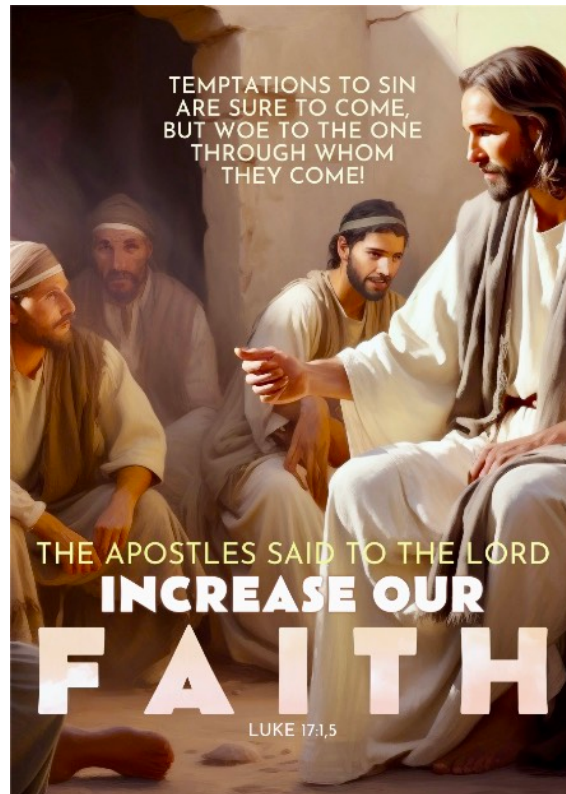


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About This Service: The heart of Christianity is not what we do for God but what God has done for us in Christ Jesus. We call our service the "Divine Service" because the Divine One, our Lord Jesus, promises to be present to serve us by His Word and with His body and blood.

Are My Children Welcome? Our Lord says, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14). Yes, your little ones are more than welcome! We are delighted to have them with us in the service!

Visitors: Welcome to St. John's! If you have not already done so, please fill out the visitor's book outside of the sanctuary. If don't yet have a church home, or have any questions about what we believe, teach, and confess, feel free to speak with Pastor; he would be happy to talk with you!

Communion: We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us. If you are not a communicant member of the LC-MS, please cross your arms when you come up to the communion rail to receive a blessing.

Ring of the Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn TLH 370 "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less"

**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, 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 ev'ry 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 whelming flood;
When ev'ry 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, Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand. Amen.**

The Order of Worship, Page 15 TLH

Invocation: TLH Page 15 [Responses Sung]

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

C: **Amen.**

P: 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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: **Who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

Confession of Sins TLH Page 16

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

Absolution TLH Page 16

P: 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 Ghost.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen.**

Introit (P: Pastor C: Congregation)

Psalm 119:162, 164-165, 167; antiphon: v. 166

P: I hope for your salvation, O Lord,
and I do your commandments.

**C: I rejoice at your word
like one who finds great spoil.**

P: Seven times a day I praise you
for your just and righteous decrees.

**C: Great peace have those who love your law;
nothing can make them stumble.**

P: My soul keeps your testimonies;
I love them exceedingly.

Gloria Patri: *TLH Page 16 [Sung]*

**C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: *TLH Page 17 [Sung]*

C: Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Gloria in Excelsis: *TLH Pages 17-19 [Sung]*

C: Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

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

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

**O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.**

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect

TLH Page 19

P: The Lord be with you! **C: And with thy spirit!**

(prayed together) – **O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, by Your grace
hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things which we ask in faith we may receive
through Your bountiful mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

Response: [Sung] Amen.

Old Testament Reading – Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

^{1:1}The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not hear?

Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see iniquity,
and why do you idly look at wrong?
Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law is paralyzed,
and justice never goes forth.
For the wicked surround the righteous;
so justice goes forth perverted...

^{2:1}I will take my stand at my watchpost
and station myself on the tower,
and look out to see what he will say to me,
and what I will answer concerning my complaint.

²And the Lord answered me:

“Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it.

³For still the vision awaits its appointed time;
it hastens to the end—it will not lie.

If it seems slow, wait for it;
it will surely come; it will not delay.

⁴“Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him,
but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

Epistle Reading – 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

Gradual (*Pastor speaks, congregation responds with "Hallelujahs!"*)

P: He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

As the Gospel reading is announced, the congregation sings...

