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Children are encouraged to stand, sit, and kneel with the congregation. If you are uncomfortable standing or kneeling, you may choose to sit.

Welcome visitors and guests. We are glad to have you worshiping with us today and would be happy to answer any questions you may have about our congregation. Please feel free to speak with one of the pastors or call the church during the week.

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As we gather, please note that some people prefer to reconnect with their church family and friends in the narthex (lobby area) prior to the service, while others prefer to meditate and pray in the sanctuary in preparation for worship. The ushers will try to keep the glass doors closed so that the joyful noise of church-family conversation in the narthex and the holy silence of preparation for worship in the sanctuary can coexist before the service begins. Suggested prayers to help you prepare for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal in the pews.

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Our services generally come out of the various settings in the Lutheran Service Book (the hymnal in the pews). We encourage people to have a hymnal for in-home use as well. Contact the office if you would like to order one.

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Most of our services include a corporate confession of sins and absolution (forgiveness) from God through the pastor. Occasionally we have Matins or other services which do not include this brief rite. We always offer individual confession and absolution by appointment and encourage our members to make use of this great gift of God.

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Holy Communion is celebrated at each of our regular weekend services and on certain other special occasions. In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to one of the pastors about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith; we simply understand our communing together as also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray, particularly for visible unity in the Christian Church.

Out of respect for God's House and your fellow worshipers, please turn off or silence cell phones prior to this Worship Service. Thank you for your co-operation.

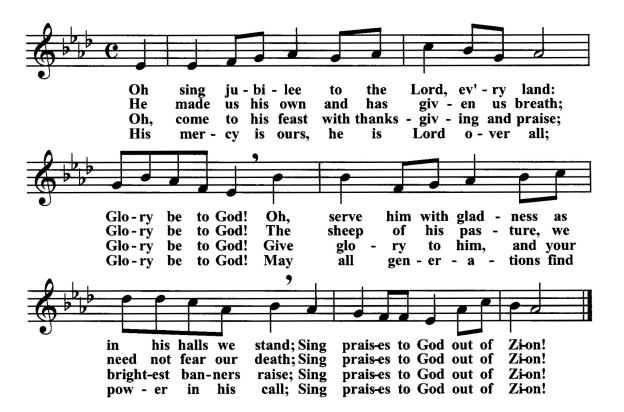
Prelude

Order of Service

(adapted from Divine Service - Setting Four, LSB p. 203)

HYMN:

"Oh Sing Jubilee to the Lord, Ev'ry Land" - Lutheran Worship #205



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)

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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.

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

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+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +

Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:1-6

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" declares the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the Lord. Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the Lord.

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

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

PSALM HYMN "The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" - LSB #710

Epistle

Ephesians 2:11-22

Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called "the uncircumcision" by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

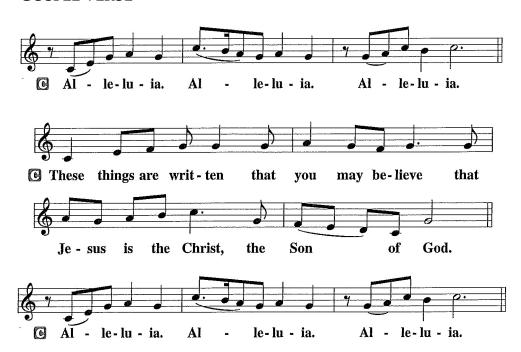
For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

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

GOSPEL VERSE



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Gospel Mark 6:30-44

The apostles returned to Jesus and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat.

And they went away in the boat to a desolate place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things.

And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

But he answered them, "You give them something to eat."
And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?"

And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."

Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

This is the Gospel of the Lord Praise to You, O Christ.

> During the summer months the children's message will focus on the articles of the Apostles' Creed and the petitions of the Lord's Prayer.

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 shall 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.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

What does this mean?

The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

How is God's will done?

God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Children's Lesson Pastor Errer Sunday:

HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" - LSB #644

Summer Sermon Series

Week 2: As we continue our sermon series through Ephesians, we learn that the city of Ephesus (approximately 250,000 people) had a diverse populous. There was a significant Jewish population that enjoyed Roman citizenship and significant rights within the community. Ephesus was also home to numerous pagan temples, including the Temple of Artemis which is numbered as one of the seven wonders of the ancient world and was four times larger than the Parthenon in Athens. It had 127 columns that were six feet in diameter and 60 feet high. Therefore, the converts to the Christian Church in Ephesus came from religiously diverse backgrounds and needed to understand how they could all belong to Christ.

SERMON: Vicar Chase Greenhagen

Gathering of the Offering

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +

(LSB - Divine Service, setting four, p. 203)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

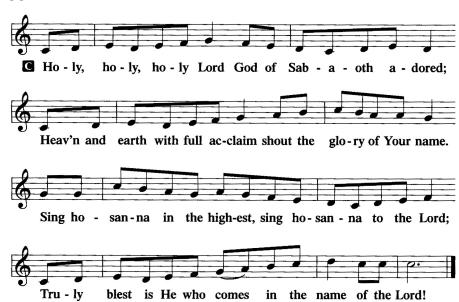
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS



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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.

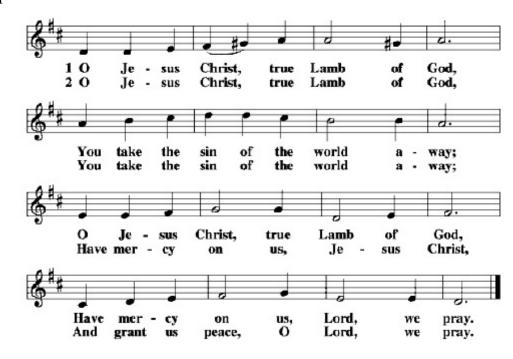
WORDS OF OUR LORD

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The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

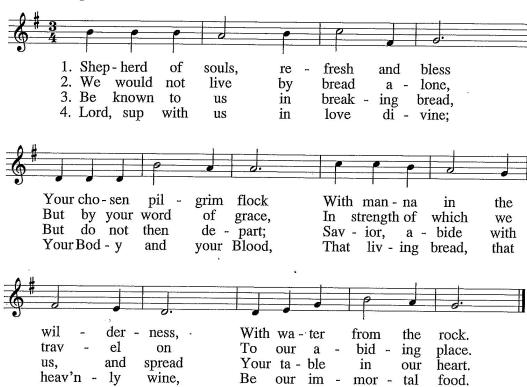
AGNUS DEI



Visitors, please see the inside front cover of the bulletin for an explanation of our communion practice. Also, non-alcoholic wine is available in the individual cups. It is the clear wine in the cups at the center of the tray. Note: If you prefer to receive from the chalice, simply do not take one of the individual cups. The pastor will follow with the chalice.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

"Shepherd of Souls"



"Jesus Sat With His Disciples" - LSB #932

"My Soul, Now Praise, Your Maker" - LSB #820

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Amen.

FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO VICAR CHASE GREENHAGEN

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BENEDICTION Amen.

HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" - LSB #850, stanzas 1, 2, 4

- 1. God of grace and God of glory,
 On your people pour your pow'r;
 Crown your ancient Church's story;
 Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the facing of this hour,
 For the facing of this hour.
- 2. Lo, the hosts of evil round us
 Scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
 From the fears that long have bound us
 Free our hearts to faith and praise.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
 For the living of these days,
 For the living of these days.
- 4. Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Your salvation
 Be our glory evermore.
 Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving You whom we adore,
 Serving You whom we adore.

Postlude

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