A close-up photograph of a field of golden wheat, with the stalks and heads of grain filling the frame. The lighting is warm, highlighting the texture and color of the wheat.

**Live
Righteous
Lives
to Produce
a Harvest of
Righteousness!**

James 3:18

The Order of Worship

*(We will follow the Common Service which is also printed
on page 15 in the front section of the Hymnal)*

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn

“Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”
Christian Worship 582

The Invocation

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

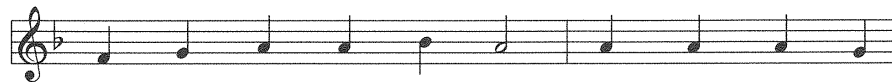


C: A — men!

The Confession of Sins

P: Dearly loved 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.**



C: Lord, have mer—cy on us. Christ, have mer—cy



on us. Lord, have mer — cy on us.

Absolution

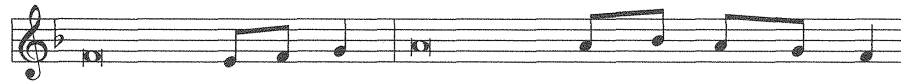
God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

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: A — men!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



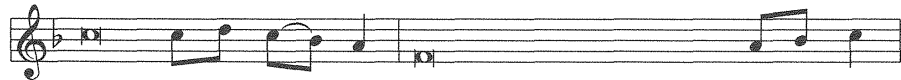
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



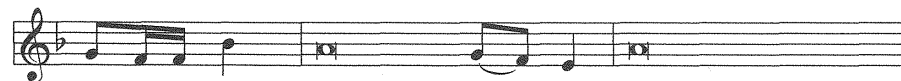
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,



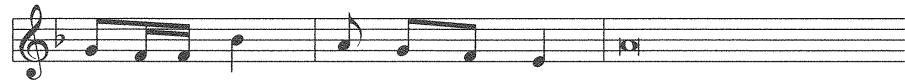
God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



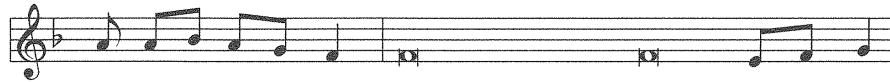
sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of



God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;



you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,



are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al— so with you.

P: O gracious and righteous Lord, we know what you forbid and what you command. Sadly we do the things you forbid and reject the things you command. Because of our disobedience we can never live the righteous life you require. Furthermore, without the substitutionary work of Jesus, we would be doomed to the just punishment we bring upon ourselves. Because of your undeserved love, we are cleansed of our guilt. Our transgression and rebellion is forgiven. We are declared righteous before you, and by you. Keep us in your grace. Strengthen our faith. Never let us lose sight of all that Jesus has done to make us righteous. As the God of all grace, work in us that we may receive all the gifts you have prepared for us in the life to come. Once there, re-

ceive our praise as the one true and Triune God—Father, Son, and Spirit.



C: A — men!

The Lessons from God's Word

"Righteousness is a Gift of Faith for Life!"

Old Testament

Numbers 12:1–15

¹Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cushite woman he had married (for he had married a Cushite woman). ²They said, "Has the LORD really spoken only through Moses? Hasn't he also spoken through us?" The LORD heard this.

³(Now the man Moses was very humble, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

⁴Right then the LORD spoke suddenly to Moses, Aaron, and Miriam, "You three come out to the Tent of Meeting!"

The three of them came out. ⁵The LORD came down in a pillar of cloud and stood at the entrance to the tent. He called Aaron and Miriam, and they both came forward. ⁶He said, "Now listen to my words: If there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, will make myself known to him in a vision. In a dream I will speak with him. ⁷Not so, however, with my servant Moses. He is faithful in my whole household. ⁸With him I speak face-to-face, clearly, and not in riddles. He sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses?" ⁹The LORD's anger burned against them, and he left.

¹⁰The cloud went up from above the tent, and immediately Miriam was leprous, as white as snow. Aaron turned to Miriam and saw that she was leprous.

¹¹Aaron said to Moses, "My lord, please do not hold this sin against us. We have acted foolishly. We have sinned. ¹²Please do not let her be like a stillborn infant that comes out of its mother's womb with its flesh half-eaten away."

¹³Moses cried out to the LORD, “God, please heal her, please!”

¹⁴The LORD said to Moses, “If her father had merely spit in her face, would she not be disgraced for seven days? Have her confined outside of the camp for seven days, and after that she can be brought back in.”

¹⁵Miriam was confined outside of the camp for seven days, and the people did not set out until Miriam was brought back in.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 119 b

Refrain

Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Psalm tone

Teach me, O LORD, to follow | your decrees; *
then I will keep them | to the end.

Teach me, O LORD, to follow | your decrees; *
then I will keep them | to the end.

Give me understanding, and I will | keep your law, *
and obey it with | all my heart.

Direct me in the path of | your commands, *
for there I | find delight.

Refrain

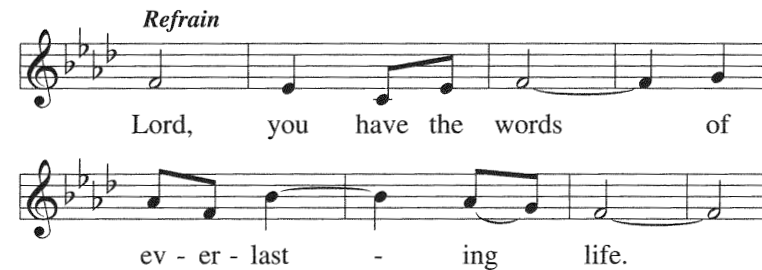
Turn my eyes away from | worthless things; *
preserve my life according | to your Word.

