BENEDICAMUS ~ page 228 (Psalm 103:1)
Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION ~ page 228
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People: Amen.

CLOSING SONG ~ *O Praise the Name*
I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet, my Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid Him down in Joseph's tomb,
The entrance sealed by heavy stone. Messiah, still and all alone.

Chorus: **O praise the name of the Lord our God, O praise His name forevermore.**
For endless days we will sing Your praise, oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

Then on the third at break of dawn the Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King. *Chorus*

He shall return in robes of white, the blazing sun shall pierce the night,
And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed on Jesus' face. *Chorus twice*

Please remember to place your offering for the work of the Lord at Emanuel in the offering plate as you leave.

WORSHIP LEADERS
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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Matins, adapted ~ *LSB* page 219

WELCOME to those visiting us this Lord's Day. It is our joy to have you worshipping with us. We invite you to come again and worship the Lord.

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORY ~ Everyone, please sign in!

AS WE GATHER ~ It is easy to assume that tomorrow will be little or no different from today. However, the day is coming when life as we know it will end. The final Sundays of the Church Year remind us that our comfortable routines will be interrupted by the God who cares enough to interrupt them. His justice will grab our attention like a lion (Amos 5:19). He will silence all false and empty worship with justice that rolls in like roaring waters (Amos 5:24). Jesus also calls for our attention as we wait for that day: "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). As we wait for that day, Paul reminds us that our waiting is filled with hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13–14). Jesus died and rose again, and that forever changes our waiting.

PRE-SERVICE PRAISE ~ *This is Amazing Grace*

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder?
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Chorus: **This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love.**
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You lay down Your life that I would be set free.
Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Who rules the nations with truth and justice?
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Bridge: **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,**
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave. *Repeat 3 times, then Chorus*

WELCOME/SHARING OF THE PEACE

OPENING SONG ~ *Jesus Paid it All*

I hear the Saviour say, "Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness watch and pray, find in Me thine all in all."

Chorus: **Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe.**
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. *Chorus*

And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save" my lips shall still repeat. *Chorus*

Bridge: **Oh, praise the One who paid my debt and raised this life up from the dead.**
Repeat 3 times, then Chorus

OPENING VERSICLES ~ page 219

Pastor: O Lord, open my lips,
People: and my mouth shall declare Your praise. (Psalm 51:15)
Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
People: make haste to help me, O Lord. (Psalm 70:1)
All: 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.
Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.

ANTIPHON ~ page 220

Pastor: Blessed be God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People: O come, let us worship Him.

PSALM 70

Pastor: Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O Lord, make haste to help me!
People: Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

Pastor: Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"
People: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

Pastor: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!
All: 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.

SONG OF PRAISE ~ *Holy Forever*

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.
And all who've gone before us and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Bridge: **Your name is the highest, Your name is the greatest,**
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions, all powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.

Chorus: **And the angels cry holy, all creation cries holy,**
You are lifted high, holy, holy forever.

Since you've been forgiven and since you've been redeemed,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
Since you walk in freedom and since you bear His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb. We'll sing the song forever and amen! *Chorus*

Hear Your people sing holy to the King of kings, holy.
You will always be holy, holy forever. *Bridge, then Chorus*

Hear Your people sing holy, to the King of kings, holy,
You will always be holy, holy forever. You will always be holy, holy forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Amos 5:18-24 *(ESV)***

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why would you have the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24 But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 *(ESV)***

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15 For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING **Matthew 25:1-13 *(ESV)***

1 [Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5 As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. 6 But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' 10 And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. 11 Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' 13 Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.
People: Thanks be to God.

COMMON RESPONSORY ~ page 221 (Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28)

Pastor: Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
People: Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

Pastor: Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.
People: Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
People: Lord, I love the habitation of your house and the place where your glory dwells.

SONG OF THE DAY ~ *Even So Come*

All of creation, all of the Earth,
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord. Jesus is coming soon.
Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let every nation shout of Your fame. Jesus is coming soon.

Chorus: **Like a bride waiting for her groom we'll be a church ready for You.**
Every heart longing for our King. We sing:
Even so come, Lord Jesus, come. Even so come, Lord Jesus, come.

There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever faithful and true. Jesus is coming soon. *Chorus*

So we wait, we wait for You. God we wait, You're coming soon. *Repeat, then Chorus twice*

SERMON ***The Wait Will Be Worth It***

CREED ~ *This I Believe (The Creed)*

Our Father everlasting, the All Creating One, God Almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Saviour.

Chorus: **I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son,**
I believe in the Holy Spirit. Our God is Three in One.
I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again,
For I believe in the name of Jesus.

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You.
Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life forever seated high. *Chorus*

Bridge: **I believe in You. I believe You rose again.**
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord. *Repeat, then Chorus twice*

I believe in life eternal. I believe in the virgin birth.
I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy Church.
I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again
For I believe in the name of Jesus. *Chorus twice*

LORD'S PRAYER ~ page 227 (Matthew 6:9-13)

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.

COLLECT OF THE DAY ~ page 228

Pastor: O Lord, hear my prayer.
People: And let my cry come to You. (Psalm 102:1)
Pastor: Lord God, heavenly Father,
send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church,
that with all the company of the redeemed
we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

COLLECT FOR GRACE ~ page 228

Pastor: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.