

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

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OUR SAVIOR

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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✠ Hymns ✠
517:1, 9, 3
382
TLH 273
888
666
941

On receiving the Lord's Supper: Our congregation is a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), a family of congregations that pledge themselves to believe, teach, and confess the same faith. We believe that we are given a great responsibility to commune only those persons who are members of our confessional fellowship. We practice closed communion to exhibit unity in faith (Acts 2:42), to guard the uninstructed against a reception of the sacrament that will be harmful to them (1 Corinthians 11:27-29), and to keep the pastor from having to make “divine” decisions by determining who is a believer and who is not (2 Timothy 2:19). Therefore, we ask that only LCMS members, or members of churches in fellowship with us, commune at the altar of this church. We want to express our sincere welcome to our guests and assure them that we practice closed communion for their spiritual welfare. Guests desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.



✠ 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.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

517:1, 9, 3 *By All Your Saints in Warfare*

✠ 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 remain STANDING or 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.

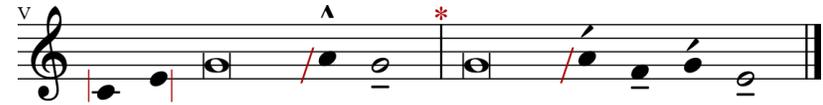
[ST. JOHN 20:19-23]

Please STAND

✠ THE SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

THE INTROIT

PSALM 8:2A; PSALM 8:1A



| Out of | the mouth of babes and sucklings, O / Gôd,
Hast Thou perfected praise because of Thine / enemies.—

**O / LORD our LORD,
How excellent is Thy name in / all the earth!—**

**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.

| Out of | the mouth of babes and sucklings, O / Gôd,
Hast Thou perfected praise because of Thine / enemies.—

THE KYRIE

ST. MARK 10:47



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



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

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

ST. LUKE 2:14; ST. JOHN 1:29



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,

we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O ✠ Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose martyred innocents showed forth Thy praise not by speaking but by dying, mortify all evils of vices within us that our lives may in deed confess Thy faith which our tongue uttereth; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

A - men.

Please BE SEATED

THE PROPHECY

EXODUS 1:8–22

Thus says the LORD God: There arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, “Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land.” Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage—in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor. Then the king of

Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; and he said, “When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, if it is a son, then you shall kill him; but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.” But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive. So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, “Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?” And the midwives said to Pharaoh, “Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are lively and give birth before the midwives come to them.” Therefore God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them. So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, “Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL

PSALM 124:7A, 7B-8



Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the / fowlers:
The snare is broken, and / we are escaped.—

**Our help is in the name of the / LÔRD,
Who made / heaven and earth.—**

THE EPISTLE

REVELATION 14:1-5

In those days: I looked, and behold, a Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him one hundred and forty-four thousand, having His Father’s name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven, like the voice of many waters, and like the voice of loud thunder. And I heard the sound of harpists playing their harps. They sang as it were a new song before the throne,

before the four living creatures, and the elders; and no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who were redeemed from the earth. These are the ones who were not defiled with women, for they are virgins. These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no deceit, for they are without fault before the throne of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please STAND

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

LITURGICAL TEXT



Alle- / luia!

- / Alleluia!

The noble army of / martyrs

Praise Thee, O Lord. / Alleluia!

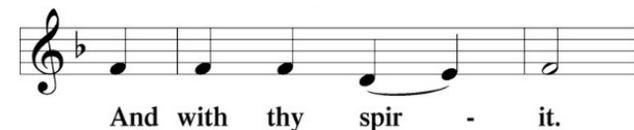
THE SEQUENCE HYMN

382 *We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

ST. MATTHEW 2:13B-18

The Lord be with you.



And with thy spir - it.

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



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

✠ *At that time:* An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.” When he arose, he took the young Child and His mother by night and departed for Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, “Out of Egypt I called My Son.” Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying: “A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation, weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”

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.

