

**As we Gather:** The population in the Houston Metro Area has grown by over 25% since the 1990 Census to almost 7 million people! You are surrounded. St. Timothy and St. Titus were called to share the Gospel with the Gentiles in a rapidly expanding world. In your baptism you were called through that same Gospel to share that same love of Christ. Today we will explore how you and I can personally effect our local harvest field.


## **Pre-Service Music**

### **Welcome**

#### **904 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word**

*LSB 904*

- 1     Blessèd Jesus, at Your Word  
      We are gathered all to hear You.  
      Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
      Now to seek and love and fear You,  
      By Your teachings, sweet and holy,  
      Drawn from earth to love You solely.
  
- 2     All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
      Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
      Till Your Spirit breaks our night  
      With the beams of truth unclouded.  
      You alone to God can win us;  
      You must work all good within us.
  
- 3     Gracious Savior, good and kind,  
      Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
      Open now our heart and mind;  
      Help us by Your Spirit's pleading.  
      Hear the cry Your Church now raises;  
      Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

-  4     Father, Son, and Spirit, Lord,  
      Praise to You and adoration!  
      Grant that we may trust Your Word,  
      Confident of our salvation,  
      While we here below must wander,  
      Till we sing Your praises yonder.

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### **Invocation & Confession**

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

**C** Amen.

**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?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Kyrie

LSB 152

**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.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You called Timothy and Titus to the work of pastors and teachers. Make all shepherds of Your flock diligent in preaching Your holy Word so that the whole world may know the immeasurable riches of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

### **First Reading**

*Acts 16:1–5 (St. Timothy)*

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Acts, the sixteenth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>Paul came also to Derbe and to Lystra. A disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer, but his father was a Greek. <sup>2</sup>He was well spoken of by the brothers at Lystra and Iconium. <sup>3</sup>Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him, and he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. <sup>4</sup>As they went on their way through the cities, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem. <sup>5</sup>So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Epistle**

*1 Timothy 6:11–16 (St. Timothy)*

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 10:1–9 (St. Titus)*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup>Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup>Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup>Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ <sup>6</sup>And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup>And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. <sup>8</sup>Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. <sup>9</sup>Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

## Children's Message

### 837 Lift High the Cross

*LSB 837 sts. ref, 1, 5–6*

ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

Sermon

*“Laborers for the Harvest”*

Pastor King

Offering

Offertory-

Choir All Earth

Vivaldi/Hopson

Nicene Creed

**☩ 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**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

## Preface

LSB 160

- 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.**

- 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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Titus, 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.**

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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.**

## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 162

## Pax Domini

LSB 163

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **Amen.**

**☩ 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.**

*Sit*

**662 Onward, Christian Soldiers**

LSB 662

- 1 Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master,  
Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle  
See His banners go! Refrain
- ref Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.
- 2 Like a mighty army  
Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading  
Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided,  
All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine,  
One in charity. Refrain
- 3 Crowns and thrones may perish,  
Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus  
Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never  
'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise,  
And that cannot fail. Refrain
- 4 Onward, then, ye faithful,  
Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices  
In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor

Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages  
Men and angels sing. Refrain

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## 629 What Is This Bread

LSB 629

- 1     What is this bread?  
      Christ's body risen from the dead:  
          This bread we break,  
          This life we take,  
      Was crushed to pay for our release.  
      O taste and see—the Lord is peace.
  
- 2     What is this wine?  
      The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
          The cup of grace  
          Brings His embrace  
      Of life and love until I sing!  
      O taste and see—the Lord is King.
  
- 3     So who am I,  
      That I should live and He should die  
          Under the rod?  
          My God, my God,  
      Why have You not forsaken me?  
      O taste and see—the Lord is free.
  
- 4     Yet is God here?  
      Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,  
          In mouth and soul  
          He makes us whole—  
      Christ, truly present in this meal.  
      O taste and see—the Lord is real.
  
- 5     Is this for me?  
      I am forgiven and set free!  
          I do believe  
          That I receive  
      His very body and His blood.  
      O taste and see—the Lord is good.

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## 644 The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644 sts. 1–5

- 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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## Thank the Lord

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 Collect

**A** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

LSB 166

## Announcements

*(Please stand)*

### 923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

LSB 923

- 1 Almighty Father, bless the Word  
Which through Your grace we now have heard.  
Oh, may the precious seed take root,  
Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
  
- 2 We praise You for the means of grace  
As homeward now our steps we trace.  
Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here  
May all at last in heav'n appear.
  
- 3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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