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"Why Pray When You Can Worry"

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Divine Service 4



# PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS PROCESSIONAL

### AS WE GATHER

Sometimes one simple word can have two meanings that are complete opposites. The word anxious is one of them. In English, it comes from the old Latin verb "angere," which means to "take hold of" or "to give pain." When Jesus says, "Do not be anxious," He is inviting us to let go of that which

causes us pain and to trust in God's complete and loving care. And yet the flip side of "angere" describes a positive sense of eagerness. In the Advent hymn "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" (LSB 350), we pray to our Savior: "Come, Thy beauty let us see; anxiously we wait for Thee" (st. 1). May our faithful worship reflect that hopeful kind of anxiety as we celebrate the presence of the Lord among us.

### **Confession and Absolution**

# **HYMN OF INVOCATION: 811 Oh,** That I Had A Thousand Voices

Oh, that I had a thousand voices 1 To praise my God with thousand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,

Would then proclaim in grateful songs

To all, wherever I might be, What great things God has done for me.

2 O all you pow'rs that He implanted, Arise, keep silence now no more:

Put forth the strength that God has granted!

Your noblest work is to adore.

3 You forest leaves so green and tender

That dance for joy in summer air,

You meadow grasses, bright and slender,

You flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,

You live to show God's praise alone.

Join me to make His glory known.

4 All creatures that have breath and motion,

That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,

Come, share with me my heart's devotion,

Help me to sing God's praises high.

My utmost pow'rs can never quite Declare the wonders of His might.

5 Creator, humbly I implore You To listen to my earthly song Until that day when I adore You, Together with the angel throng And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing

Eternal anthems to my King.

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

### **INVOCATION**

- ightharpoonup In the name of the Father and of the ightharpoonup Spirit.
- C Amen.

### EXHORTATION 1

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- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ,

#### Kneel/Stand

### CONFESSION OF SINS LSB 203

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

### PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Stand

### Service of the Word

### INTROIT

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

- P He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.
- His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

KYRIE LSB 204

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS LSB 204

1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth; Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth! We praise and bless You, Father;

Your holy name, we sing— Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.

- 2 To You, O sole-begotten,
  The Father's Son, we pray;
  O Lamb of God, our Savior,
  You take our sins away.
  Have mercy on us, Jesus;
  Receive our heartfelt cry,
  Where You in pow'r are seated
  At God's right hand on high—
- 3 For You alone are holy;
  You only are the Lord.
  Forever and forever,
  Be worshiped and adored;
  You with the Holy Spirit
  Alone are Lord Most High,
  In God the Father's glory.
  "Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

# SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- PLet us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is by Your grace that we live as Your people who offer acceptable service. Grant that we may walk by faith, and not by sight, in the

way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### C Amen.

Sit

# **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Genesis 15:1-6

### God's Covenant with Abram

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." 2But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." 4And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." 5And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." 6And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

# C Thanks be to God.

### HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;

For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;

Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.

Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast

'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Saviour loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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### **EPISTLE**

### Hebrews 11:1–16

# By Faith

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

<sup>4</sup>By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though

he died, he still speaks. 5By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. 6And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. 7By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

8By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. 10For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. 11By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.

Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

13These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup>For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15lf they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

# ALLELUIA AND VERSELSB 205

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### **HOLY GOSPEL** Luke 12:22–34

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

# Glory to You, O Lord.

#### Do Not Be Anxious

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? <sup>27</sup>Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! 29 And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. 30 For

all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

<sup>32</sup>"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

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

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Don't Worry About a Thing.

Luke 12:22-34

# HYMN OF THE DAY: 727 On Eagles' Wings

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
  Who abide in His shadow for life,
  Say to the Lord: "My refuge,
  My rock in whom I trust!" Refrain
- ref And He will raise you up on eagles' wings,
  Bear you on the breath of dawn,
  Make you to shine like the sun,
  And hold you in the palm of His hand.

- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear; Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. Refrain
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day; Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. Refrain
- 4 For to His angels He's given a command
  To guard you in all of your ways;
  Upon their hands they will bear you up,
  Lest you dash your foot against a stone. Refrain

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# SERMON: "WHY PRAY WHEN YOU CAN WORRY"

Luke 12:22-34

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# PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

### **OFFERING**

### **BENEDICAMUS**

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- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

### **BENEDICTION**

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.

# HYMN TO DEPART: 794 The Lord, My God, Be Praised

- 1 The Lord, my God, be praised, My light, my life from heaven; My maker, who to me Has soul and body given; My Father, who will shield And keep me day by day And make each moment yield New blessings on my way.
- 2 The Lord, my God, be praised, My trust, my life from heaven, The Father's own dear Son, Whose life for me was given, Who for my sin atoned With His most precious blood And gives to me by faith The highest heav'nly good.

3 The Lord, my God, be praised, My hope, my life from heaven, The Spirit, whom the Son In love to me has given. His grace revives my heart And gives my spirit pow'r, Help, comfort, and support In sorrow's gloomy hour.

The Lord, my God, be praised, My God, the ever-living, To whom the heav'nly host Their laud and praise are giving. The Lord, my God, be praised, In whose great name I boast, God Father, God the Son, And God the Holy Ghost.

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# Coinciding With Camp Trinity VBS on Sunday at Noon



# Trinity VBS Family Camping Weekend.

Friday, August 15th - Sunday, August 17th at Trinity.

# **Campout Details:**

Group "Campfire" Meal Saturday Night

### Trinity will provide

- Hot dogs & buns
- S'more fixins
- Chips
- Baked beans
- Lemonade
- Plates, napkins, utensils, cups

### Everyone Should Bring:

- Camping accommodations tent, RV, etc.
- Chairs for around the campfire
- A dish to pass for the Campfire Meal
- Favorite indoor and/or outdoor game/toys

Please note: this is a family campout and children will remain under the supervision of their parents. Families can drop in and out at any time; sleeping over not required.

### Side notes:

We will need volunteers to set up the tent

We'd like someone - maybe the boy scouts - to assist with the fire

# WORSHIP SERVANTS Aug 10, 2025

Acolyte: Matthew Groeller

Elders: Bill Hertel

Pastor: Pastor Kenneth Huner

Organist: Linda Freeman

Special Music: Heidi Swanson

**Altar:** Deb Dugan and Lois Brumm **Counting:** Dan and Joanna Krueger

**Ushers:** Quinn Erisman and Lynda

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Greeters: Amy Bickle and Janice

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### MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sun Aug 10

9 am – Adult Bible Study – 9 am – Children's Sunday School 10 am – Pentecost 9, Divine Worship.

# Mon Aug 11

### Tues Aug 12

10 am – adult bible study – Finding
Comfort In The Psalms
11 am – Prayer Warriors Check
7 pm – Bible Study at Myhers'

### Wed Aug 13

# Thur Aug 14

7 pm – Elders

### Fri Aug 15

12-8 pm Food Truck Friday Trinity Church Camp out.

# Sat Aug 16

### Sun Aug 17

9 am – Adult Bible Study –
9 am – Children's Sunday School
10 am – Pentecost 10 Divine Worship
w/Communion
12 pm – Camp Trinity VBS