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OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—Missouri Synod

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- † Hymns †
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Wooden kneeling stools are available to all for use during the Preparation, Consecration, and Benediction. If you would like one, please take it from underneath the last row of chairs on the pulpit side of the nave before service. You may tuck it under the pew in front of you while not in use and may leave it there after the service.

This morning we will celebrate Holy Communion

Visitors who have not before received communion from Pastor McCall are kindly asked to speak with him before Divine Service begins and before approaching the altar for the first time. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar and because those who eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood unworthily do so to their great harm, it is very important to speak with pastor before service if you desire the Blessed Sacrament. Also, those who receive the Lord's Supper at Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church are baptized Christians who have been instructed in and publicly confess the Evangelical Lutheran faith. For these reasons, *only members of this congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod* receive Holy Communion at this altar. If you have any questions regarding the doctrine and practice of Closed Communion, please talk to the pastor before or after the Divine Service.



† THE DIVINE SERVICE †

10:30am

THE PRELUDE

The bell tolls three times to signify the beginning of service in reverence of the Holy Trinity. After the tolls, the Processional Hymn will begin.

Please STAND and FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

586 *Preach You the Word*

✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
ST. MATTHEW 28:19B; [18:20]

Amen.

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[HEBREWS 10:22]

Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

PSALM 124:8

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD,
and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

PSALM 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination. The pastor will resume...

O almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

Please STAND

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

PSALM 44:23-24A, 25B-26A, 44:1A



| Awake, | why sleepest Thou, O LORD?

Arise, cast us not off for / ever.

Wherefore hidest Thou thy face: and forgettest / our affliction?

For our belly cleaveth unto the / eârth.

Arise, for our help, / and redeem us.

We have heard with our / ears, O God,

our fa- / thers have told us.

***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 for- / ever. Amen.

| Awake, | why sleepest Thou, O LORD?

Arise, cast us not off for / ever.

Wherefore hidest Thou thy face: and forgettest / our affliction?

For our belly cleaveth unto the / eârth.

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THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



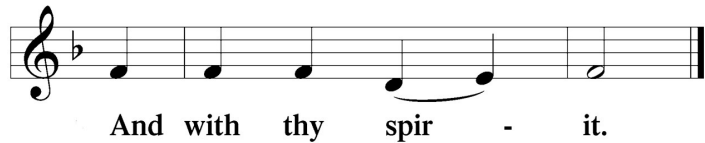
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THE SALUTATION

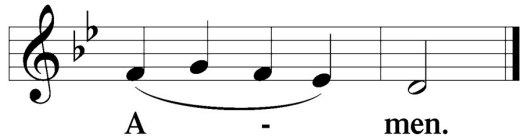
2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do, mercifully grant that by Thy power we may defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



Please BE SEATED

THE PROPHECY

ISAIAH 55:10-13

Thus says the LORD God: "As the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out with joy, and be led out with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth into singing before you, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off," says the LORD Almighty.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 83:18, 13



Let the nations know that Thy name is JE- / HOVAH:
Thou art the Most High / over all the earth.

**O my God, make them / like a wheel;
And like chaff be- / fore the wind.—**

THE EPISTLE

2 CORINTHIANS 11:19-12:9

Brethren: You put up with fools gladly, since you yourselves are wise! For you put up with it if one brings you into bondage, if one devours you, if one takes from you, if one exalts himself, if one strikes you on the face. To our shame I say that we were too weak for that! But in whatever anyone is bold—I speak foolishly—I am bold also. Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to stumble, and I do not burn with indignation? If I must boast, I will boast in the things which concern my infirmity. The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is blessed forever, knows that I am not lying. In Damascus the governor, under Aretas the king, was guarding the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desiring to arrest me; but I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and

escaped from his hands. It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. Of such a one I will boast; yet of myself I will not boast, except in my infirmities. For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND

THE TRACT

PSALM 60:2, 4B, 5A



Thou, O Lord, hast made the earth to / tremble:
- / Thou hast broken it.

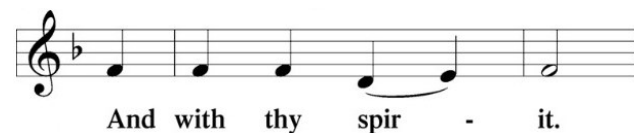
**Heal the breaches there- / ôf:
- / For it shaketh.**

Let them flee from before the / bôw,
that Thy beloved may / be delivered.

