DIVINE SERVICE

for the Festival of St. Andrew, Apostle



BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord, as we begin the season of Advent, let this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah says, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined."
- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the true light who comes into the world to enlighten all people, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming, and enkindle in our hearts the fire of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness and evermore remain steadfast in the faith; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C Amen.
- P The Lord Almighty, the Father, the → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this wreath for use in His Church throughout this holy season of Advent.
- C Amen.

HYMN: O GOD OF LIGHT

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

Almighty God, by Your grace the apostle Andrew obeyed the call of Your Son to be a disciple. Grant us also to follow the same Lord Jesus Christ in heart and life, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 3:16-21

GRADUAL

Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.

C How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the | good news,* who publish peace and bring good news of sal- | vation.

Their voice has gone out to | all the earth,*

and their words to the ends | of the world.

EPISTLE Romans 10:8b–18

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 1:39a

Alleluia. [Jesus] said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. *Alleluia*.

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:35–42a

HYMN OF THE DAY: PREACH YOU THE WORD LSB 586

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME LSB 332
DISTRIBUTION HYMN: CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT LSB 351

HYMN: HERALD, SOUND THE NOTE OF JUDGMENT LSB 511

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