

P He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

C **Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

**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.**

P The LORD lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

KYRIE

LSB 152-153

HYMN OF PRAISE- Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

COLLECT

P Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. ²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone,

declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL (5:00)

Ps. 91:11; 103:1

P He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Combined Choirs Sing (9:00)

God Is So Good

EPISTLE

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA and VERSE

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 21:23–27

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³ When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴ Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You O Christ.

Children's Talk (9:00) - Caroline Bedroske

HYMN Renew Me, O Eternal Light **LSB 704 (st.1,2,4)**

SERMON "Turn and Live" *Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*

APOSTLES' CREED **LSB 159**

FAREWELL and GODSPEED to MICHAEL STAPLETON (9:00)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each Petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy -OR- **P** Let us pray to the Lord
C Hear our prayer **C** Lord, have mercy

After the final Petition:

P...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen

OFFERING Lamb of God T. Paris/J. Carter

OFFERTORY **LSB 159-160**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT **LSB 160 and following**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

What God Ordains Is Always Good **LSB 760**
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name **LSB 549**
O Jesus, King Most Wonderful **LSB 554**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE-Thank the Lord **LSB 164**

CLOSING HYMN The Law of God Is Good and Wise **LSB 579 (st. 5,6)**

POSTLUDE Horn Pipe Handel