

## Confession and Absolution November 7-8, 2020

### 508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near When Je - sus, God's a - noint - ed,  
2 The fi - nal trum - pet then shall sound And all the earth be shak - en,  
3 The books are o - pened then to all, A rec - ord tru - ly tell - ing  
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but car - nal plea - sures,



In all His pow - er shall ap - pear As judge whom God ap -  
And all who rest be - neath the ground Shall from their sleep a -  
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was  
Who here de - spised His pre - cious Word And loved their earth - ly



point - ed. Then fright shall ban - ish i - dle mirth, And flames on  
wak - en. But all who live will in that hour, By God's al -  
dwell - ing, And ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, And all be  
treas - ures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand And at the



flames shall rav - age earth As Scrip - ture long has warned us.  
might - y, bound - less pow'r, Be changed at His com - mand - ing.  
known as they have been In thoughts and words and ac - tions.  
judg - e's stern com - mand To Sa - tan be de - liv - ered.

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**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **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.

**C** **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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

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

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

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

**P:** How lovely is your dwelling place,

**C: O LORD of hosts!**

P: Behold our shield, O God;

**C: look on the face of your anointed!**

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

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

P: For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

**C: No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

P: O LORD of hosts,

**C: blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

**All: 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.**

P: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself

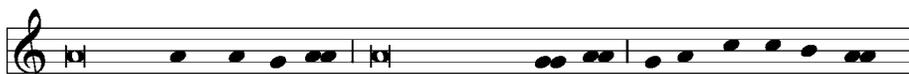
**Kyrie** *LSB 168*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



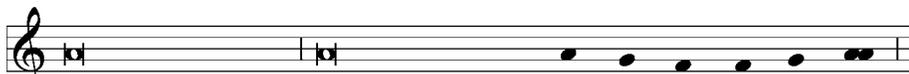
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

**C** A - men.

**Hymn of Praise 941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God**

1 We praise You and ac - knowl - edge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;  
 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,  
 4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,

The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.  
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death - less voic - es raise.  
 Yet You, with bound - less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:  
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.

To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,  
 The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,  
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,  
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,

The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:  
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:  
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;  
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;

"O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 "O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,  
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—  
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,

Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"  
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"  
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.  
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

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.



### Old Testament Reading *Amos 5:18–24*

<sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>"I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

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

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

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle *1 Thessalonians 4:13–18*

<sup>13</sup>But 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. <sup>14</sup>For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. <sup>15</sup>For 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. <sup>16</sup>For 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. <sup>17</sup>Then 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.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



### Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:1–13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

<sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy

and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And 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. <sup>11</sup>Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' <sup>12</sup>But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

### 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying



1 "Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing," The watch - men on the  
 2 Zi - on hears the watch - men sing - ing, And all her heart with  
 3 Now let all the heav'ns a - dore Thee, Let saints and an - gels



heights are cry - ing; "A - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, a - rise!"  
 joy is spring - ing; She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
 sing be - fore Thee With harp and cym - bals' clear - est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es And at the thrill - ing  
 For her Lord comes down all - glo - rious, The strong in grace, in  
 Of one pearl each shin - ing por - tal, Where, join - ing with the



cry re - joic - es: "Oh, where are ye, ye vir - gins wise?  
 truth vic - to - rious; Her star is ris'n, her light is come.  
 choir im - mor - tal, We gath - er round Thy ra - diant throne.



The Bride - groom comes, a - wake! Your lamps with glad - ness take!  
 Now come, Thou Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son,  
 No eye has seen the light, No ear has heard the might



Al - le - lu - ia! With brid - al care Your - selves pre - pare  
 Hail! Ho - san - na! We en - ter all The wed - ding hall  
 Of Thy glo - ry; There - fore will we E - ter - nal - ly



To meet the Bride - groom, who is near."  
 To eat the Sup - per at Thy call.  
 Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

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### Sermon

#### 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 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.

### Prayer of the Church

#### Offertory *LSB 176*



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of-fer the sac-ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo - ple, in the

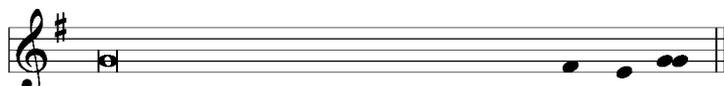


courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru - sa - lem.

#### Lord's Prayer *LSB 179*

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.

#### Benediction *LSB 183*



**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** A - - - men.

**508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near** *LSB 508 sts. 5–7*

- 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know  
My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!
- 6 May Christ our intercessor be  
And through His blood and merit  
Read from His book that we are free  
With all who life inherit.  
Then we shall see Him face to face,  
With all His saints in that blest place  
Which He has purchased for us.
- 7 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way  
In fear and tribulation.  
O hear and grant our fervent plea:  
Come, mighty judge, and set us free  
From death and ev'ry evil. Public domain