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THE HYMN OF THE DAY

TLH 273 Sweet Flowerets of the Martyr Band

THE SERMON

Please STAND

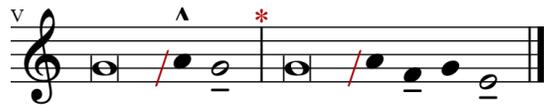
THE OFFERTORY

PSALM 51:10-12

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

THE OFFERTORY VERSE

PSALM 124:7



Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the / fowlers:
The snare is broken, and / we are escaped.—

Please BE SEATED

THE OFFERING

Please STAND

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4]

After each bid: Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

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

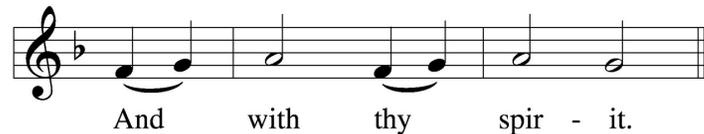


THE SERVICE OF ✠ THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR ✠

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,



bles - ed is He, bles - 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 remain STANDING or 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; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-25

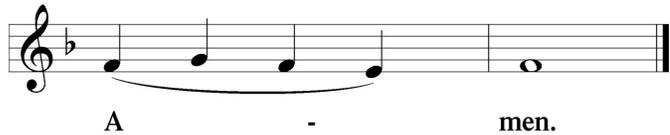
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY ✠ BODY, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.

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.



THE AGNUS DEI

ST. JOHN 1:29



THE COMMUNION VERSE

ST. MATTHEW 2:18



In Rama was there a voice heard,
lamentation and great / mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted,
because / they are not.—

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THE COMMUNION HYMNS

888 *O Gladsome Light, O Grace*

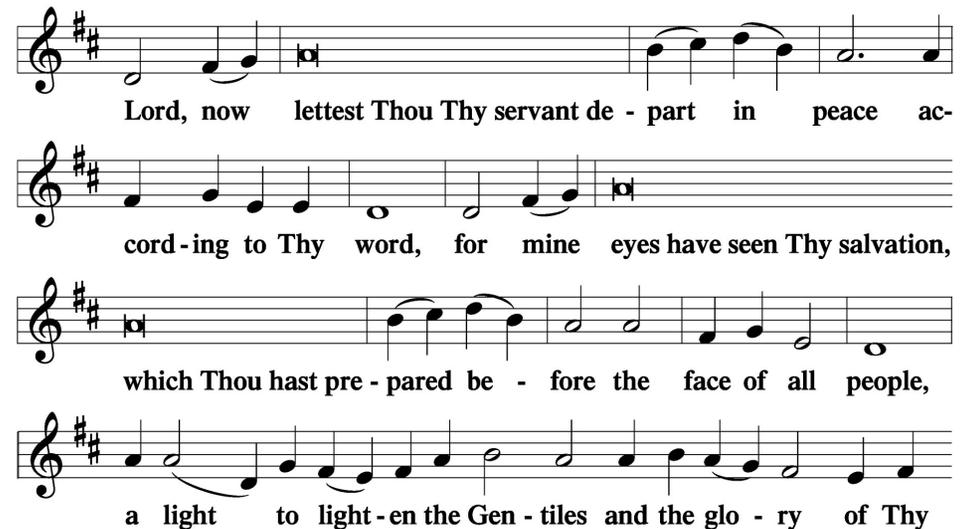
666 *O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe*

941 *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God*

Please STAND

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

ST. LUKE 2:29-32



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,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

THE THANKSGIVING

PSALM 107:1

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

and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Let us pray. Having received, O Lord, the gifts promised to the prayers of the saints: we beseech Thee to bestow upon us Thy protection both in temporal and eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

A - men.

THE SALUTATION

2 TIMOTHY 4:22

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spir - it.

THE BENEDICAMUS

[PSALM 103:1]

Bless we the LORD.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain STANDING or 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.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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.

