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Welcome to worship, friends! As Jesus met Saul (later called Paul) in a powerful light and voice on the road to Damascus, so he meets us here. It might be less dramatic, but it's no less real.



Welcome! We are so glad you are joining us for worship this morning. We call it a "service" because it is God Who serves us with His gifts through His Word. Our speaking, singing, and prayers are our grateful response to His goodness. We invite you to receive grace with us this morning and to join us in praising His goodness.

We invite guests, members and visitors to fill out an attendance sheet. These help us to get to know you and serve you better. Please feel free to share only the information you are comfortable sharing! You can place these in the drop box outside the sanctuary or give them to an usher.

We are blessed to have children worship with us. Your children's faith and childlike behavior are welcome here. Please feel free to bring your child up during communion for a blessing. If, for any reason, you wish to take your child outside of the sanctuary, our nursery and narthex are equipped with speakers or a monitor so that you don't miss any of the service.

If you're unfamiliar with the way we worship, there's no need to feel self-conscious. We're glad you're here. If you have questions about God, who we are, or what we do, every person wearing a name tag is fair game for your questions. If they can't answer your question, we'll find someone who will!

Blessings on your worship!



We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper at this gathering. In this meal, we receive forgiveness of sins in Jesus' body and blood in simple bread and wine. This meal is an expression of our communion with Christ and with one another. This is a celebration we receive joyfully but take very seriously.

While we celebrate the very real unity all Christians share in Christ (Ephesians 4:4-6), this meal is also an act of our common confession. If you have not yet been instructed in the Lord's Supper or hold to a different confession than this congregation or the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we ask that you speak to the pastor before the service begins. Those who will not be communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing.

Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available, simply indicate your needs to the pastor or elder at the communion rail.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

All Creatures Of Our God And King

**All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing**

O praise Him alleluia

Thou burning sun with golden beam

Thou silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong

Ye clouds that sail in Heav'n along

O praise Him alleluia

Thou rising moon in praise rejoice

Ye lights of evening find a voice

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him alleluia

Praise praise the Father praise the Son

And praise the Spirit three in One

O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Praise praise the Father praise the Son

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O praise Him O praise Him

Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit,

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People: **But if we confess our sins, God, Who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all righteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God,
People: According to Your unfailing love
Pastor: According to Your abundant mercy,
People: Blot out my transgressions.
Pastor: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
People: And cleanse me from my sins.

Divine Service, Setting Three LSB 192

□ Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.
People: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

SONG

“Beautiful Savior” LSB 537 vv 1 & 4

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

Please be seated

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” ⁵And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. ¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, “Ananias.” And he said, “Here I am, Lord.” ¹¹And the Lord said to him, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.” ¹³But Ananias answered, “Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.” ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, “He is the Son of God.” ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?” ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Revelation 5:1-14

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals." ⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth." ¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Please stand for the singing of the Alleluia.

ALLELUIA

**Alleluia, Allelu-, Alleluia, Allelu-
Alleluia, Allelu-, Alleluia, Allelu-
Alleluia**

GOSPEL READING

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 21:1-19

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon 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. ⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He 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. ⁷That 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. ⁸The 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. ⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish

laid out on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So 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. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **Amen, amen, amen.**

Please be seated

SONG

In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone, my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live, I live**

**There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ**

(Song continued on next page)

**No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand**

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SERMON

“The Lamb Who Loves and Sends”

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

All:
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please stand

OFFERTORY

Praise, God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LSB 805

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
 host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE LITANY

(LSB page 288)

- Pastor: O Lord,
People: have mercy.
- Pastor: O Christ,
People: have mercy.
- Pastor: O Lord,
People: have mercy.
- Pastor: O Christ,
People: Hear us.
- Pastor: God the Father in heaven,
People: have mercy.
- Pastor: God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
People: have mercy.
- Pastor: God the Holy Spirit,
People: have mercy.
- Pastor: Be gracious to us.
People: Spare us, good Lord.
- Pastor: Be gracious to us.
People: Help us, good Lord.
- Pastor: From all sin, from all error, from all evil;
 From the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death;
 From pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion;
 From lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death;
People: Good Lord, deliver us.
- Pastor: By the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity;
 By Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and
 passion; by Your precious death and burial;
 By Your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the
 Comforter.
- People: Help us, good Lord.**

