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Working with and through our congregations, in the United States, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands Lutheran churches overseas and other partners, ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

prelude

Entrance hymn *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* **719**

Greeting

P: 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.

A: This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A: O Come let us worship and bow down;

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

A: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth forevermore.

C: From the raising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

A: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to the Most High.

C: To declare the Lord's love in the morning and his faithfulness at the close of the day.

A: Blessed is the One who redeems and saves us.

**C: Blessed is our God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Hymn of PRAISE *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **843**

PRAYER of the DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Almighty God you have called us to come together as your Holy People, a Temple of your presence in the world, the very body of Christ to bring life to the lost, the lonely and the lowly. Let the Spirit fill the hearts and minds of all the faithful, that we will overcome our arrogant divisions and be of one mind in accomplishing the work you call your people to accomplish as your Church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Be careful that you do not entertain a mean thought, thinking, "The seventh year, the Jubilee year of remission, is near," and therefore view your needy neighbor with hostility and give nothing; your neighbor might cry to the Lord against you, and you would incur guilt. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, "Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land."

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Isaiah 1 (spoken responsively)

God's Holy People will be redeemed by justice,
and those among her who repent, by righteousness.

But the obstinate and the sinners will be punished together,
and those who work against the Lord shall be consumed.

For you will be ashamed of the "oaks" in which you delighted;
and you will blush for the gardens that you have chosen.

For you will be like an oak whose leaf withers,
and like a garden without water.

Second lesson

Acts 6:1-7A

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists grumbled against the Hebrews because Hellenist widows were being overlooked in the daily handing out of meals.

So, the twelve called together the multitude of the disciples said, "It is not pleasing that we twelve disciples have had to keep abandoning our study, teaching and preaching of the word of God in order to serve widows their meals at the tables. So, out of care,

friends, testify to seven people among yourselves who are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will put them in charge of this need, but we will constantly devote ourselves to the prayer and serving the word."

This idea pleased everyone. They picked out Stephen, a man full of faith and Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus (Proselyte of Antioch). These men stood before the apostles. After praying, the Twelve laid their hands on each man's head.

The word of God grew and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem multiplied greatly . . .

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

VERSE

886 vs. 1, 4-6

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 25th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

matthew 25:31-46

After telling the famous parables of "The Ten Bridesmaids (five who had enough oil, five who did not) and "The Master Who Gave Out Talents to Three Slaves (two who did something with them and one who buried it) Jesus went on to teach that " . . . whenever the Son of Man may come in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. And all the nations will be brought together before him, and he will separate them one from one another as a shepherd now separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

Then the king will say to the "sheep" at his right hand, 'Come, you that are that are being blessed by my Father! Inherit what has been prepared for you - the Kingdom from the foundation of the cosmos! For I hungered and you gave me something to eat. I thirsted and you gave me something to drink. I have been a stranger and you gathered me in, naked, you clothed me, ailing, you cared for me, imprisoned and you came to me.'

Then the righteous sheep at the king's right hand will answer him saying, 'Lord, when have we seen you hungering and we gave

you something to eat, or thirsting and we quenched you? And when have we seen you stranger and we gathered you in, or naked and we clothed you? And when have we seen you ailing or in prison and we came to you?

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those "goats" at his left hand, 'Depart from me you who are being cursed, into the eternal fire that has been prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you did not feed me. I was thirsty and you did not quench me. I have been a stranger and you did not gather me in, naked and you did clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not care for me.'

Then those at the king's left hand will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungering, or thirsting, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not serve you?'

Then the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of those who are least, you did not do it to me.'

And these will go away into eternal correction, but the righteous into eternal life."

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

hymn of the **Day** *Lord of Glory You Have Bought Us* **707**

Creed 8:30 / holy baptism 11:00

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Prayers of the Church

Passing of the Peace

Offering & Offertory

845 Vs. 1 & 5

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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Benediction

Recessional

Canticle of Turning

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Dismissal



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