C: GLORY BE TO THEE, O LORD!

Gospel Reading – Luke 17:1-10

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him."

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."

⁷"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

The Gospel ended, the congregation sings...

C: PRAISE BE TO THEE, O CHRIST!

The Nicene Creed *TLH Page 22*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sermon Hymn TLH 263 "O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

**O little flock, fear not the Foe Who madly seeks your overthrow;
Dread not his rage and pow'r. What tho' your courage sometimes faints,
His seeming triumph o'er God's saints Lasts but a little hour.**

**Be of good cheer; your cause belongs To Him who can avenge your wrongs;
Leave it to Him, our Lord. Tho' hidden yet from mortal eyes,
His Gideon shall for you arise, Uphold you and His Word.**

**As true as God's own Word is true, Not earth nor hell with all their crew
Against us shall prevail. A jest and byword are they grown;
God is with us, we are His own; Our vict'ry cannot fail.**

**Amen, Lord Jesus, grant our prayer; Great Captain, now Thine arm make bare,
Fight for us once again! So shall Thy saints and martyrs raise
A mighty chorus to Thy praise, World without end. Amen. Amen.**

The Sermon

Sermon Text: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Offertory

TLH Pages 22-23 [Sung]

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayers

TLH Pages 23-24

ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Preface: *TLH Page 24 [Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

**P: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee,
holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God ... therefore with angels and archangels and with all the
company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:**

The Sanctus: *TLH Page 26 [Sung]*

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer: *TLH Page 27*

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;

[Sung] For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution: TLH Page 27

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini: TLH Page 27

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

C: *[Sung]* A - - - men.

The Agnus Dei: TLH Page 28 *[Sung]*

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

The Distribution *(We invite those who are communicant members of the LC-MS to commune with us.)*

Distribution Hymns TLH 305 "Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness"

Soul, adorn thyself with gladness, Leave behind all gloom and sadness;
Come into the day-light's splendor, There with joy thy praises render
Unto Him whose grace unbounded Hath this wondrous Supper founded.
High o'er all the heav'ns He reigneth, Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him And with loving rev'rence greet Him,
For with words of life immortal Now He knocketh at thy portal.
Haste to ope the gates before Him, Saying, while thou dost adore Him:
Suffer, Lord, that I receive Thee, And I nevermore will leave Thee.

He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us hath freely given.
Tho' the wealth of earth were proffered, Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for thee riven, And His blood, for thee once given.

Ah, how hungers all my spirit For the love I do not merit!
Oft have I, with sighs fast thronging, Thought upon this food with longing,
In the battle well-nigh worsted, For this cup of life have thirsted,
For the Friend who here invites us And to God Himself unites us.

In my heart I find ascending Holy awe, with rapture blending,
As this mystery I ponder, Filling all my soul with wonder,
Bearing witness at this hour Of the greatness of God's power;
Far beyond all human telling Is the pow'r within Him dwelling.

Human reason, though it ponder, Cannot fathom this great wonder
That Christ's body e'er remaineth Though it countless souls sustaineth
And that He His blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus, Thou my Friend most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring--
At Thy feet I cry, my Maker, Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Thy glory, given.

Lord, by love and mercy driven Thou hast left Thy throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness And to shed Thy blood in sadness.
By this blood, redeemed and living, Lord, I praise Thee with thanksgiving.
Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, Let me gladly here obey Thee.
By Thy love I am invited, Be Thy love with love requited;
From this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gifts Thou here dost give me As Thy guest in heav'n receive me. Amen.

TLH 444 "Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You"

Rise! To arms! With prayer employ you, O Christians, lest the Foe destroy you,
For Satan has designed your fall. Wield God's Word, a weapon glorious!
Against each foe you'll be victorious; Our God will set you o'er them all.
Is Satan strong and fell? Here is Immanuel. Sing hosanna!
The strong ones yield, With Christ our Shield, And we as conqueror's hold the field.

Cast afar this world's vain pleasures, Aye, boldly fight for heavenly treasures,
And steadfast be in Jesus' might. He will help, whate'er betide you,
And naught will harm with Christ beside you; By faith you'll conquer in the fight.
Then shame, thou weary soul! Look forward to the goal: There joy waits thee.
The race, then, run; The combat done, Thy crown of glory will be won.

