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Lutheran Church WELS

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Let Us Honor the LORD

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Opening Hymn 355 Take the World, but Give Me Jesus

1 Take the world, but give me Jesus!
All its joys are but a name.
But his love abides forever,
Through eternal years the same.

Refrain:

Oh, the height and depth of mercy;
Oh, the length and breadth of love!
Oh, the fullness of redemption,
Pledge of endless life above!

2 Take the world, but give me Jesus,
Sweetest comfort of my soul.
With the Savior watching o'er me,
I can sing, though thunders roll.

Refrain

3 Take the world, but give me Jesus!
In his cross my trust shall be
Till with clearer, brighter vision
Face to face my Lord I see.

Refrain

Invocation

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

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me a sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the forgiveness of sins earned by the holiness of your Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to trust him, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation, that through his death we may receive eternal life. We pray in the name of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (spoken) **Amen.**

First Lesson Isaiah 43: 16-21

This is what the Lord says—

he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,
who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls,
because I provide water in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland,

to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself
that they may proclaim my praise.

Hymn 368 O Savior, Precious Savior

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom, yet unseen, we love,
O name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise thee and confess thee, Our holy Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love!
Then shall we praise and bless thee Where perfect praises ring
And evermore confess thee, Our Savior and our King.

Second Lesson Philippians 3: 10-14

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. 13 Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Hymn 290 One Thing's Needful

One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure Teach me highly to regard.
All else, though it first give pleasure, Is a yoke that presses hard.
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
This one thing is needful; all others are vain-
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.

Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure, Jesus, can be found in you.
Let me find in you my pleasure; Make my will and actions true,
Humility there and simplicity reigning,
In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.
If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,
The blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.

Gospel Lesson Luke 20: 9-19

He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. 10 At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. 11 He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. 12 He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out.

13 "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'

14 "But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' 15 So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? 16 He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others."

When the people heard this, they said, "God forbid!"

17 Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written:

“The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone’?”

18 Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

19 The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

Hymn

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We All Believe in One True God

1 We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need, Praised by all the heav’nly host,
By whose mighty pow’r alone All is made and wrought and done.

2 We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary’s Son,
Who descended from his throne And for us salvation won,
By whose cross and death are we Rescued from all misery.

3 We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who from both fore’er proceeds,
Who upholds and comforts us In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessed, holy Trinity, Hear our praise eternally!

Sermon Theme:

Pastor Jon Cox

Who Are God’s Tenants Today?

Chosen Ones
Forgiven Ones
Faithful Ones

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.

The Blessing

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. .

C: (spoken) **Amen!**

Closing Hymn

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Lift High the Cross

Refrain: Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. Refrain