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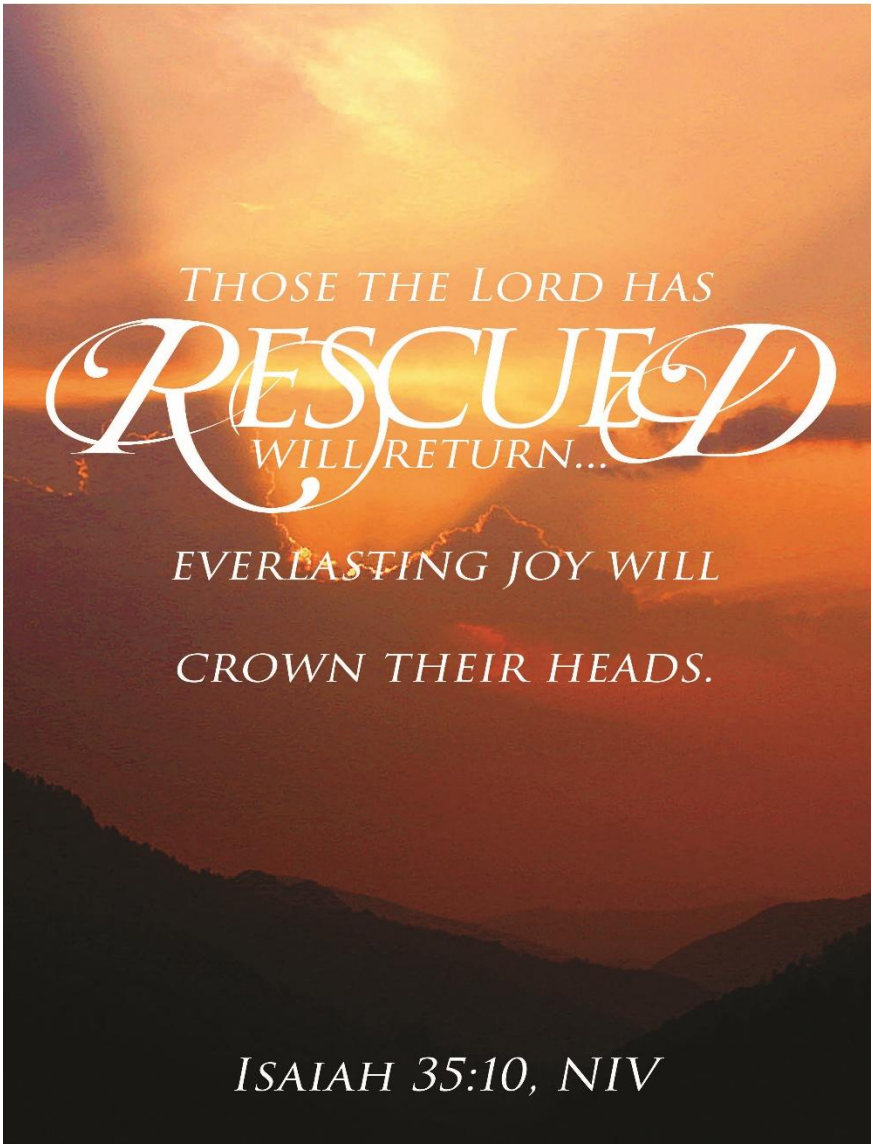



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Pre-Service Meditation:

Isaiah 35:8a,9b 8 A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness…But the redeemed shall walk there,

Prayer: Oh Lord, my precious Savior, hear my prayer! The days of the earth are growing dim and evil and wickedness intensify. O Savior in whose love I abide, forgive me for my sins and cleanse me of my hidden faults! Jesus, keep my body and soul in Your almighty hand. And, when Your timing is right, deliver me from this body of death to bring me to the Highway of Holiness. Join me with all others whom You have purchased with Your blood; who do not bow to Satan or this world, but who look up to You, the Lamb sitting on the throne, our victorious King! Strengthen my hands and keep firm my legs, that I may press faithfully onward to You. In Your saving name, even as You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever one God. Amen.

Opening: **TLH 609 Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying**

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Upon this your confession, by virtue of my office, as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Introit: **Psalm 85 & Jeremiah 29**

P I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the Lord:

C **Thoughts of peace and not of evil.**

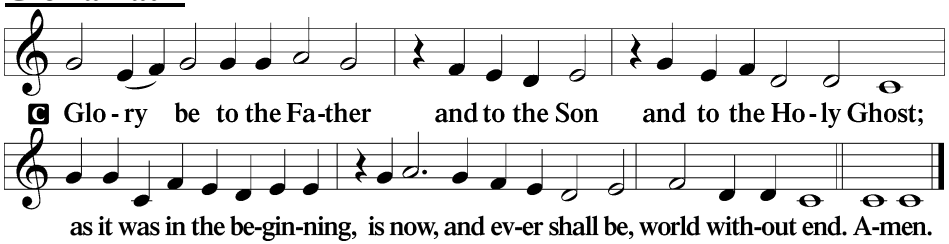
P Then you shall call upon Me and pray unto Me.