Wisely fight, for time is fleeting, The hours of grace are fast retreating;
Short, short, is this our earthly way. Then the trump the dead is waking
And sinners all with fear are quaking, With joy the saints will greet that Day.
Bless God, our triumph's sure, Tho' long we did endure Scorn and trial.
Thou, Son of God, To Thine abode Wilt lead the way Thyself hast trod.

Jesus, all Thy children cherish And keep them that they never perish
Whom Thou hast purchased with Thy blood. Let new life to us be given
That we may look to Thee in heaven Whenever fearful is our mood.
Thy spirit on us pour That we may love Thee more-- Hearts o'erflowing;
And then will we Be true to Thee In death and life eternally. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

TLH Pages 29-30 [Sung]

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:
which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Thanksgiving: *TLH Page 30*

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: *[Sung]* And His mercy endureth forever.

The Thanksgiving Prayer: TLH Pages 30-31

P: ...through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

The Benedicamus: TLH Page 31

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord.

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction: TLH Page 31

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn TLH 195 "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

**Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands, For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands And brings us life from heaven;
Therefore let us joyful be And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

**It was a strange and dreadful strife When Life and Death contended;
The victory remained with Life, The reign of Death was ended;
Holy Scripture plainly saith That Death is swallowed up by Death,
His sting is lost forever. Hallelujah!**

**Here the true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree- So strong His love!-to save us.
See, His blood doth mark our door; Faith points to it, Death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us. Hallelujah!**

**So let us keep the festival Whereto the Lord invites us;
Christ is himself the Joy of all, The Sun that warms and lights us.
By His grace He doth impart Eternal sunshine to the heart;
The night of sin is ended. Hallelujah!**

**Then let us feast this Easter Day On Christ, the Bread of heaven;
The Word of Grace hath purged away The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed, He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other. Hallelujah! Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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Hymn #370: Scripture: 1 Timothy 1:1; My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less; Author: Edward Mote (c. 1834, cento); Tune: Magdalen; Composer: John Stainer (1873, arr.).

Hymn #263: Scripture: Luke 12:32; Verzage nicht, du Hauflein klein; O Little Flock, Fear Not The Foe; Author: Johann M. Altenberg, 1632, asc., ab.; Tr., Catherine Winkworth, 1855, alt.; Kommt her mir; German melody, c. 1400.

Hymn #305: Scripture: Revelation 19:8; Schmucke dich, Olieb Seele; Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness; Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1858, alt.); Tune: Schmuck dich; Composer: Johann Cruger, (1649).

Hymn #444: Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18; Ruestet euch, ihr Christenleute; Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You; Author: Wilhelm E. Arends (1714); Translator: John M. Sloan (1865); Tune: Wachet auf; Composer: Philipp Nicolai (1599).

Hymn #195: Scripture: Acts 2:24; Christ lag in Todesbanden; Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Hands; Author: Martin Luther (1524, cento); Translator: Richard Massie (1854, alt.); Tune: Christ lag in Todesbanden, based on "Christ is erstanden" (Latin melody, c. 1100).

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Daily Bible Reading:

- **Monday, Oct. 6th:** Psalms 57-58
- **Tuesday, Oct. 7th:** Psalms 59-60
- **Wednesday, Oct. 8th:** Psalms 61-62
- **Thursday, Oct. 9th:** Psalms 63-64
- **Friday, Oct. 10th:** Psalms 65-66
- **Saturday, Oct. 11th:** Psalms 67-68
- **Sunday, Oct. 12th:** Psalms 69-70

"Hence it comes that the Psalter is the book of all saints, and everyone, in whatever case he is, finds in it psalms and words that fit his case and suit him exactly, as though they were put thus for his sake only, so that he could not put it better himself, or find better words, or wish for better. And this, too, is good; for when these words please a man and suit him, he becomes sure that he is in the communion of saints, and that it has gone with all the saints as it goes with him, since they all sing one song with him."

Martin Luther, *Preface to the Psalter*

Continue with us in the corporate reading of the Psalter over these next few months. Following the plan above, we are able to read through all the Psalms before the start of Advent on November 30th with about a week to spare.

Catechism Recitation for the Week:

The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.