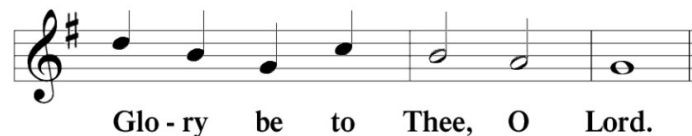
THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. LUKE 8:4-15

The Lord be with you.



The continuation of the ✠ Holy Gospel ✠ according to
✠ Saint Luke.



✠ *At that time:* When a great multitude had gathered, and they had come to Him from every city, Jesus spoke by a parable: “A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trampled down, and the birds of the air devoured it. Some fell on rock; and as soon as it sprang up, it withered away because it lacked moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns sprang up with it and choked it. But others fell on good ground, sprang up, and yielded a crop a hundredfold.” When He had said these things He cried, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” Then His disciples asked Him, saying, “What does this parable mean?” And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved. But the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away. Now the ones that fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity. But the ones that fell on the good ground are

those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



THE 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.

Please BE SEATED

THE HYMN OF THE DAY 823 *May God Bestow on Us His Grace*

THE SERMON

Please STAND

THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12



THE OFFERTORY VERSE

PSALM 17:5, 6B-7A



Hold up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps / slip not.
Incline Thine ear unto me, and / hear my speech.—

Show Thy marvelous loving- / kindness,
O Thou that savest by Thy right hand
them which put their / trust in Thee, O Lord.

Please BE SEATED

THE OFFERING

Create in Me

Please STAND



THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

- please read the announcements and prayer list details on bulletin insert

After each bid: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: O Lord, ... one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE SERVICE OF ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

2 TIMOTHY 4:22



And with thy spir - it.

Lift up your hearts.

[COLOSSIANS 3:1]



We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto the LORD our God.

[PSALM 136]



It is meet and right so to do.

It is truly meet, right, and salutary... praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS

ISAIAH 6:3; ST. MATTHEW 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. ✠ Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ST. MATTHEW 6:9-13

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.**



THE WORDS OF CHRIST'S TESTAMENT

ST. MATTHEW 26:26-28;

ST. MARK 14:22-24; ST. LUKE 22:19-20; I CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY ✠ BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU; THIS CUP IS THE NEW TESTAMENT IN MY ✠ BLOOD, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

THE PAX DOMINI

ST. JOHN 20:19

The ✠ peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up-on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

THE COMMUNION VERSE

PSALM 43:4A



I will go unto the altar of / Gôd,
unto God / my exceeding joy.

Please BE SEATED

THE COMMUNION HYMNS

955 *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

820 *My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker*

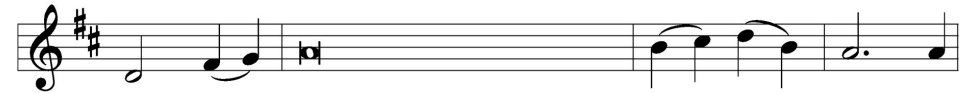
655 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*

834 *O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth*

Please STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



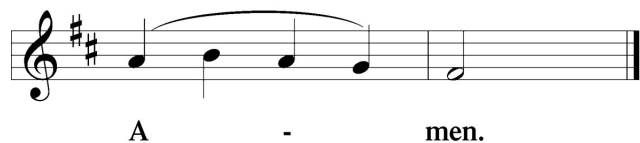
THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.



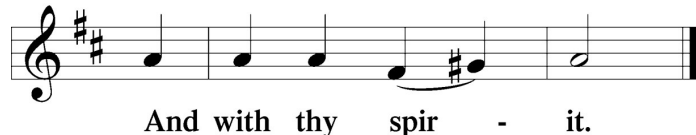
We humbly beseech Thee, O Almighty God, that Thou wouldst grant those whom Thou hast refreshed with Thy sacraments, worthily to serve Thee in conduct well-pleasing unto Thee; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

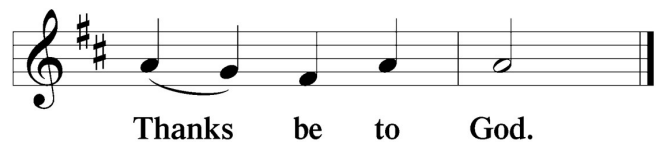
The Lord be with you.



THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.



Please KNEEL IF YOU DESIRE AND ARE ABLE

THE BENEDICTION

NUMBERS 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



Please STAND

THE RETIRING PROCESSION WITH POSTLUDE

Please FACE THE PROCESSION as it passes.
Once the Procession reaches the narthex, you may depart in ✠ peace.



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