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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 co-exist 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). Note that the liturgy setting, 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 our regular weekend services and 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.

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#### Prelude

## **Order of Service**

(adapted from Lutheran Service Book, Divine Service - 4, p. 203)

HYMN: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" - LSB #411

**10:30** Cherub Choir: "Two Little Eyes" and "King of Kings"

## 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.

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

# **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with Your and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

# + SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +

## **Old Testament**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen—just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, "Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die."

And the LORD said to me, "They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die."

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

Epistle 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.

But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# GOSPEL VERSE



They were astonished | at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had au- | thority. (Mark 1:22a)

(repeat alleluias)

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

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are— the Holy One of God."

But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him.

And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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 Pastor Joshua Errer

HYMN: "If Your Beloved Son, O God" - LSB #568

**SERMON:** Pastor Joshua Errer

# **Gathering of Offerings**

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.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

+ SACRAMENT +

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

#### **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

SANCTUS LSB p. 208





Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;

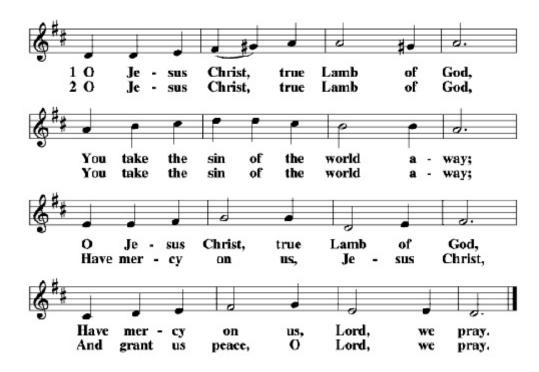


### LORD'S PRAYER

### **WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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

# AGNUS DEI LSB p. 210



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

"Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus" - LSB #685

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

"O Jesus, Blessed Lord to Thee" - LSB #632

NUNC DIMITTIS - Song of Simeon (LSB p. 211)



### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

BENEDICTION Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: "In Thee is Gladness" - LSB #818 (on back page)

**Postlude** "In Thee is Gladness" - J. S. Bach

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## HYMN: "In Thee is Gladness" - LSB #818 1 In Thee is glad - ness A - mid all sad - ness, Je 2 If He is . . . . We fear no pow - ers, Not ours, of By Thee are giv - en The gifts of sun shine of my heart. death. He sees and bless - es In worst disearth or sin or heav - en, Thou the true Re - deem - er art. Our souls Thou tress - es; He can change them with a breath. Where - fore the wak-est; Our bonds Thou break - est. Who trusts Thee sure - ly Has built sesto - ry Tell of His glo - ry With heart and voic - es, All heav'n re cure - ly And stands for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! Our hearts are joic - es In Him for - ev - er: Al - le - lu - ia! We shout for pin - ing To see Thy shin - ing, Dy - ing or liv - ing, To Thee are glad-ness, Win o - ver sad-ness, Love Him and praise Him And still shall

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