

and rivers in the desert.

²⁰The wild beasts will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.

A This is the word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle *Straining Toward the Goal*

Philippians 3:8-14

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse of the Day

Psalms 118:22

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

Holy Gospel *The Parable of the Wicked Tenants*

Luke 20:9-20

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twentieth chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁹And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!”

¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone?’

¹⁸“Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Creed **“We All Believe in One True God”**

LSB 953

We all believe in one true God,
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Ever-present help in need,
 Praised by all the heav’nly host;
All He made His love enfolds,
All creation He upholds.

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.

We all confess the Holy Ghost,
 Who from both in truth proceeds,
Who sustains and comforts us
 In all trials, fears, and needs.
Blessèd, holy Trinity,
Praise forever be to Thee!

Sermon **“It’s All About the Pickles in the Tuna Salad!”**

Luke 20:9-20

Hymn of the Day **“My Song is Love Unknown”**

LSB 430

st. 3 men, st. 4 women and children

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Words of Institution

Sanctus **“Isaiah, Mighty Seer”**

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Isaiah, mighty seer in days of old,
The Lord of all in spirit did behold
High on a lofty throne, in splendor bright,
With robes that filled the temple courts with light.
Above the throne were flaming seraphim;
Six wings had they, these messengers of Him.
With two they veiled their faces as was right,
With two they humbly hid their feet from sight,
And with the other two aloft they soared;
One to the other called and praised the Lord:

“Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
Holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth!
His glory fills the heavens and the earth!”

The beams and lintels trembled at the cry,
And clouds of smoke enwrapped the throne on high.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei “Lamb of God, Pure and Holy”

LSB 434, st. 1

Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.
All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o’er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

Distribution Hymns

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

LSB 909

“God Loved the World So That He Gave”

LSB 571

Post-Communion Hymn “O Lord, We Praise Thee”

LSB 617, st. 1

O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee,
In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish:
O Lord, have mercy!
May Thy body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need:
O Lord, have mercy!

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Benedicamus and Benediction

Closing Hymn “Christ is Our Cornerstone”

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Postlude