C **And I will listen to you:**

P I will turn your captivity and gather you from all nations and from all places.

C **Lord, You have been favorable unto Your land: You have brought back the captivity of Jacob!**

Gloria Patri



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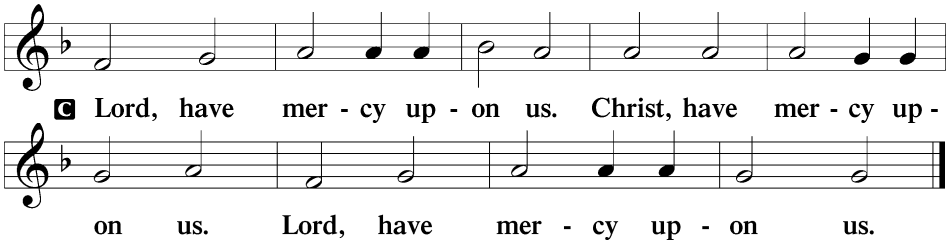

Hymn of Response: TLH 237

All Glory be to God on high, Who hath mankind befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray… O God, let Your Holy Spirit direct and govern our lives so that we may remain aware of the final purpose of all things and also of Your day of judgment. Inspire us to live holy lives and help us to fix our eyes on our eternal home with You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever,

C **Amen.**

Gospel Lesson: Luke 12:35-43 – Be Ready!

[35] "Let your waist be girded and *your* lamps burning; [36] "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return

from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. [37] "Blessed *are* those servants whom the master, when he comes, will find watching. Assuredly, I say to you that he will gird himself and have them sit down *to eat*, and will come and serve them. [38] "And if he should come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find *them* so, blessed are those servants. [39] "But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. [40] "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." [41] Then Peter said to Him, "Lord, do You speak this parable *only* to us, or to all *people*?" [42] And the Lord said, "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom *his* master will make ruler over his household, to give *them their* portion of food in due season? [43] "Blessed *is* that servant whom his master will find so doing when he comes.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 95 – Trust & Security in God

P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!

C **Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

P For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C **In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.**

P Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

C **For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.**

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17 – The Saints in Heaven

[9] After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, [10] and crying out with a loud voice, saying, "Salvation *belongs* to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" [11] All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, [12] saying: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom, Thanksgiving

and honor and power and might, *Be* to our God forever and ever. Amen." [13] Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" [14] And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15] "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them. [16] "They shall neither hunger anymore nor thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any heat; [17] "for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Confession of Faith: Apostles Creed

C 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 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.

Hymn: TLH 656 Behold a Host Arrayed in White

Sermon Isaiah 35:3-10

[3] Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. [4] Say to those *who are* fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *With* the recompense of God; He will come and save you." [5] Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. [6] Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. [7] The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of

jackals, where each lay, *There shall be* grass with reeds and rushes. [8] A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it *shall be* for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. [9] No lion shall be there, Nor shall *any* ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk *there*, [10] And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Recompense of God is Paradise for You

Offertory: Create in Me

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Hymn: TLH 613 Jerusalem the Golden

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

C **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

C: **Amen**

Hymn: WS 799 This is the Feast of Victory

Silent Prayer

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WELCOME To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world. If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

Announcements

Upcoming Events:

- **Thanksgiving Day:** Our Thanksgiving Day Service will be held at Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma at 10 am. You can view the livestream on YouTube or Ascension's Facebook.
- **Christmas VBS:** Christmas VBS will be held Saturday, December 12th from 9am to 12. The website has the information and registration. Please share with people you know who may be interested.
- **Advent Candlelight:** is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 16th at 7pm.

Call News:

- Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane Valley, WA ***is considering the call*** to Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ.
- Pastor Chad Seybt of the quad-parish in Wisconsin, ***has received, considered, and accepted the call*** to Trinity Lutheran in Watertown, SD and Zion Lutheran in Hidewood Township, SD.
- Pastor Stefan Sonnefeld of Redeemer Lutheran in Sister Lakes, MI ***has returned the call*** to St. Luke's Ev. Lutheran in Lemmon, SD.

Upcoming Schedule:

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day Service at Ascension, Tacoma at 10am
Sunday, November 29th Redemption Sunday service at 9
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