Fulfill your promise to your | servant; *
so that you | may be feared.



How I long for your | precepts! *
 Preserve my life in your | righteousness.

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!



Epistle

James 3:13–18

¹³Who among you is wise and intelligent? Let him by his good way of living show that he does things in wise humility. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not boast and lie, contrary to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but it is worldly, unspiritual, and demonic. ¹⁶In fact, where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and every bad practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from above is first pure, then also peaceful, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial, and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who practice peace.

Verse of the Day

P: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Against such

things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their sinful flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in step with it.



C: Al - le - lu — ia! Al - le - lu — ia! Al - le - lu — ia!

The Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel is recorded in the ninth chapter of Mark, reading from the thirtieth verse.



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

³⁰They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know this, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He told them, “The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill him. But three days after he is killed, he will rise.”

³²But they did not understand the statement and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they remained silent, because on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵Jesus sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he will be the last of all and the servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and placed him in their midst. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me. And whoever welcomes me, welcomes not just me but also him who sent me.”

P: This is the Word of God: our comfort and our confidence as we live by the grace of Jesus Christ, our Savior.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

(we unite in the words of the Nicene Creed)

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures;**

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is

worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

Hymn of the Day

“Son of God, Eternal Savior”
Christian Worship 492

Sermon

James 3:13-18

“Work for a Harvest of Righteousness!”

By showing humility
By living righteously
By practicing good works
By growing in wisdom

Offertory

Psalm 51



C: Cre- ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-
new a right spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-
way from your pres-ence, and take not your Ho-ly Spir - it
from me. Re-store un-to me the joy of your sal-va -
tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it. A-men.

Pray, Praise and Give Thanks

Prayer for the Lord's Blessing

Special Prayers and Exhortations

The Lord's Prayer: *(spoken with the pastor)*

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

Hymn of Preparation "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"
Christian Worship 311 st. 7-8

Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,
Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring —
At your feet I cry, my Maker;
Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven
For our good, your glory, given.

Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you,
Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited;
Be your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me
As your guest in heav'n receive me.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.



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

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: **We lift them up un - to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

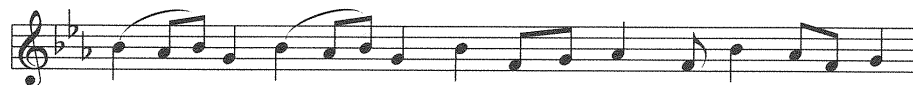


C: **It is good and right so to do.**

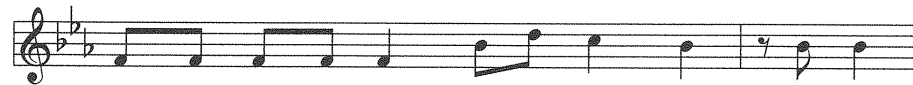
P: It is truly good and right that we should at times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty and Eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Savior, and we especially praise you for the gift of your undeserved love, your incomparable power, and your unyielding faithfulness through which declare us righteous, and keep us righteous. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song.

Holy, Holy, Holy

The Sanctus



C: **Ho — ly, ho — ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav- en- ly hosts;**



heav'n and earth are full of your glo — ry. Ho- san-



na, ho- san — na ho- san- na in the high — est.



Bless- ed is he, bless- ed is he, bless- ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san-



na, ho- san- na, ho- san- na in the high — est.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A — — men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A ————— men.

(The congregation may be seated)

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. *If you have not communed with us before, or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today.* We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.

Thanksgiving

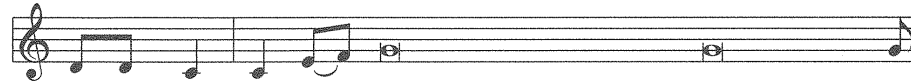
Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittus

(the congregation will rise and sing)



C: Lord, now you let you servant de- part in peace ac- cord- ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-

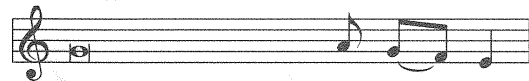


pared be — fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the



Gen-tiles and the glo — ry of your peo- ple Is — ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

Closing Prayer

P: O God our Father, you are the source of all that is good. In your loving kindness you sent Jesus to become the faithful servant of all. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us, but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit to willingly, faithfully, and joyfully live to your glory day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with

you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A ——— men!

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God's Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



C: A—men. A—men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”
Christian Worship 471

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Today—*Welcome in the name of our good and gracious God!*
How blessed we are that he sent Jesus to secure the righteousness we desperately lacked and needed for life in heaven. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to stay after the service to enjoy a cup of coffee along with the gift of fellowship.
- This morning we will continue with our ministry evaluation and planning. The last section is personal reflections and observations.
- We will view the WELS Connection newsletter today.

Monday—Handbell practice at 7:00 pm

Tuesday—Outreach meeting at 7:00 pm. There are two major topics for discussion: future outreach events, and planning for the Los Angeles Circuit Reformation meal. Please see both as an opportunity to serve the Lord.

Friday—Office hours from 10:30—2:30 pm

Saturday—Cleaning: Scheffler

- Mowing starting the week of September 22nd—Everson

Sunday, September 28th—Worship and Live-streaming at 9:30 am. We continue to review the book of James and his emphasis on sanctification—living as people set apart for God’s holy purposes. Through the Lord’s inspired apostle we are reminded that we must first submit ourselves to the Lord.

- Christian Education will follow the service.

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