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(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)

WELCOME

INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of God the Father,

People: Who “so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16)

Pastor: In the name of God the Son,

People: Who “loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:2)

Pastor: In the name of God the Holy Spirit,

People: Who points us to the cross that we may learn to “love one another.” (John 13:34)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your unfailing love;

People: according to Your great compassion, blot out my transgressions.

Pastor: Wash away all my iniquity,

People: and cleanse me from my sin. (Psalm 51:1-2)

People: Almighty God, holy Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins, by which I have disobeyed and angered You and for which I deserve punishment in time and in eternity. I have fallen far short of Your glory by failing to love You and the neighbors You have given me. For Jesus’ sake forgive my offenses and release me from my guilt. Remove all sin from me, I beg You, and grant me by Your Spirit strength to amend my heart and will; through Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Dear friends, Jesus died for you. He took your sin upon Himself, suffered its terrible consequences, and vanquished its power. In Christ you are now free from death and need fear no condemnation. God is not angry with you, but

loves you with an unconquerable devotion. As a called and ordained minister of this gospel and with the authority of the Risen Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: God of love and grace, write Your new command on our hearts, that in likeness to Jesus Your Son we may fully and freely love all people. That many may be drawn to Christ the Savior, enable us by Your Spirit to prove our love through willing sacrifice and pure affection; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who gave Himself into death yet lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: “How Wide the Love of Christ” (Lutheran Service Book, #535)

How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race
But holds our one humanity within its broad embrace.

How deep the love of Christ, descending to a cross!
He bears within His wounded hands all human pain and loss.

All praise to You, O Christ, for love whose depth and height,
Whose length and breadth fill time and space with endless life and light!

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Exodus 12:1–14*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, “This month shall be for you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers’ houses, a lamb for a household. And if the household is too small for a lamb, then he and his nearest neighbor shall take according to the number of persons; according to what each can eat you shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male a year old. You may take it from the sheep or

from the goats, and you shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month, when the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill their lambs at twilight.

“Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts. And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD’s Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

“This day shall be for you a memorial day, and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD; throughout your generations, as a statute forever, you shall keep it as a feast.”

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: *1 Corinthians 11:23–32*

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, “This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Lector: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 13th chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: *John 13:1–17, 31b–35*

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray Him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside His outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around His waist. Then He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around Him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to Him, “Lord, do You wash my feet?” Jesus answered him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.” Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no share with Me.” Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!” Jesus said to him, “The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you.” For He knew who was to betray Him; that was why He said, “Not all of you are clean.”

When He had washed their feet and put on His outer garments and resumed His place, He said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. . . .

“Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in Him. If God is glorified in Him, God will also glorify Him in Himself, and glorify Him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek Me, and just as I said to the Jews, so now I also say to you, ‘Where I am going you cannot come.’ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Children's Message will return to its regularly scheduled place when we are able to increase the length of the worship service. Until then, it is available online at www.flcms.org/index.php/media/sermons.

HYMN: "When You Woke That Thursday Morning" (LSB, #445)

When You woke that Thursday morning,
Savior, teacher, faithful friend,
Thoughts of self and safety scorning,
Knowing how the day would end;
Lamb of God, foretold for ages,
Now at last the hour had come
When but One could pay sin's wages:
You assumed their dreadful sum.

Never so alone and lonely,
Longing with tormented heart
To be with Your dear ones only
For a quiet hour apart:
Sinless Lamb and fallen creature,
One last paschal meal to eat,
One last lesson as their teacher,
Washing Your disciples' feet.

What was there that You could give them
That would never be outspent,
What great gift that would outlive them,
What last will and testament?
"Show Me and the world you love Me,
Know Me as the Lamb of God:
Do this in remembrance of Me,
Eat this body, drink this blood."

One in faith, in love united,
All one body, You the head,
When we meet, by You invited,
You are with us, as You said.
One with You and one another
In a unity sublime,
See in us Your sister, brother,
One in ev'ry place and time.

One day all the Church will capture
That bright vision glo-ri-ous,
And Your saints will know the rapture
That Your heart desired for us,
When the longed-for peace and union
Of the Greatest and the least

Meet in joyous, blest communion
In Your never-ending feast.

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SERMON: “A Statute Forever” (*Exodus 12:1-14*)

OFFERTORY:

While the Coronavirus may have changed the way we come through the front doors of church, thanks be to God it has not prevented us from coming to Church! Please consider, as you are able, returning thanks and giving today at www.flcms.org/index.php/give.

OFFERTORY HYMN: “What Wondrous Love Is This” (LSB, # 543, verse 1)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

PREFACE: (LSB, #208)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His 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 covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper will be served in continuous stations a section at a time. The usher will invite one pew forward. Families may approach the table together. Individuals are asked to practice proper social distancing as they wait their turn. Pastors will invite each table to "take, eat" and then to "take, drink."

Please follow the ushers' directions.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "What Is This Bread" (LSB #629)

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead;
This bread we break, this life we take, was crushed to pay for our release,
O taste and see – the Lord is peace.

What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace brings His embrace of life and love until I sing!
O taste and see – the Lord is King.

So who am I, that I should live and He should die under the rod?
My God, my God, why have You not forsaken me?
O taste and see – the Lord is free.

Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By Word and promise clear,
In mouth and soul He makes us whole – Christ truly present in this meal,
O taste and see – the Lord is real.

Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free!
I do believe that I receive His very body and His blood.
O taste and see – the Lord is good.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (LSB, #636, verses 1-4)

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor, there with joy your praises render.
Bless the One Whose grace unbounded this amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet Him, and with loving rev'rence greet Him,
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him, saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You, that I nevermore will leave You.

He who craves a precious treasure neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, none could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, and His blood, for you once given.

Now in faith I humbly ponder over this surpassing wonder

That the bread of life is boundless though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation, pledge and seal of my salvation!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me" (LSB, #683 [Tune: Vater unser])

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
No thought can reach, no tongue
declare;
Unite my thankful heart to Thee,
And reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;
Be Thou alone my constant flame.

O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.

This love unwearied I pursue
And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,
Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
And day and night, be all my care
To guard this sacred treasure there.

In suff'ring be Thy love my peace,
In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide,
And draw me safely to Thy side!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (LSB, #636, verses 5-8)

Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You and,
so favored, never leave You.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
let me be a fit partaker
Of this bless-ed food from heaven,

for our good, Your glory, given.

Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
and to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
and to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
let me gladly here obey You.

By Your love I am invited,
be Your love with love required;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.

Through the gift of grace You give me as
Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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COMMON DISMISSAL:

Pastor: Now may this true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith and equip you to love one another with such devotion that all may know You are His disciples and by your witness be led to His cross and tomb, there by faith to receive eternal life.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

People: We praise You, Lord Jesus, for love beyond measure! You prepared for us the Feast of Heaven and fed us with Your own Body and Blood that, forgiven, we may live forever with God. Daily intensify our love for You that with joy we serve one another in Your name and share with all the world the Cup of Pardon and the Bread of Life. Amen.

BENEDICTION: *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "My Song is Love Unknown" (LSB, #430)

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.

Oh, who am I

That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?

He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;

But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.

But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.

Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.

Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?

He made the lame to run
He gave the blind their sight.

Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.

They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.

Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.

What may I say?
Heav'n was His home

But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.
Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

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DISMISSAL:

Please be seated
and kindly wait for an usher to dismiss your row.

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus
with

Proclaimer – Rev. Bill Crowe
Liturgist – Rev. Walt Pohland

Organist: Leland Frese

Lector: John Cotner