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 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneel or sit as you are able.
 - congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold print**.

*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). 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 each week in one or more of our regular services. 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.

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 String trio: "Lift Thine Eyes" - Felix Mendelssohn
Minuet-Allegro - Pietro Nardini
Jim and Susan Thornton, violins; Steve Westergan, cello

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

Order of Service

(Divine Service - 3, *Lutheran Service Book*, p. 184, adapted)

+ SCRIPTURES FOR THE DAY +

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

First Reading: **Revelation 14:6-7**

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
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Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

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

10:30 Youth Choir "We Are the Church" - Richard Avery
and "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Epistle: **Romans 3:19-28**

INVOCATION

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

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

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

GOSPEL VERSE



Fear not, little flock,
for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32)

(alleluias are repeated)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter:
Glory to You, O Lord!

Gospel: John 8:31-36

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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: CHORAL CANTATA "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word" - Dietrich Buxtehude (see additional notes on last page of bulletin)

*Lord, keep us steadfast in Thy Word;
Curb those who fain by craft and sword
Would wrest the kingdom from Thy Son
And set at naught all He hath done.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, Thy pow'r make known,
For Thou art Lord of lords alone;
Defend Thy Christendom that we
May evermore sing praise to Thee.*

*O Comforter of priceless worth,
Send peace and unity on earth;
Support us in our final strife
And lead us out of death to life.*

*Grant peace, we pray, in mercy Lord
Peace in our time, oh, send us!
For there is none on earth but Thee,
None other to defend us.
Thou only Lord, canst fight for us*

*Give to our people, To all that be in power,
Peace and good government
That by their protection
We may lead a quiet and peaceful life alway
In all godliness and in all honesty. Amen*

- Martin Luther

HYMN: "God's Word is Our Great Heritage" - LSB #582

THE MESSAGE: Vicar William Ebel

8:00 RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION

Lucyna Errer

Walter Errer

Gathering of the Offering

String trio: "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" from *Elijah* - Felix Mendelssohn

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

CONFESSIO and FORGIVENESS

[Adapted from *Luther's Christian Questions with Their Answers* for those who intend to go to the Sacrament.]

As we prepare to approach the Table of our Lord, we examine our hearts and lay them bare before our Lord seeking His forgiveness. Do you believe that you are a sinner?
Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

How do you know this?
From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

Are you sorry for your sins?
Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

What have you deserved from God because of your sins?
His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation.

Do you hope to be saved?
Yes, that is my hope.

In whom do you trust?
In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.

Who is Christ?
The Son of God, true God and man.

What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?
He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.



Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?
Yes, I believe it.

What convinces you to believe this?
The word of Christ: Take eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?
We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Why should we remember and proclaim His death?
First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?
His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners.

Finally, do you believe that the word of Christ's forgiveness I speak to you is from the Lord Himself?
Yes, I do.

Receive the forgiveness Christ won for you by His Passion, death, and resurrection. By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you your sins, in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

+ SACRAMENT +
(LSB p. 194)

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
♫ **And with thy spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.
♫ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
♫ **It is meet and right so to do.**

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS (LSB p. 195)

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

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

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

AGNUS DEI (LSB p. 198)

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

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

"In Christ Alone"

1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a-lone who took on flesh, Full-ness of God in help-less
 3. There in the ground His bo-dy lay, Light of the world by dark-ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in

song; This cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, Firm through the
 babe. This gift of love and right-eous-ness, Scorned by the
 slain; Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day Up from the
 me; From life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-

fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are
 ones he came to save. Till on that cross, as Je-sus died, The wrath of
 grave He rose a-gain! And as He stands in vic-to-ry, Sin's curse has
 mands my des-ti-ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ev-er

stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com-for-ter, my all in all, Here in the
 God was sa-tis-fied; For ev'-ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the
 lost its grip on me. For I am His and He is Bought with the
 pluck me from His hand; Till He re-turns or calls me home, Here in the

love of Christ I stand.
 death of Christ I stand.
 pre-cious blood of Christ.
 pow'r of Christ I stand.

String trio: "Morning Prayer" - P. I. Tchaikovsky

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

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" - *LSB* #656, stanzas 3 and 4

3. **Tho' devils all the world should fill,
All eager to devour us,
We tremble not, we fear no ill,
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little Word can fell him.**

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 *Rondo Allegro* - Pietro Nardini

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Buxtehude and the Cantata

The word cantata comes from the Latin word *cantare* which means to sing. It was a term first applied in seventeenth-century Italy to secular music for one or two voices with accompaniment. In Germany, the preference was for church cantatas that incorporated Biblical texts or familiar chorales (hymns). German composers also expanded the cantata form into multiple movements and added more independent instrumental parts.

The cantata heard today by composer Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707) is a fine example of a single-movement church cantata from the end of the seventeenth century. It is built upon the phrases of the German choral *Erhalt uns Herr bei deinem Wort* ("Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Thy Word" - *LSB* #655) and "Grant Peace, We Pray in Mercy Lord" - *LSB* #778. Between the phrases of the chorale, Buxtehude composed lively *ritornello* parts for two violins. In music of the Baroque era *ritornelli* are recurring sections that give structure to the musical forms.

In his day Dietrich Buxtehude held one of the most prestigious church musician posts in all of Germany. He was both organist and general manager at the Marienkirche in Lübeck, a north German city which enjoyed great prosperity from the shipping trade. As a composer and organist Buxtehude exerted a strong influence on the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. The young Bach was so interested in learning from Buxtehude that he made the 200-mile journey from Arnstadt on foot to visit him. Wishing to absorb as much as possible from Buxtehude, Bach remained in Lübeck for almost four months, much to the frustration of his employer who had only approved of a four-week leave of absence.

In Bach's hands the church cantata developed even further in size and complexity. His cantatas are all multi-movement works employing freely written texts alongside of familiar chorales. He also incorporated an even greater variety of instrumental resources and vocal techniques more commonly found in Baroque opera.

In our time the term cantata is applied to wide range of choral music, though it usually refers to an extended work for choir and/or solists based on sacred texts.