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**AS WE GATHER**

How close must we be to achieve unity? For us sinners, separation of even a little bit compromises unity. What we need is a single source to unite us. It is our singular Savior who is the only source of true unity. Our Readings today show us the one church continuing and Matthias elected to sit in Judas's chair. Jesus promises power to His followers and tells them to stay close and do His will. And our Lord even prays that they might be one with Him even as He is one with the Father. Today we need to hear the Word of God to find strength for continuing our being the one Body of Christ.

**✠ PREPARATION ✠**

**HYMN**  " Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia!" *LSB* 463

1 Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
At the paschal victim’s feet. Alleluia!

2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinner’s stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris’n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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**INVOCATION**

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

**C Amen.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P We are one at first because we all sinned. Let us confess our sin and sinfulness to God, our heavenly Father.

**C We confess, Lord our God, that we have sinned in our thoughts, our rashly spoken words, and in acting for our own benefit, and not out of love. We cannot help ourselves, for we have fallen from being Your good creation. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us for Jesus' sake.**

P In His great love our Father sent His only-begotten Son to pay for all sin and to rise victorious. We are one because of that gracious act! As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**✠ WORD ✠**

**PSALM**  *Psalm 133*

P Today's psalm points to our unity as forgiven sinners. Our unity is with those who preceded us in the Old Testament, for we know that all who trust in Christ, the fulfillment of all God's promises, are children of God and brothers and sisters of one another. Let us speak the psalm in unison.

**C Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.**

**KYRIE**

P Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Help us know the love that You have given us.**

P Christ, have mercy on us.

**C Help us show the love that You have given us.**

P Lord, have mercy on us.

**C Help us tell the love that You have given us.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *LSB 155*

C **This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.  
O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation

**C but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father;**

P for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Matthias is chosen to fill Judas's place *Acts 1:12–26*

**Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas**

12Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

15In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 18(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"‘May his camp become desolate,  
 and let there be no one to dwell in it’;

and

“‘Let another take his office.’

21So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” 23And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. 24And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen 25to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” 26And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**GRADUAL** *adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

P Christ has risen from the dead.

**C God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**

P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

**C He has put all things under His feet.**

**EPISTLE**  John sees a vision of heaven’s perfection and glory.

*Revelation 22:1–6, 12–20*

**The River of Life**

1Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2through the middle of the street of the city; also, on either side of the river, the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit each month. The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. 3No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. 4They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5And night will be no more. They will need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

**Jesus Is Coming**

6And he said to me, “These words are trustworthy and true. And the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, has sent his angel to show his servants what must soon take place.” . . .

12“Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay everyone for what he has done. 13I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

14Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. 15Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

16“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

17The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

18I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, 19and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

20He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**VERSE** *Romans 6:9; John 14:18*

P Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.

**C Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** Jesus prays for us, “that they may all be one.”  *John 17:20–26*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

20[Jesus said:] “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, 23I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. 24Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. 25O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. 26I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**  “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling” LSB 826

1 Hark, the voice of Jesus crying,  
    “Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting—  
    Who will bear the sheaves away?”  
Loud and long the Master calleth;  
    Rich reward He offers thee.  
Who will answer, gladly saying,  
    “Here am I, send me, send me”?

2 If you cannot speak like angels,  
    If you cannot preach like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
    You can say He died for all.  
If you cannot rouse the wicked  
    With the judgment’s dread alarms,  
You can lead the little children  
    To the Savior’s waiting arms.

3 If you cannot be a watchman,  
    Standing high on Zion’s wall,  
Pointing out the path to heaven,  
    Off’ring life and peace to all,  
With your prayers and with your bounties  
    You can do what God commands;  
You can be like faithful Aaron,  
    Holding up the prophet’s hands.

4 Let none hear you idly saying,  
    “There is nothing I can do,”  
While the multitudes are dying  
    And the Master calls for you.  
Take the task He gives you gladly,  
    Let His work your pleasure be;  
Answer quickly when He calleth,  
    “Here am I, send me, send me!”

