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#### 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.



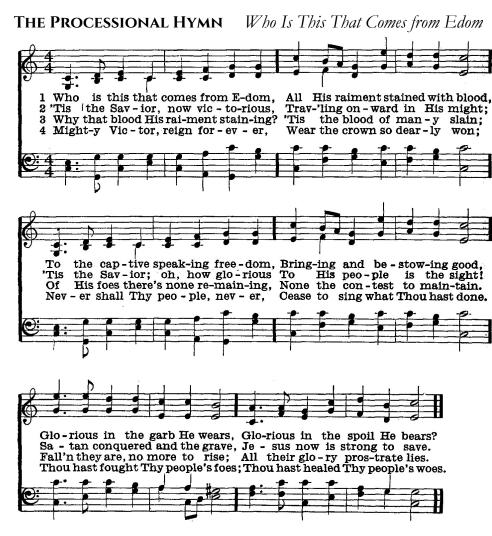
**\*** THE DIVINE SERVICE **\*** 

10:30am

Please silence all phones and devices before service begins.

#### **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.



 $\bigstar$  The Preparation  $\clubsuit$ 

In the name of the Father and of the A 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

PSALM 32:5

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

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

1 Peter 2:2a; Psalm 81:1

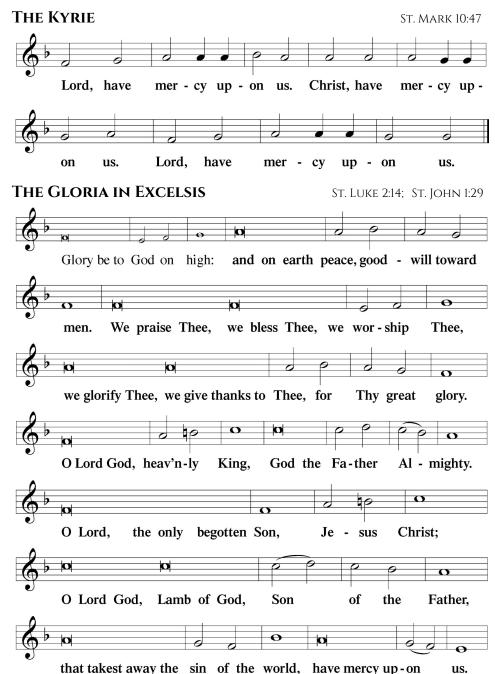


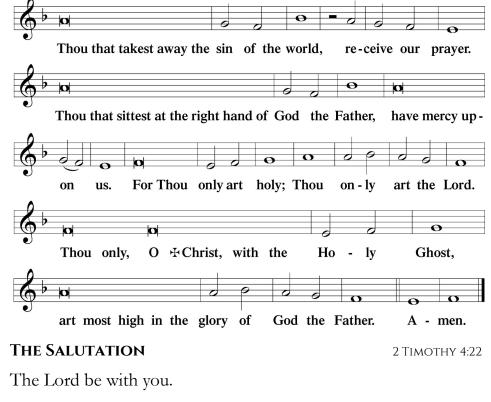
|As new-| born babes, alle- / luia,
Desire the sincere milk of the word, alleluia, alleluia, / alleluia.
Sing aloud unto / God our strength:
Make a joyful noise unto the / God of Jacob.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son and to the / Holy Spirit;

# as it was in the be- / ginning, is now and will be for- / ever. Amen.

|As new-| born babes, alle- / luia,

Desire the sincere milk of the word, alleluia, alleluia, / alleluia.







THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Grant we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we who have celebrated the solemnities of the Lord's resurrection may, by the help of Thy grace, bring forth the fruit thereof in our life and conversation; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.



#### THE PROPHECY

EZEKIEL 37:1–14

In those days: The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD." ' " So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. Also He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." '" So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD Almighty."

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

#### THE GRADUAL AND ALLELUIA VERSE

1 Corinthians 5:7b, 8a, c; St. Matthew 26:32



Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacri- / ficed for us.
Let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sinceri-/ ty and truth.—
Alleluia. On the day of My resurrection, / saith the Lord, I will go before you into Galilee. / Alleluia.

## THE EPISTLE

1 John 5:4–10a

*Dearly Beloved:* Whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself.

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

Please STAND

THE SEQUENCE HYMN

459 Christ Is Arisen



#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 20:19-31

The Lord be with you.



The continuation of the + Holy Gospel + according to + Saint John.



