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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 and to join us in praising His goodness.

We invite guests, members and visitors to fill out an attendance card found in your pew and place it in the offering plate. These help us to get to know you and serve you better. Please feel free to share only the information you are comfortable sharing!

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!

LORD’S SUPPER

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.

TODAY'S WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Pastor . . . Micah Drenkler
Elder . . . Michael Smith
Altar Care . . . Wanita Sanders
Counters . . . Lance Smith & Michael Marks
Ushers . . . Lance Smith & Michael Marks
Reader . . . Kim Marks
Greeters . . . Camrin Koenig & Glenda Letsinger
Accompanist . . . Jolene Stadel
Acolyte . . . Wyatt Pritchett
Projection . . . Jonathan Outlaw, John Trenbeath, Kelly Smith

PRAY FOR YOUR CHURCH

Dear Lord, sometimes we look at ourselves with critical eyes, seeing only our faults and shortcomings. Lord thank You for saving us and for loving us. Thank You for the great inheritance You have given us. Remind us how precious we are to You. Help us to embrace our place in Your plan. Lord, our desire is that others would see You when they look at our church. In Jesus' most Holy name we pray. Amen

OPENING HYMN

477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
△ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
See the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Once He died, and once was bur-ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir-it, Fount of love and sanc-ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

INVOCATION (LSB 184)

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the †Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

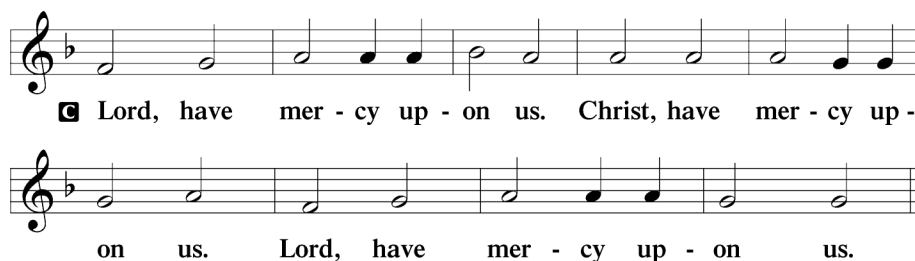
Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the †Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

†SERVICE OF THE WORD†

KYRIE (LSB 186)



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (LSB 187)



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



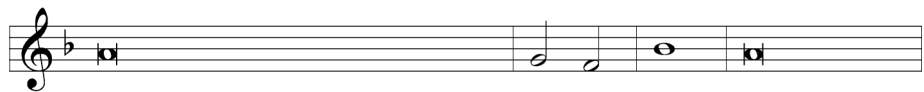
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.




Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.


Salutation and Collect of the Day (LSB 189)

Pastor: 
P The Lord be with you.

People: 
A And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: 
P Let us pray.

Pastor: O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: 
A - men.

Please be seated

†WORD†

First Reading..... Acts 2:14a, 36–41

14a Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . .
36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.” 37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” 38 And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.” 40 And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” 41 So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle.....1 Peter 1:17–25

17 If you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, 18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 20 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, 21 who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. 22 Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, 23 since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; 24 for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25 but the word of the Lord remains forever.” And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Reader: Please stand for the singing of the Alleluia.

ALLELUIA (LSB 190)



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Holy Gospel.....Luke 24:13–35

13 That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14 and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15 While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17 And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. 18 Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” 19 And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him.

21 But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. 22 Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, 23 and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” 25 And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” 27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. 28 So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, 29 but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. 30 When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. 32 They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” 33 And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” 35 Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: **P** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

✠WE CONFESS OUR FAITH TOGETHER✠

Apostles' Creed

I believe in 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

SERMON HYMN

478 The Day of Resurrection (vs. 1–3)



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–79 Text and tune: Public domain

SERMON

Please stand

OFFERTORY (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.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Please stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

After each portion of the prayers:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.


(The prayers conclude)

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

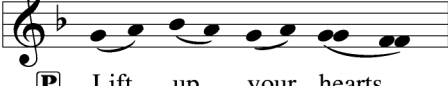
People: Amen.


✠SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT✠


PREFACE (LSB 194)


Pastor: 
P The Lord be with you.

People: 
C And with thy spir - it.

Pastor: 
P Lift up your hearts.


