

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

<sup>17</sup>“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. <sup>18</sup>For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

**The Apostles’ Creed** (p. 192)

**The Hymn of the Day:** 782 “Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings”

**The Homily**

*Offerings are not gathered during Service today. While Pastor Messer prepares the Table for the Holy Supper, you may spend time prayerfully preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament (you may wish to read through Luther’s “Christian Questions . . .” on pp. 329-330). If you wish to leave an offering, you may do so by placing it in the plate by the door as you depart after Service.*

**The Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**The Service of the Sacrament**

*(Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with the LCMS)*

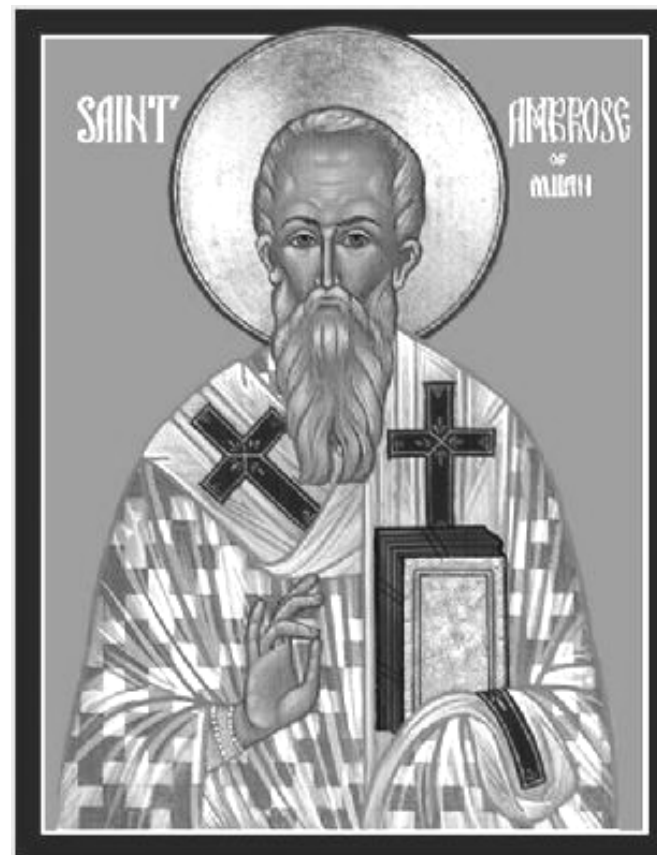
**The Preface - Agnus Dei** (pp. 194-199)

**The Distribution**

**The Nunc Dimittis - Benediction** (pp. 199-202)

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

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## DIVINE SERVICE 3, PAGE 184

### The Service of Preparation

*(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)*

#### Preparatory Prayer

*Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.*

### Confession and Absolution (pp. 184-185)

#### The Service of the Word

##### The Introit

*Ps. 92:1-2; antiphon: Sirach 15:5*

In the midst of the Church,

he opened his mouth, and the LORD filled him  
**with the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
and he clothed him with a robe of glory.**

It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
**to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night.**

**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.**

In the midst of the Church,

he opened his mouth, and the LORD filled him  
**with the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
and he clothed him with a robe of glory.**

##### The Kyrie (p. 186)

##### The Gloria in Excelsis (pp. 187-189)

### The Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)

O God, who didst give Blessèd St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, to Thy people as a minister of eternal salvation, grant, we beseech Thee, that we, who have had him for our teacher on earth, may with him enjoy Thine eternal glories; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

### The Epistle

*2 Timothy 4:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

<sup>6</sup>For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. <sup>7</sup>I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup>Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

### The Gradual

*Sirach 44:20*

He kept the law of the Most High,

and entered into a covenant with him;

**he certified the covenant in his flesh**

**and when he was tested he proved faithful.**

### The Alleluia and Verse

*Psalms 110:4*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The LORD has sworn and will not change His mind,**

**“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### The Holy Gospel

*Matthew 5:13-19*

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.