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 *- congregation sings. Congregation responds in* **bold** *print.*

***Reminders** in Preparation for Service:*

- *Please sign the red record of fellowship book to keep our records up to date.*
- *Out of respect for God's house and for those preparing for service, please maintain a quiet atmosphere prior to service by holding conversations in the narthex.*
- *While corporate confession and absolution is present at most services, if you would like to meet with Pastor privately, please speak with him to schedule a time for confession.*
- *Children are welcomed into our service and encouraged to participate with the rest of the congregation. If they do need some "wiggle room," you may move to the Wiggle Room (located in the narthex area), until they are ready to return to the service.*

***Visitors and Guests:** Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church. We are blessed to have you with us.*

- *While most of what you will need for service is found in this service folder, if the indication LSB appears, it refers to the Lutheran Service Book, which is found in the hymnal rack on the back of the pew in front of you.*
- *Please speak with Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. If you do not have the opportunity before service begins, you are welcome to receive a blessing during communion. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms during the distribution of the sacrament.*

***College Students:** Please let us know how we can assist you during your time away from home. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor or Deaconess before leaving and indicate your university and contact information in the red record of fellowship book.*

Today is also the commemoration of **Dorcas, Lydia, and Phoebe, Faithful Women**. These women were exemplary Christians who demonstrated their faith by their material support of the Church. Dorcas (also know as Tabitha) was well-known and much loved for her acts of charity in the city of Joppa, especially for making clothes for the poor. When Dorcas died suddenly, the members of her congregation sent to the neighboring city of Lydda for the apostle Peter, who came and raised her from the dead (Acts 9:36-41). Lydia was a woman of Thyatira, who worked at Philippi selling a famous purple dye that was much in demand in the ancient world. She was also a "worshiper of God" at the local synagogue (Acts 16:14). When the apostle Paul encountered her in prayer among other proselyte

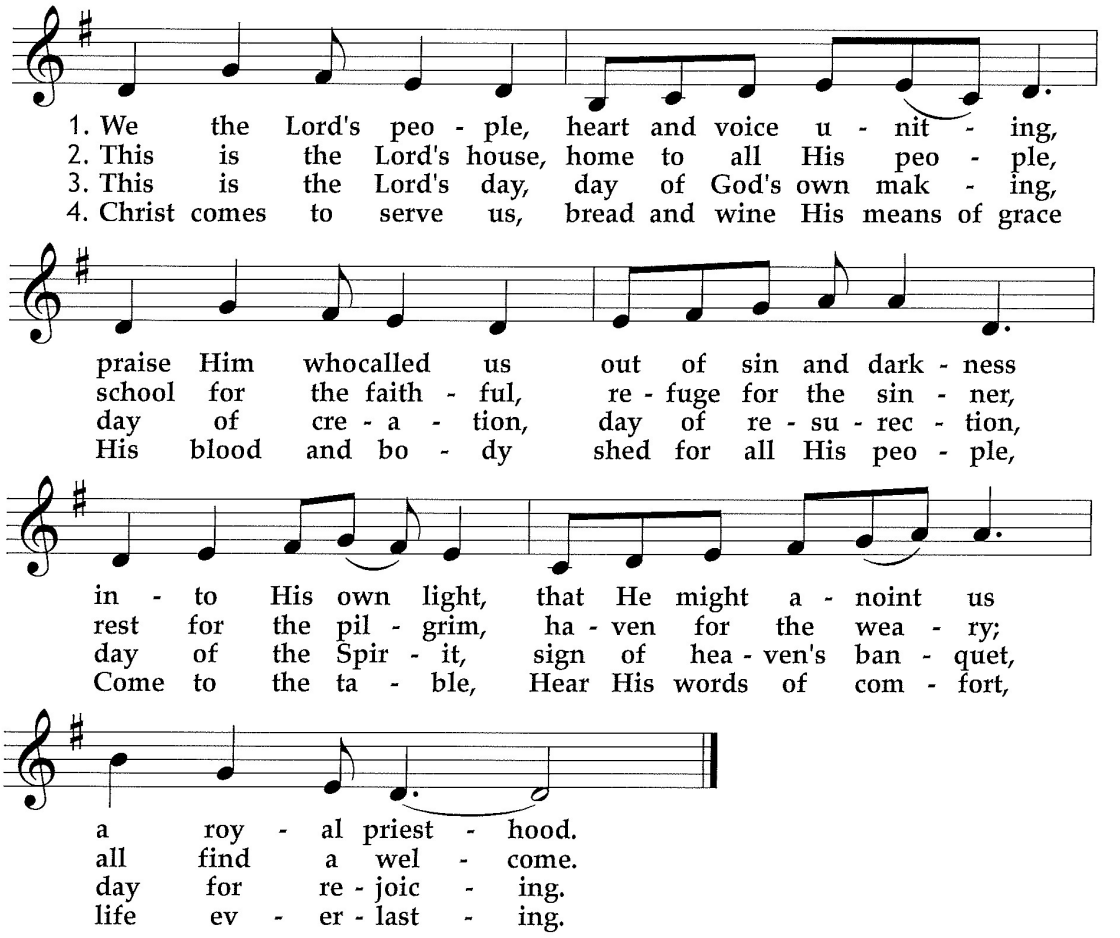
women, his preaching of the Word brought Lydia to faith in Christ. She and friends thus became the nucleus of the Christian community in Philippi (Acts 16:13-15, 40). Phoebe was another faithful woman associated with the apostle Paul. She was a deaconess from Cenchreae (the port of Corinth) whom Paul sent to the Church in Rome with his Epistle to the Romans. In it, he writes of her support for the work of the Early Church (Romans 16:1-2).