People: 
C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Pastor: 
P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

People: 
C It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: It is truly meet, right, and salutary... evermore praising You and saying:


SANCTUS (LSB 195)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;




heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD (LSB 197)

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 $\text{\textcircled{c}}$ 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 $\text{\textcircled{c}}$ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI (LSB 197)

Pastor:



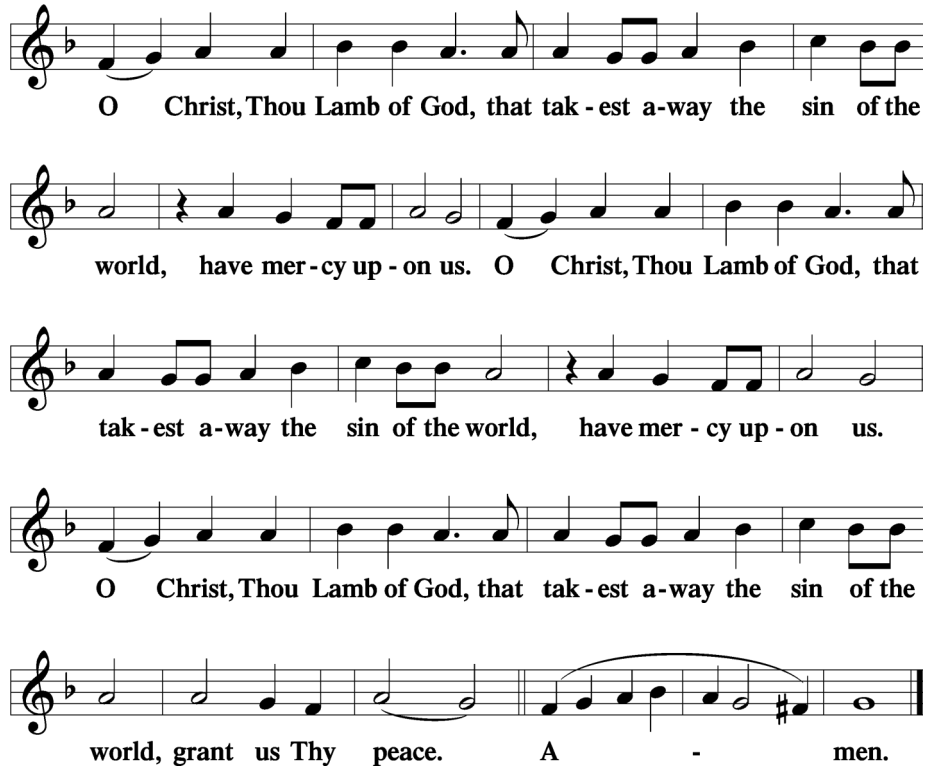
$\text{\textcircled{P}}$ The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

People:



$\text{\textcircled{C}}$ A - men.

AGNUS DEI (LSB 198)



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

LSB 879 Stay With Us
LSB 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won
LSB 469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
LSB 484 Make Songs of Joy

Please stand

NUNC DIMITTIS (LSB 199)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING (LSB 200)

Pastor:

People:

Pastor: Let us pray...We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People:

A - men.

SALUTATION

Pastor: 

P The Lord be with you.

People: 

C And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS (LSB 202)

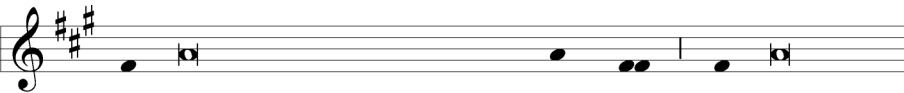
Pastor: 

A Bless we the Lord.

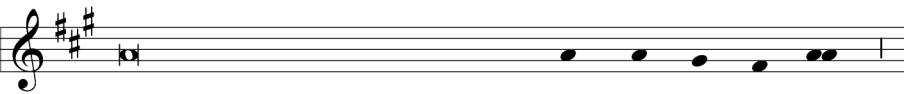
People: 

C Thanks be to God.

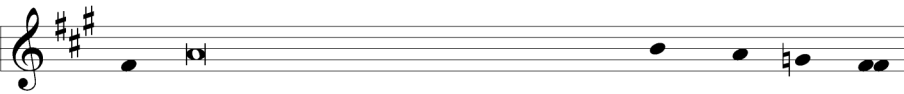
BENEDICTION (LSB 202)

Pastor: 

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

People: 

C A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN

921 On What Has Now Been Sown



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;
2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;
3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou
Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -
May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!
es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.
low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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