

Offering

Organ Offertory

Offering Hymn No. 186 “Create in Me a Clean Heart”

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 to me the joy of

your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Prayers of the Church

L: Lord in your mercy,  
C: Hear our prayer.

The 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

L: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, bless you now and forever.  
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn No. 671 “Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Prelude

Announcements

Peace

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.  
C: And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.  
C: Amen.  
L: Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Merciful and loving God,  
C: We are your stiff-necked people. We e trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.  
L: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
C: Amen.

Opening Hymn No. 685 “Take My Life, That I May Be”

**Greeting**  
*L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*  
**C: And also with you.**

Kyrie Pages 147-148

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise Pages 148-149

Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God’s peo-ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we

wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

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

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**Prayer of the Day**  
**C:** O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

**First Reading** Exodus 32:7-14 – Page 69  
**Second Reading** 1 Timothy 1:12-17 – Page 963

Gospel Acclamation Page 151

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel**  
*L: The holy gospel according to Luke.*  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**  
**Luke 15:1-10 – Page 850**

*L: The gospel of the Lord.*  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn No. 532 “Gather Us In”

Children’s Sermon

**Sermon** Pastor Chad Power

Hymn No. 669 “Rise Up, O Saints of God!”

**Apostles’ Creed** Page 217  
**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.