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Prelude

“With a Voice of Praise”

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Hymn

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

LSB 821

Please Stand for Last Verse

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C *Amen.*

Confession and Absolution

P 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.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C *who made heaven and earth.*

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

C *and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.*

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

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C *Amen.*

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 84:1-2, 9, 11; antiphon: Ps. 84:4

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed!

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 uprightly.

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever sing- ing your praise!

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, world
without end. Amen.*

Kyrie

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

C *Glory be to God on High,
and on earth peace, goodwill 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, heav'nly 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.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C *And with thy spirit.*

P Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious Transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King of His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *Amen.*

This Old Testament Reading tells of the death of Moses, the first and greatest of the prophets of the Lord. The text says the Lord buried Moses. Many interpreters think this is a way of saying that the Lord took Moses directly into heaven, as he later did Elijah.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

¹Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan, ²all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea, ³the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar. ⁴And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.” ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD, ⁶and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day. ⁷Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated. ⁸And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.

⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses. ¹⁰And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land, ¹²and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Ps. 117:1-2a; 96:8

P Praise the Lord, all nations!

C Extol Him, all peoples!

P For great is His steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

P Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name;

C bring an offering, and come into His courts!

Today's Epistle is majestic words in the Letter to the Hebrews. The writer compares Moses and Jesus. Moses was faithful in all the house of Israel as the Lord's servant. Jesus is worthy of greater glory because he was faithful over God's house as a son. We, too, are part of the spiritual house that Jesus has built to God's glory.

Epistle

Hebrews 3:1-6

¹Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ²who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Through his Transfiguration Jesus gave the inner circle of his disciples a faith-strengthening glimpse of his glory as the Son of God. Moses and Elijah appeared from heaven to talk with him. Only Luke tells us that they talked about what lay ahead for Jesus. The glory of God's Son centers in his readiness to die in atonement for the sin of the world.

Stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

C *Glory be to Thee, O Lord.*

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings [Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray.

²⁹And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

³²Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C *Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

Apostles' Creed

C 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 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 to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sit

Hymn

“’Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here”

LSB 414

Sermon

Stand

C *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.

Sit

Announcements & Record of Fellowship Is Shared

Offering

Organ Offertory “O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair”

Stand

Response “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” *LSB 805*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

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Prayer of the Church

P We are Your house, O Lord, and the people of Your promise;

C Help us to hold fast our confidence in Your saving glory.

Lord's Prayer

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- P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
C **Our Father who art in heaven...**

Salutation and Benedicamus

- P** The Lord be with you.
C *And with thy spirit.*
P Bless we the Lord.
C *Thanks be to God.*

Benediction

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- 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.
C *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Hymn

“Go, My Children With My Blessing”

LSB 922

Postlude

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Organist: Dr. Herman D. Taylor

Elder: Morris Miller

Assisting: Doug ZuHone

Ushers: 8:00 am Lowell Miller, Laverne Schall

9:15 am Alan Zauner

10:30 am Chip Eads, Randy Peadro, Roger Tice, Verna Tice

Acolytes: 8:00 am Gabriel Stoll & Wyatt Schaljo

9:15 am Jordan Pearce & Emily Love

10:30 am Jenny Reid & Chris Havlik

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