# At that time: The same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen

and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.



#### 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

**470** O Sons and Daughters of the King

#### THE SERMON

Please STAND

#### THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10–12





The angel of the Lord descended from / heaven, And said unto the women, Whom seek ye?

He is risen, as He said, / alleluia.

Please BE SEATED

### THE OFFERING

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord

# THE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 TIMOTHY 2:1–4]

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

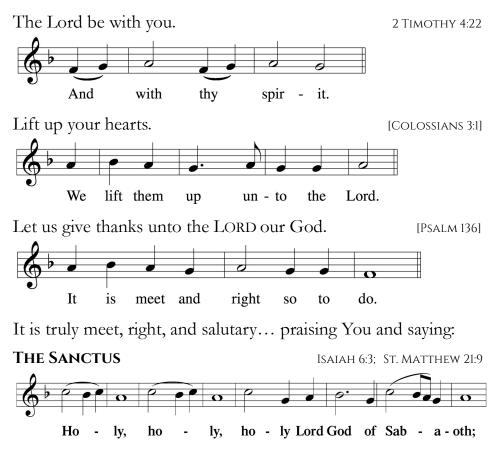
After each bid: Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

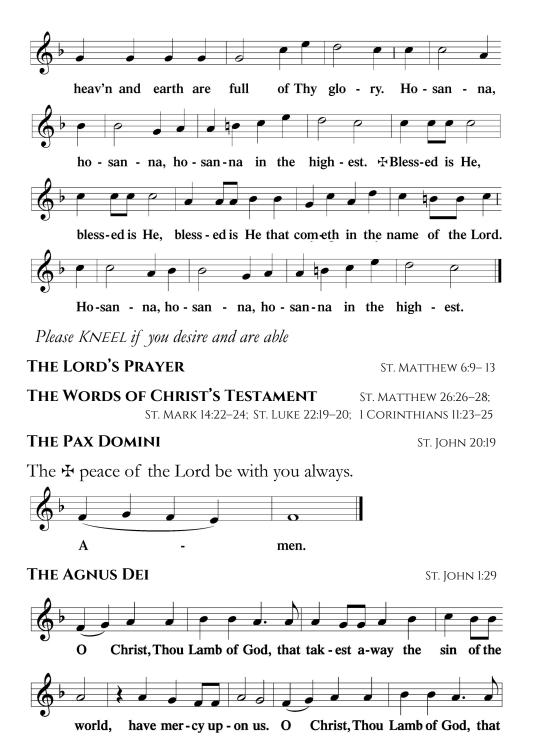
*At the conclusion*: O Lord, ... one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

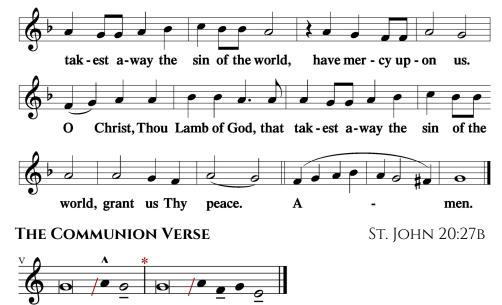
# The Service of + The Sacrament of the Altar +

#### THE PREFACE



Please STAND





Reach hither thy hand,

and behold the prints of the nails, alle- / luia: And be not faithless, but believing, alleluia / alleluia!

Please BE SEATED

### THE COMMUNION HYMNS

614 "As Surely as I Live," God Said
458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands
480 He's Risen, He's Risen

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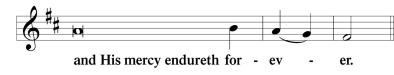
#### THE NUNC DIMITTIS

St. Luke 2:29-32



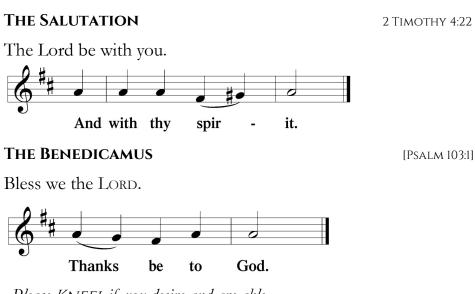


Oh, give thanks unto the LORD for He is good.



Let us pray. We beseech Thee, O Lord our God, to make the most holy Mysteries which Thou hast bestowed for the renewal of our spiritual life, to be for us both a present and a future remedy; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.





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 4 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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