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The Service

In Our Worship Today ... we welcome Seminarian Nathan West. Nathan is a Senior at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and will be sharing God's Word with us in Worship and Bible Study A Look at the Lord's Prayer. We thank Nathan and our Lord for his service today and pray that God continues to bless his preparation for congregation ministry.

912 Open, Lovely Doors

CW 912

- 1 Open, lovely doors, and let me
 come into God's house today!
This is where great joys beset me
 more than I can sing or say.
Here I view God's glorious face,
see his light, receive his grace.

- 2 With a song I've come to greet you;
 come to me, dear Lord, I pray.
Where you let your people meet you
 heaven's light is bright as day.
Let my heart your heaven be;
Savior, make your home in me.

- 3 You deserve my deepest rev'rence;
 sanctify me through and through.
Let my worship in your presence
 clearly show my love for you.
Lord of mercy, hear my cry:
lift my heart to you on high!

Opening Sentences

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall declare your praise.

Hasten to save me, O God.

O Lord, come quickly to help me.

Give glory to God, our light and our life.

Come, O come, let us worship.

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

Amen.

Come, O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

Ref Come, O come, let us sing to the Lord,
let us shout with joy to our saving Rock;
come, enter in with our songs of praise,
come, enter in with thanksgiving.

- 1 You are a great and a wondrous God,
cupping in your hands all the depths of earth.
You made the hills and the mountains high,
you made the seas and the dry land. (Refrain)
- 2 Come, let us worship and, bowing low,
kneel before the One who has made us all.
You are the God whom we call our own,
we are the flock that you shepherd. (Refrain)

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

84A How Lovely

Psalm 84A

Refrain

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD.

How lovely is your / dwelling place,

LORD Al- / mighty!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts / of the LORD;

my heart and my flesh cry out for the / living God.

Blessed are those who dwell / in your house;

they are ever / praising you. *Refrain*

Better is one day / in your courts

than a thousand / elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house / of my God

than dwell in the tents of the / wicked.

LORD Al- / mighty,

blessed is the one who / trusts in you.

Glory be to the Father and/ to the Son

and to the Holy/ Spirit,

as it was in the be-/ ginning,

is now, and will be forever./ Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 25:6

Alleluia!

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

¹Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come.

⁴“Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵“But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’ ¹⁰So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³“Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴“For many are invited, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there 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.**

829 Take Heart

CW 829

**1 Take heart, O servants of the Lord,
amid the cloudy journey;
though shadows seem to shade his Word,
they cannot hide his mercy.
When providence is manifest
in tempests of affliction,
behind the storm is Jesus Christ,
the sun of our salvation.**

2 Serve not the dark desires within,
 nor wicked foes, nor tempters;
their subtle lies would lure us in,
 but Christ our King will conquer.
We firmly stand in Jesus' might
 against enticing evil:

he dresses us in radiant light—
 the armor of his gospel.

3 We walk by faith and not by sight
 while living in this darkness,
but grief will change into delight
 when Christ returns in brightness.
Let us take heart until we see
 the risen Lamb of suffering;
then we before his throne will be
 like him, forever shining!

Sermon

Matthew 22:1-14

573 Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

CW 573

1 Jesus, your blood and righteousness
 my beauty are, my glorious dress;
mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
 with joy shall I lift up my head.

2 Bold shall I stand in that great day;
 who can a word against me say?
Fully absolved through these I am
 from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.

- 3 Lord, I believe your precious blood,
which at the very throne of God
pleads for the captives' liberty,
was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
than sands upon the ocean shore,
you have for all a ransom paid,
for all a full atonement made.
- 5 When from the dust of death I rise
to claim my mansion in the skies,
this then shall be my only plea:
Jesus has lived and died for me.
- 6 Jesus, be worshiped endlessly!
Your boundless mercy has for me,
for me and all your hands have made,
an everlasting ransom paid.

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Choir Sings

"My Jesus, Fair"

1. My Jesus, fair, was pierced by thorns, By thorns grown from the fall. Thus He who gave the curse was torn To end that curse for all.

Refrain: O love divine, O matchless grace That God should die for men! With joyful grief I lift my praise, Abhorring all my sin, adoring only Him.

2. My Jesus, meek, was scorned by men, By men in blasphemy. "Father, for give their senseless sin!" He prayed, for them, for me.

Refrain

3. My Jesus, kind, was torn by nails, By nails of cruel men. And to His cross, as grace prevailed, God pinned my wretched sin.

Refrain

4. My Jesus, pure, was crushed by God, By God, in judgment just. The Father grieved, yet turned His rod On Christ, made sin for us.

Refrain

5. My Jesus, strong, shall come to reign, To reign in majesty. The Lamb arose, and death is slain. Lord, come in victory!

Refrain

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Proper Preface

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O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

We praise you for every grace and blessing.

Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

Amen.

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.

Prayer for Grace

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger. And in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

The Lord bless and keep you.
Amen.

The Lord's face ever shine upon you.
Amen.

The Lord grant you peace for all your days.
Amen.

- 1 Go, my children, with my blessing,
 never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
 you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing,
 you are my own.

- 2 Go, my children, sins forgiven,
 at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you,
 what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story;
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven,
 at peace and pure.

- 3 Go, my children, fed and nourished,
 closer to me;
grow in love and love by serving,
 joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
here his tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished,
 joyful and free.

4 I the Lord will bless and keep you
and give you peace;
I the Lord will smile upon you
and give you peace;
I the Lord will be your Father,
Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you
and give you peace.

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