October 19th, 2025

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#### PRELUDE MUSIC

### WELCOME and INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (807)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" (941)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS
P: Let us consider our sin and confess them to God our Father.

Please reflect on your sin, but more importantly on the Gospel and of God's grace, mercy, and forgiveness for you!

C: Heavenly Father, I confess all my sins to You, the sins that I know of and I acknowledge that there are others that are unknown to me. Your Word teaches that I will be held accountable for my sins. But, Your Word also teaches me about Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world. Lord, I ask that You forgive me of my sins, that my sins not stay with me. "God, have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18.13b).

P: Friends of God, heaven rejoices when we acknowledge our sins for God desires to shower His mercy and love upon us. Know, therefore, that your sins, your known and unknown sins, are removed from you as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103.12). The words I speak, I now speak for God: You are forgiven of your sins! They are no longer with you!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

## KYRIE PRAYER (Spoken)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

### PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together:

C: O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, You have commanded us to pray and have promised to hear us. Mercifully grant that Your Holy Spirit may direct and govern our hearts in all things that we may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

### TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our Old Testament reading is **Genesis 32.22-30**. In this reading we hear how Jacob wrestled with the Lord and was renamed 'Israel,' which means 'he who struggles with God.'

The Psalm for today is Psalm 121. This Psalm is a call to trust in the Lord. **We will speak this Psalm together.** 

Our Epistle reading is **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Timothy 3.1-4.5**. The Apostle Paul encourages young Timothy in spite of the challenges he was experiencing and what all Christians will experience.

The Gospel reading is **Luke 18.1-8**. Jesus teaches us to continue to persevere in prayer.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

WE CONFESS OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH The Apostles' Creed (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "O Word of God Incarnate" (523)

SERMON: 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3.14-4.5

## THE OFFERTORY and THANKOFFERING

## PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregational response to each prayer: "Hear our prayer"

### AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, in Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

# C (Loudly): CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL **COME AGAIN**

## THE BENEDICTION C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" (924)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed and strengthened in God's love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let us remember who we are and what we do:

## C: "We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to Jesus."

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing in God's love. As God's beloved children, go in peace! Love one another! Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

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