

HUNTER'S SERVICE

November 19, 2025

As We Gather

Today's Hunters' Service asks what makes a hunt truly good. Is it the trophy, the meat, or the time in God's creation? From Esau's hunt gone wrong to Jesus' breakfast by the sea, we discover a greater truth — that God's blessing comes not through perfect shots, but through His perfect grace. As hunters head into the woods this week, we ask for His protection, His guidance, and His forgiveness when our aim in life strays.

✠ WE PREPARE TO WORSHIP ✠

Hymn Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices (LSB 811) *sts. 1, 5*

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

1 Thessalonians 5:16–18; Hebrews 12:28; Psalm 95:1

P Rejoice always,
C **pray without ceasing,**

P give thanks in all circumstances;
C **for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.**

P Let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
C **and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe.**

P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
C **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us confess our sins before God Almighty.

C **We confess, Lord our God, that we have wavered both in faith and in our trust in Your presence. We confess our failure to pray continually. We sin in thought, word, and deed and cannot keep your holy Law. Forgive us and grant us grace to live as those who have received Your kingdom and live in gratitude for Your blessings.**

P Pray large! Live as people who know the blessings of God for you and for all people. You have been forgiven by our gracious God for the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus. Rejoice as brothers and sisters in His kingdom, fellow citizens of heaven! 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 ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. Thy kingdom come to us and through us.**

WORD

Gloria in Excelsis *LSB 204*

C **1 To God on high be glory**
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Grant to us, Father in heaven, that we not doubt Your power nor our own resolve when we pray, "Thy kingdom come,"

C **but pray confidently in Your Son's name that You have indeed given the Kingdom to us for His sake, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Genesis 27:1–4, 14–33*

When Isaac was old and his eyes were dim so that he could not see, he called Esau his older son and said to him, "My son"; and he answered, "Here I am." He said, "Behold, I am old; I do not know the day of my death. Now then, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt game for me, and prepare for me delicious food, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die."

So he went and took them and brought them to his mother, and his mother prepared delicious food, such as his father loved. Then Rebekah took the best garments of Esau her older son, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. And the skins of the young goats she put on his hands and on the smooth part of his neck. And she put the delicious food and the bread, which she had prepared, into the hand of her son Jacob.

So he went in to his father and said, "My father." And he said, "Here I am. Who are you, my son?" Jacob said to his father, "I am Esau your firstborn. I have done as you told me; now sit up and eat of my game, that your soul may bless me." But Isaac said to his son, "How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son?" He answered, "Because the LORD your God granted me success." Then Isaac said to Jacob, "Please come near, that I may feel you, my son, to know whether you are really my son Esau or not." So Jacob went near to Isaac his father, who felt him and said, "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." And he did not recognize him, because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. He said, "Are you really my son Esau?" He answered, "I am." Then he said, "Bring it near to me,

that I may eat of my son's game and bless you." So he brought it near to him, and he ate; and he brought him wine, and he drank.

Then his father Isaac said to him, "Come near and kiss me, my son." So he came near and kissed him. And Isaac smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him and said,

"See, the smell of my son
is as the smell of a field that the LORD has blessed!
May God give you of the dew of heaven
and of the fatness of the earth
and plenty of grain and wine.
Let peoples serve you,
and nations bow down to you.
Be lord over your brothers,
and may your mother's sons bow down to you.
Cursed be everyone who curses you,
and blessed be everyone who blesses you!"

As soon as Isaac had finished blessing Jacob, when Jacob had scarcely gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, Esau his brother came in from his hunting. He also prepared delicious food and brought it to his father. And he said to his father, "Let my father arise and eat of his son's game, that you may bless me." His father Isaac said to him, "Who are you?" He answered, "I am your son, your firstborn, Esau." Then Isaac trembled very violently and said, "Who was it then that hunted game and brought it to me, and I ate it all before you came, and I have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed."

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Timothy 6:6–12

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness,

godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. 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.

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Holy Gospel

John 21:1–14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Hymn Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service (LSB 848)
st. 1

Sermon: The Marks of a Good Hunt *Genesis 27:1–4, 14–33*

Apostles' Creed (Found on the back cover of Hymnal)

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
maker of …

Prayer of the Church (Bless them...)

P ... let us pray to the Lord.

C **Bless them for Jesus sake, O Lord.**

Offering

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service (LSB 848) *st. 3*

3 As we worship, grant us vision,
Till Your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness,
Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens
Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to tireless striving,
Your abundant life to share.

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✠ THE LORD'S SUPPER ✠

We follow the liturgy on Pages 208-212 in the hymnal.

Preface *Hymnal p. 208*

Proper Preface

Sanctus *LSB 208*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Our Lord

Catechism

The Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer

P As we receive the life-giving bread Christ has given to us by His own body, we give thanks to You for the daily bread also provided for us out of Your grace. As we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread," what does this mean?

C **God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

P What is meant by daily bread?

C **Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

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

Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

Distribution Hymns

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (LSB 425)
Children of the Heavenly Father (LSB 725)

Sit

Lord's Supper Dismissal

P Now may this eating and drinking, of our Savior's precious body and blood, Strengthen you, preserve you, and keep you in the one true Christian faith that leads you to eternal life. Know in peace, and joy, that your sins are ✢ forgiven you.

C **Amen.**

Stand

Nunc Dimittis *LSB 211*

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Benediction

Closing Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness (LSB 809)

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