November 13, 2022 10:30 a.m.



We must always give thanks to God for you ... because your



is growing abundantly.

2 THESSALONIANS 1:3. NRSV





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### **PRELUDE**

Stand

## **INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**Based on Psalm 51: Isaiah 1:16–18

Pastor: We begin our time of confession with a moment of silence for personal

prayers.

Silence for self-examination and personal prayers of confession.

Pastor: Enter into my heart, O Lord, **People: and cleanse me of my sin.** 

Pastor: By what I have thought,
People: by what I have said,
Pastor: by what I have done,

People: I deserve to be cast from Your presence.

Pastor: Yet in Your mercy, Your Spirit remains with me, O Lord.

People: Redeem me!
Pastor: Restore me!
People: Renew me!

Pastor: Though my sins are as scarlet,

People: You have made them white as snow.

Pastor: You, O Lord, have sought me.

People: Salvation has come, and it is mine to receive.

Pastor: We gather in our heavenly Father's house that we may receive the

cleansing grace of Jesus and the renewal of His Holy Spirit. In the Lord Jesus Christ—crucified, risen, and coming again—there is life and salvation for all who believe! In His stead and by His command, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \$\mathbb{X}\$ Son and of the

Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

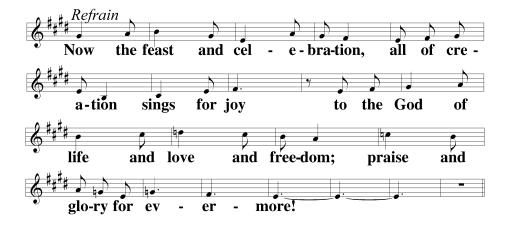
#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

# OPENING HYMN "The Saints in Christ are One in Every Place"





Continue the following without interruption. All sing the Refrain.



- Choir or soloist: Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has
  freed and united us to be one great people of God. (brief interlude, then all
  sing the Refrain above)
- 2. Choir or soloist: Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. (brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)
- 3. Choir or soloist: For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. (brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)

### SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.
- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, because of your tender love toward us sinners you have given us your Son that, believing in him, we might have everlasting life. Continue to grant us your Holy Spirit that we may remain steadfast in this faith to the end and finally come to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# C Amen.

Sit

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.

## **SCRIPTURE LESSON** 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

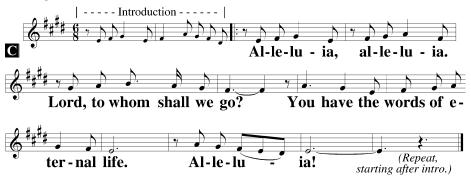
To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

This is evidence of the righteous judgement of God, and is intended to make you worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering. For it is indeed just of God to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to give relief to the afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. These will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, separated from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes to be glorified by his saints and to be marveled at on that day among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

R This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

### ALLELUIA



### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

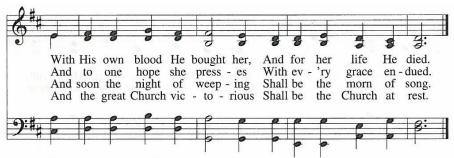
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### **MESSAGE**

Stand

## **HYMN** "The Church's One Foundation"





Yet she on earth has union
 With God, the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won.
 O blessèd heav'nly chorus!
 Lord, save us by Your grace
 That we, like saints before us,

May see You face to face.

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Eph. 2:20; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 10:16-17; Rev. 7:14b-17

## **PRAYERS**

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with "Lord, in your mercy," to which the congregation responds, "hear our prayer." The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SERVICE OF THE TABLE**

**THE OFFERING** You may contribute online by texting the amount to 517-879-0989 and following the prompts. Gifts may also be placed in the offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.

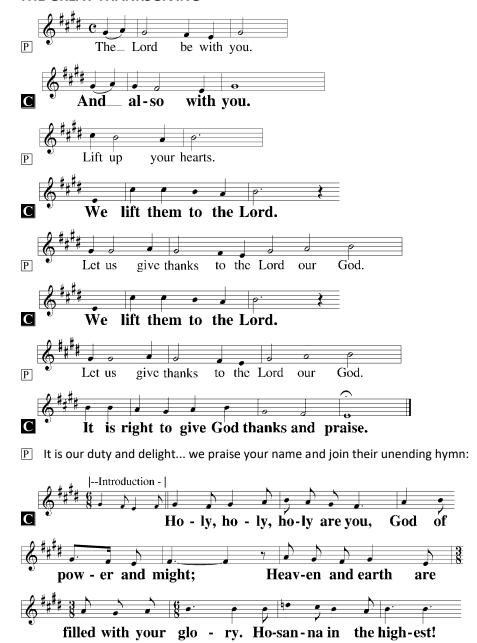
## **OFFERTORY SONG** Stand



P Let us pray. Merciful Father,

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name.



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

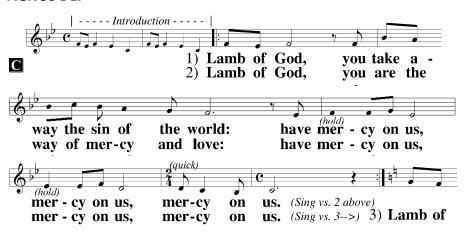
P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

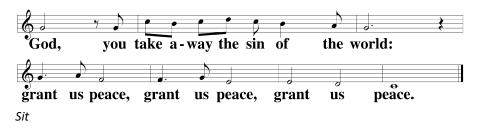
### LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

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

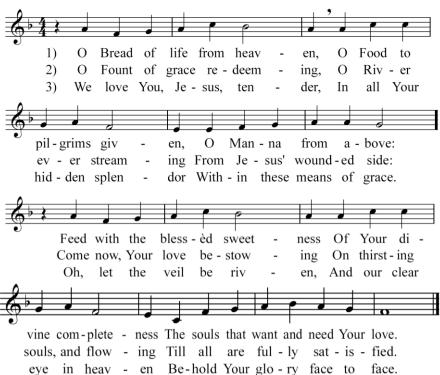
### AGNUS DEI





**THE DISTRIBUTION** Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive communion from pre-packaged elements or the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Gluten-free options are available.

## HYMN "O Bread of Life from Heaven"



from Maintzich Gesangbuch

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adpt. Heinrich Isaac, 1505

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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C Amen.

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## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER



## **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 give you peace.

  Amen.
- P Go in peace; serve the Lord. C Thanks be to God.



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### **POSTLUDE**

# ---- The liturgy is ended; let the service begin -----

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#### Our Confession about Communion

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- 1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.
- 2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."
- 3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

- a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;
- b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.