace.



Sit

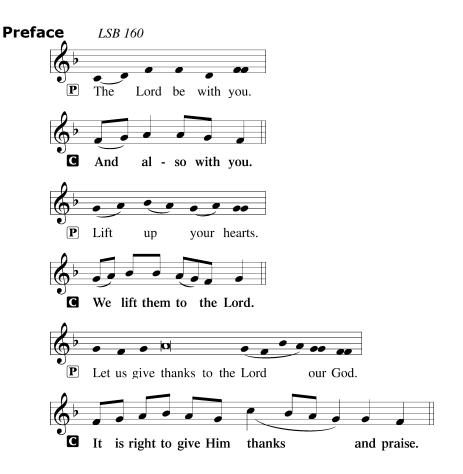
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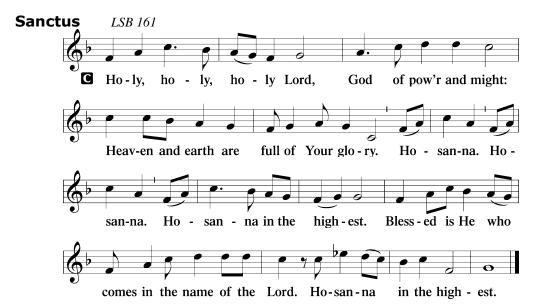
**Silent Prayer** 

Postlude

# Service of the Sacrament for the 10:30 AM Service begins here



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, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



### Prayer of Thanksgiving LSB 161

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

#### The Words of Our Lord

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **G** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

#### Lord's Prayer (see back cover of the hymnal)



Sit

#### **Distribution of the Elements**

#### **Distribution Hymn: 506 Glory Be to God the Father**

- 1 Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son, Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One! Glory, glory, While eternal ages run!
- 2 Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain; Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign! Glory, glory. To the Lamb that once was slain!
- Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church's King, Glory to the King of nations; Heav'n and earth, your praises bring! Glory, glory. To the King of glory sing!
- 4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings; Honor, riches, pow'r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings. Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

#### Distribution Hymn: 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

- Jerusalem, my happy home, When shall I come to thee? When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
- O happy harbor of the saints, O sweet and pleasant soil! In thee no sorrow may be found,

  No grief, no care, no toil.
- 3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks, Continually are green; There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs As nowhere else are seen.
- 4 There trees forevermore bear fruit, And evermore do spring; There evermore the angels dwell And evermore do sing.
- 5 Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there, Around my Savior stand; And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.
- O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare, For that bright home of love That I may see Thee and adore With all Thy saints above.

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#### Stand





**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



#### **Post-Communion Collect**

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same 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 God, now and forever.



# **Benediction**

LSB 166



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# Closing Hymn: 815 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

- All praise to Thee, for Thou, O King divine, Didst yield the glory that of right was Thine, That in our darkened hearts Thy grace might shine. Alleluia!
- 2 Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought; By Thee the outcast and the poor were sought; And by Thy death was God's salvation wrought. Alleluia!
- 3 Let this mind be in us which was in Thee, Who wast a servant that we might be free, Humbling Thyself to death on Calvary. Alleluia!
- 4 Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, Thou Art high exalted o'er all creatures now, And giv'n the name to which all knees shall bow. Alleluia!
- 5 Let ev'ry tongue confess with one accord, In heav'n and earth, that Jesus Christ is Lord, And God the Father be by all adored. Alleluia!

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#### Silent Prayer Postlude

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