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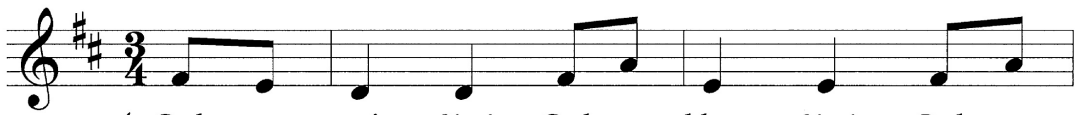
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 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneels.  
 - congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold print**.


Prelude

Order of Service  
(adapted from *Lutheran Service Book*, Divine Service I, p. 151)


 HYMN: “God, We Praise You” (TE DEUM paraphrase)



1. God, we praise You! God, we bless You! God, we  
2. True a - pos - tles, faith - ful proph - ets, Saints who  
3. Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, Ev - er -  
4. Christ, at God's right hand vic - to - rious, You will



name you sov - 'reign Lord! Might - y King whom an - gels  
set their world a - blaze, Mar - tyrs, once un - known, un -  
last - ing Son of God, Hum - ble was Your vir - gin  
judge the world you made; Lord in mer - cy help Your



wor - ship, Fa - ther, by Your Church a - dored:  
heed - ed, Join one grow - ing song of praise,  
moth - er, Hard the lone - ly path You trod:  
ser - vants For whose free - dom you have paid:

Faith Lutheran Church  
Green Bay, Wisconsin



All cre - a - tion shows your glo - ry, Heav'n and  
 While Your Church on earth con - fess - es One ma -  
 By Your cross is sin de - feat - ed, Hell con -  
 Raise us — up from dust to glo - ry, Guard us —

earth draw near Your throne, Sing - ing "Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 jes - tic Trin - i - ty: Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly  
 front - ed face to face, Heav - en o - pened to be -  
 from all sin to - day; King en - throned a - bove all

ho - ly," Lord of hosts and God a - lone!  
 Spi - rit, God our hope e - ter - nal - ly.  
 liev - ers, Sin - ners jus - ti - fied by grace.  
 prais - es, Save Your peo - ple, God we pray.

INVOCATION

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

RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM *Lutheran Service Book, p. 268*

Baptized today: Ford Taylor Boeck  
Parents: Garrett and Carsin Boeck  
Sponsors: Jannae Poole and David Nordby

CONFESSION OF SINS

Do you renounce the devil?  
**Yes, I renounce him.**

Do you renounce all his works?  
**Yes, I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all his ways?  
**Yes, I renounce them.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Do you believe in God the Father Almighty?  
**Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?  
**Yes, I believe 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 on the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
**Yes, 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.**

**BAPTISMAL HYMN**      **“All Who Believe and Are Baptized” - LSB #601**



1 All who be-lieve and are bap-tized Shall see the Lord's sal - va - tion;  
 2 With one ac-cord, O God, we pray, Grant us your Ho - ly Spir - it;

Bap-tized in - to the death of Christ, They are a new  
 Help us in our in - fir - mi - ty Through Je - sus' blood

cre - a - tion; Through Christ's re-demp-tion they will stand A -  
 and mer - it; Grant us to grow in grace each day By

mong the glo-rious heav'n-ly band Of ev - 'ry tribe and na - tion.  
 ho - ly Bap-tism that we may E - ter-nal life in - her - it.

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; 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

Genesis 50:15-21

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him.  
His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants."  
But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

PSALM 103:1-12, antiphon v. 13



As a father shows compassion to his | children  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who | fear him.  
Bless the Lord, | O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name.  
**Bless the Lord, | O my soul,  
and forget not all his | benefits,  
who forgives all your in- | iquity,  
who heals all your dis- | eases,**

who redeems your life | from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,  
who satisfies | you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.  
**The Lord works | righteousness  
and justice for all who | are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to | Moses,  
his acts to the people of | Israel.**

The Lord is merciful and | gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.  
He will not | always chide,  
nor will he keep his anger for- | ever  
**He does not deal with us according | to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.  
For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;**

as far as the east is | from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his | children  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who | fear him.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the ✠ Son  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
As it was in the be- | ginning,  
is now and will be forever. | Amen.**

Epistle

Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

**i** Gospel Verse

Alleluia. If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.  
**Alleluia**

*Matthew 6:14*

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?”  
Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made.

So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’

So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’

He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place.

Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt.

So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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

**The Fifth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer  
and Luther’s Explanation from the Small Catechism**

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

*What does this mean?*

**We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

**Sunday**      **Children’s Message**      Alex Wright - *Director of Christian Education*

**HYMN:**        **“Son of God, Eternal Savior” - LSB #842**

**THE MESSAGE:**        Pastor Joshua Errer

**Gathering of the Offering**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**+ SACRAMENT +**  
(adapted from Divine Service, Setting Two in *Lutheran Service Book*, p. 160)

**PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

**PROPER PREFACE**

**SANCTUS**

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est

**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 INSTITUTION**

**PAX DOMINI**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.

**C** A - men.

AGNUS DEI

C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

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.

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 the pastor 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.



COMMUNION HYMNS

- "Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain" - LSB #865
- "How Great Thou Art" - LSB #801
- "O Word of God, Incarnate" - LSB #523



POST- COMMUNION COLLECT

BENEDICTION  
Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" - LSB #803

- Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.
- All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.
- Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

Postlude Overture from Music for Royal Fireworks - G. F. Handel

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