Prelude "Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" - Paul Manz

Order of Service

(adapted from *Lutheran Service Book,* Divine Service - Setting Four, p. 203-12)

HYMN: "We the Lord's People"



10:30 Youth Choir "Someone Special" - Carl Schalk / Jaroslav Vajda

INVOCATION, CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth. *(Psalm 124:8)*

If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord who could stand?
But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *(Psalm 130:3–4)*

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness, and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *(Luke 18:13)*

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life.

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.
Amen.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

O God, You have commanded us to love You above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in Your sight, that our faith in You may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +

Old Testament **Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18**

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

"You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

"You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Epistle **1 Thessalonians 2:1-13**

For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE

Alleluia. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. *(Matthew 22:37b)*

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter:

Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL **Matthew 22:34-46**

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, saying, "What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

"'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?" And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the Prophets.
And I believe in 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.

Sunday **Children's Lesson** Alex Wright - *Director of Christian Education*

HYMN: **"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" - *LSB* #685**

SERMON Pastor Joshua Errer

RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION

Anna Schantz, Adalynn Welter, Daniel Turner

RITE OF CONFIRMATION - Daniel Turner

"This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ;
not by the water only but by the water and the blood." – 1 John 5:6

Gathering of the Offering

Did you know that your offering shares the Gospel on all four college campuses in Green Bay through the work of our Deaconess?

Faith members willingly support the ministry of this congregation with their tithes and offerings. Visitors are always welcomed as our guests, so please do not feel obligated to contribute. During the gathering of the offering we ask that the registration in the red folder located at the end of each pew be passed down and filled out by visitors and members. Visitors, please remember to include contact information if you are interested in knowing more about Faith.

Scan to Give

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The prayer response is sung by the congregation, overlapping the word "Lord" at the end of each prayer petition.

... let us pray to the Lord



+ SACRAMENT +
(The communion liturgy begins on p. 208 of *Lutheran Service Book.)*

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) recognizes and respects the differences in beliefs regarding the nature and confession of Holy Communion and therefore holds to the Biblical practice of closed communion. We believe Christ's body and blood is being distributed with the bread and wine during the Lord's Supper. This is Christ's gift given for the forgiveness of sins, the strengthening of faith, and for the public confession of what we believe and teach. Since it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper sinfully and to your detriment, we ask that you speak with the pastor prior to receiving the Lord's Supper.

