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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 other special days in the church year. 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

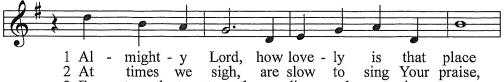
Order of Service

(adapted from Divine Service - Setting One, Lutheran Service Book, p. 151)

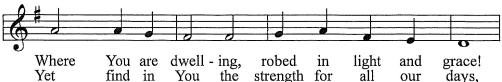
HYMN:

"Almighty Lord, How Lovely is That Place"

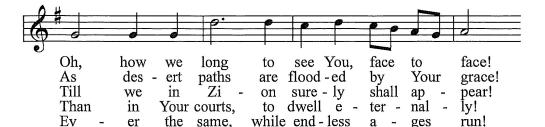
(Ps. 84)



3 From strength to strength we live each pass - ing year, 4 Lord, hear my prayer, with fa - vor look on me; 5 Glo - ry to God, the Fa - ther and the Son



by Your love, which casts all Led a - way fear, There no place that would rath - er be And Ho - ly Spir - it, er Three in One:





INVOCATION

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

10:30 INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +

Old Testament

Ezekiel 33:7-9

"So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.

This the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

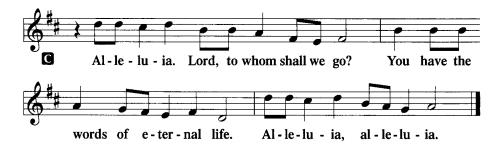
Epistle Romans 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

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

GOSPEL VERSE



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

GOSPEL Matthew 18:1-20

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

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 Message Alex Wright - Director of Christian Education

HYMN: "Renew Me, O Eternal Light" - LSB #704

THE MESSAGE: Pastor Joshua Errer

10:30 Welcome of New Members

Larry And Karen Lufter

Gathering of the Offering

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

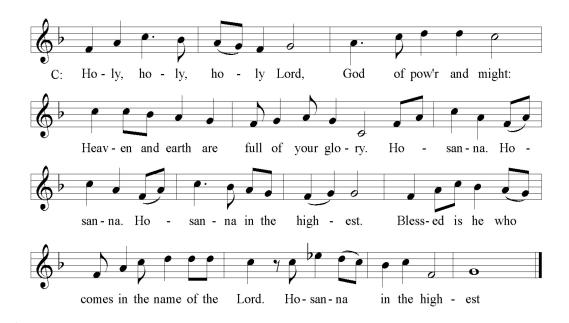
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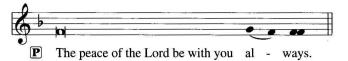
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LORD'S PRAYER

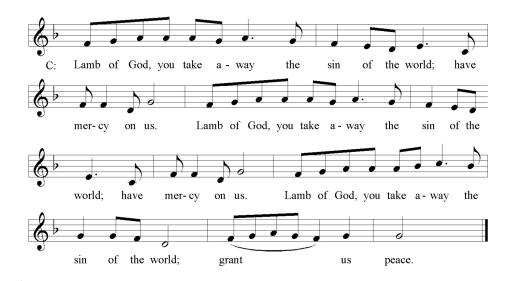
WORDS OF INSTITUTION







AGNUS DEI



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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.

L COMMUNION HYMNS

"In Christ Alone"



"You Are the Way; through You Alone" - LSB #526

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: "Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven" - LSB #793, stanzas 1, 2, 4

- 1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven:
 To His feet your tribute bring:
 Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
 Evermore His praises sing:
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise the everlasting King.
- 2. Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress; Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless: Alleluia, alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.
- 4. Angels, help us to adore Him;
 You behold Him face to face;
 Sun and moon, bow down before Him,
 All who dwell in time and space.
 Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise with us the God of grace.

Postlude

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