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Service Theme for Today

There is no other Rock but Jesus. But many choose to put their trust in other things. Even though God has shown Himself in many ways, He still allows them to follow unclean paths. Thanks to His grace, we are following the true Rock.

The Order of Holy Communion

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The Opening Hymn

No. 285

“How Precious is the Book Divine”

The Confession of Sins and Absolution

Page 15, Please Rise

The Introit (♪)

Hymn No. 279, verse 3

Today our Father calls us, His Holy Spirit waits;
His blessed angels gather Around the heav’nly gates.
No question will be asked us How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father’s home.

Gloria Patri

All: (♪) Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

The Kyrie

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The Gloria in Excelsis

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The Salutation

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The Collect for the Day.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward You, that we may love You above all things, and lead us, by faith, to Your eternal promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. (♪) **Amen.**

The Small Catechism

The Sacrament of the Altar, page 14

How Can Bodily Eating and Drinking Do Such Great Things?

The First Lesson

Isaiah 44:6-11 (NKJV)

⁶“Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel,

And his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:

‘I am the First and I am the Last;

Besides Me there is no God.

⁷ And who can proclaim as I do?

Then let him declare it and set it in order for Me,

Since I appointed the ancient people.

And the things that are coming and shall come,

Let them show these to them.

⁸ Do not fear, nor be afraid;

Have I not told you from that time, and declared it?

You are My witnesses.

Is there a God besides Me?

Indeed there is no other Rock;

I know not one.’ ”

Idolatry Is Foolishness

⁹ Those who make an image, all of them are useless,
And their precious things shall not profit;
They are their own witnesses;
They neither see nor know, that they may be ashamed.

¹⁰ Who would form a god or mold an image
That profits him nothing?

¹¹ Surely all his companions would be ashamed;
And the workmen, they are mere men.
Let them all be gathered together,
Let them stand up;
Yet they shall fear,
They shall be ashamed together.

The Gradual

ALL (spoken Responsively):

Come, ye children, hearken unto me:

I will teach you the fear of the Lord

Look unto Him and be lightened

And let your faces not be ashamed. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Oh, clap your hands, all ye people:

Shout unto God with the voice of triumph! Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson

Romans 1:18-25 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, ²¹ because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their

foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

The Triple Hallelujah

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 (NKJV)

Congr: (♫)Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

24 Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. 26 But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' 28 He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' 29 But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn." ' "

36 Then Jesus sent the multitude away and went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of

the tares of the field.”

37 He answered and said to them: “He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 The field is the world, the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one. 39 The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels. 40 Therefore as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of this age. 41 The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!

Pastor: Here ends the Gospel

Congr: (🎵)Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

The Nicene Creed

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Hymn

No. 608

“Let Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road”

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The Offertory- *Create in Me*

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The Offering

The Prayer of the Church

The Sacrament of the Altar

Good Shepherd practices "closed communion." Closed communion is the Biblical Practice of admitting to communion only those members of the congregation who are in good standing (who confess sin, seek to turn away from it, and trust in Jesus for forgiveness) and those who are completely united with the congregation in faith and understanding.

Closed communion protects those who do not understand the danger of communing without self-examination or without recognizing the presence of the Lord's body and blood with the bread and wine. Therefore, we invite all members in good standing of an ELS or WELS congregation to join in Holy Communion with us, and we ask that all others please refrain and speak to the Pastor. Thank you for respecting our Biblical practice.

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