PREFACE

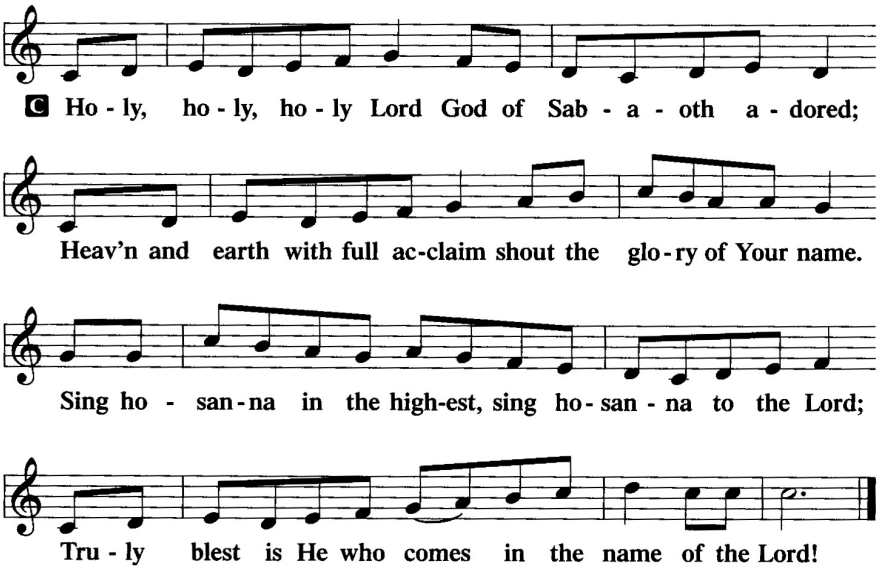
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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LORD'S PRAYER

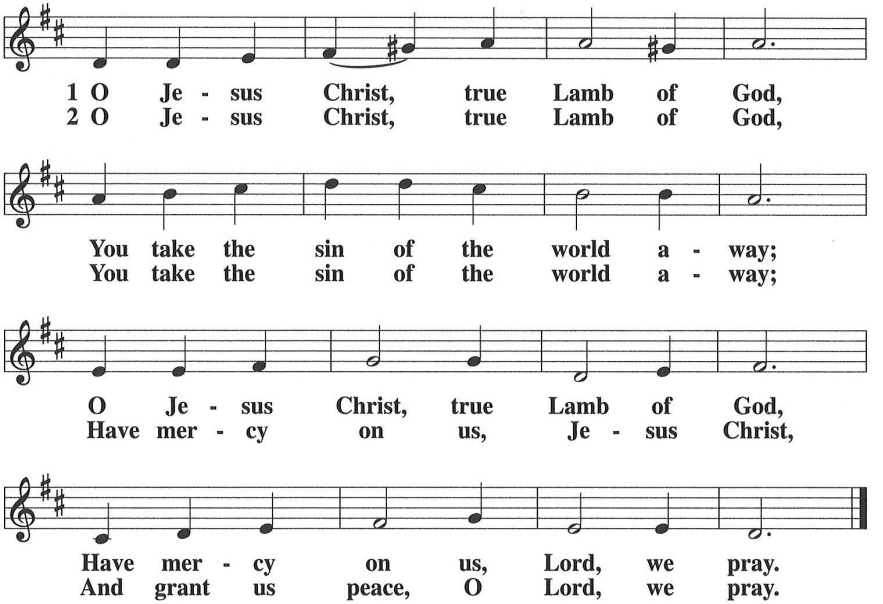
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the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

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Amen.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION HYMNS

8:00 Adult Choir: Psalm Anthem "I Was Glad" (based on Ps. 122) - Joe Cox

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.
Together we're giving our thanks always.
I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"
O brothers and sisters, pray for peace. O Jerusalem
May peace be with you, may love increase.
I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

"Have No Fear, Little Flock" - *LSB #735*

"O Savior, Precious Savior" - *LSB* #527

"Preserve Your Word, O Savior" - *LSB* #658

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE - *Nunc dimittis* (Go in Peace)



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Amen.

BENEDICTION

Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: "Mighty Fortress is Our God" - *LSB* #656, stanzas 1, 2, and 4

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
A trusty shield and weapon;
He helps us free from ev'ry need
That hath us now o'ertaken.
The old evil foe
Now means deadly woe;
Deep guile and great might
Are his dread arms in fight;
On earth is not his equal.

2. With might of ours can naught be done,
Soon were our loss effected;
But for us fights the Valiant One,
Whom God Himself elected.
Ask ye, who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Of Sabaoth Lord,
And there's none other God;
He holds the field forever.

4. The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With His good gifts and Spirit.
And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our vict'ry has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth.

Postlude "A Mighty Fortress" - Helmut Walcha

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