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**SERMON “Mission Possible” *John 17: 20-26***

**CREED** *Nicene Creed*

**C I believe in one God,  
 the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth  
 and of all things visible and invisible.  
  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the only-begotten Son of God,  
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
 God of God, Light of Light,  
 very God of very God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 being of one substance with the Father,  
 by whom all things were made;  
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
 and was made man;  
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
 He suffered and was buried.  
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
 and ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Let us pray for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various conditions.  
  
For our brothers and sisters in the one church here and wherever the Gospel is proclaimed, that the Holy Spirit would guide and govern those who call Jesus Lord and that they be led into the way of truth, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Grant that they keep the faith in the unity of spirit in the bond of peace. Grant that they please You in all they do.**

P For those who sit in places of authority in this world, that God bless them and protect them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Grant that they respond to His grace by following His will and His commandments.**

P For those who travel, that they reach their destinations safely, serving Christ wherever they go, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Grant them wisdom and protection wherever they may be.**

P For all who raise crops and tend herds, all who distribute the world’s bounty, and all who manage the resources of God’s good creation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Open their eyes to see their efforts as serving God by ministering to the needs of people here and around the world.**

P For all who call out to God for healing and comfort, [*especially* . . .], that He visit and relieve them in His gracious plans for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**C Open doors of opportunity that we may aid their recovery and peace.**

P Into Your hands we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, heavenly Father, for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *LSB 159*

C **What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?**

**I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.**

**I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,**

**in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

**✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who after His resurrection appeared openly to all His disciples and in their sight was taken up into heaven that He might make us partakers of His divine life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** *LSB 161*

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow’r and might:**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P Thanks and praise to You, O Lord our God, King of all creation. We give thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son. Grant that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

**C Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28;*

*Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”  
  
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST** *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD’S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**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.**

**PAX DOMINI**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C Amen.**

AGNUS DEI *LSB 163*

C **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

**Hymn: 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won**

1 Jesus lives! The vict’ry’s won!  
    Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death’s reign is done!  
    From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
    High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
    Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died,  
    Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
    Praise to Him and glory giving.  
All I need God will dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well  
    Nothing me from Him shall sever.  
Neither death nor pow’rs of hell  
    Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be my sure defense;  
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death  
    But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
    When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:  
Jesus is my confidence!

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**Hymn: 618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table**

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,  
    For weak and weary is my soul;  
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able  
    To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
    That sinners may salvation see  
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;  
    So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,  
    Because I have a sinful heart,  
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,  
    For Thou my faithful shepherd art: Refrain

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;  
    With sin my soul is sore oppressed;  
Receive me graciously and gladden  
    My heart, for I am now Thy guest. Refrain

5 What higher gift can we inherit?  
    It is faith’s bond and solid base;  
It is the strength of heart and spirit,  
    The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain

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**POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** *LSB 164*

C **Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev’ryone what He has done.**

**Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.**

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy**

**with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

P Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift,

**C and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

P Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, heavenly Father, that You have again reminded us of Your Son’s singular sacrifice for all sinners.

**C We pray that, so united, we may seek out ways to serve You and the people around us, empowered by Your great love;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN** “The Church’s One Foundation” *sts. 1–5 LSB* 644

1 The Church’s one foundation  
    Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
    By water and the Word.  
From heav’n He came and sought her  
    To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
    And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev’ry nation,  
    Yet one o’er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation:  
    One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses,  
    Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses  
    With ev’ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder  
    The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
    By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
    Their cry goes up, “How long?”  
And soon the night of weeping  
    Shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation  
    And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation  
    Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious  
    Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious  
    Shall be the Church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union  
    With God, the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
    With those whose rest is won.  
O blessèd heav’nly chorus!  
    Lord, save us by Your grace  
That we, like saints before us,  
    May see You face to face.

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**DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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Sermon Notes:

Theme: "Mission Possible!" John 17:20-26.

The Content of Our Personal Mission To Others:

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