- Pastor: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:
- People: Help us, good Lord.**
- Pastor: We poor sinners implore You
- People: to hear us, good Lord.**
- Pastor: To rule and govern Your holy Christian Church; to preserve all pastors and ministers of Your Church in the true knowledge and understanding of Your wholesome Word and to sustain them in holy living;
To put an end to all schisms and causes of offense; to bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived;
To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful laborers into Your harvest; and to accompany Your Word with Your grace and Spirit:
- People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- Pastor: To raise those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the weakhearted and the distressed:
- People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- Pastor: To give to all peoples concord and peace; to preserve our land from discord and strife; to give our country Your protection in every time of need;
To direct and defend our president and all in authority; to bless and protect our magistrates and all our people;
To watch over and help all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel;
To grant all women with child, and all mothers with infant children, increasing happiness in their blessings; to defend all orphans and widows and provide for them;
To strengthen and keep all sick persons and young children; to free those in bondage; and to have mercy on us all:
- People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- Pastor: To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers and to turn their hearts; to give and preserve for our use the kindly fruits of the earth; and graciously to hear our prayers:
- People: We implore You to hear us, good Lord.**
- Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- People: we implore You to hear us.**
- Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- People: have mercy.**
- Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- People: have mercy.**
- Pastor: Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- People: grant us Your peace.**
- Pastor: O Christ,
- People: hear us.**
- Pastor: O Lord,
- People: have mercy.**
- Pastor: O Christ,
- People: have mercy.**
- Pastor: O Lord,
- People: have mercy. Amen.**

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

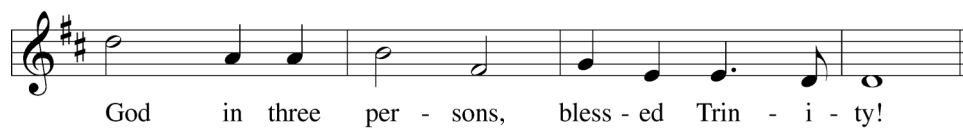
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

LSB 507 v 1 Holy, Holy, Holy



THE WORD OF OUR LORD

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My † body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My † blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

Please be seated

LSB 550 Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have
 2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.



Refrain
 O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!

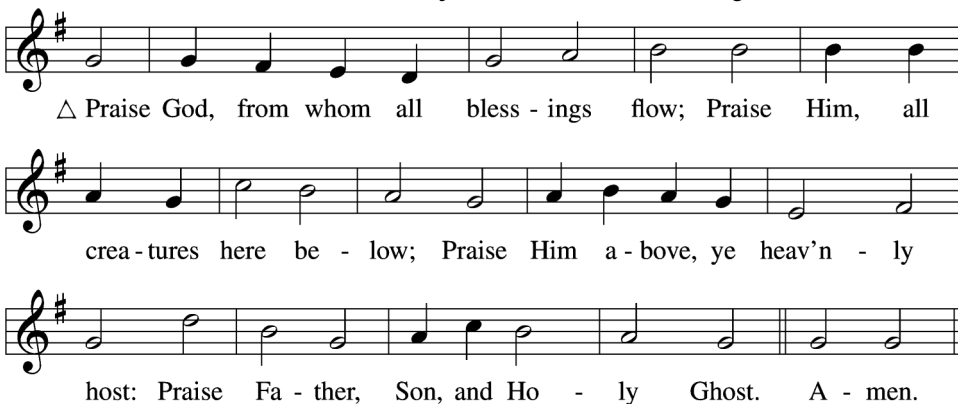
DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

(Words for Songs/Hymns will be posted on the wall)

Please stand

DOXOLOGY

Praise, God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LSB 805



△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give your peace.

People: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

His oath, his covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When every earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then in him be found,
Clothed in his righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before his throne.
On Christ the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand.