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**WELCOME**

**TEMPLE TALK:** Columbarium Building Committee — Chris Wood

**INVOCATION:**

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 119:169-172*

*Pastor: Let my cry come before You, O LORD; give me understanding according to Your word!*

**People: Let my plea come before You; deliver me according to Your word.**

*Pastor: My lips will pour forth praise, for You teach me Your statutes.*

**People: My tongue will sing of Your word, for all Your commandments are right.**

*Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** “How Can I Keep from Singing”

My life goes on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentations,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear that music ringing,  
It sounds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth!  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night He giveth!

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am His,  
How can I keep from singing!

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth  
How can I keep from singing?

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### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:** (page 167)

*Pastor:* Beloved, if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People:** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Pastor:* Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

*Pastor:* Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T 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:** Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Good Shepherd under Whose attentive care the Church thrives and grows. Your voice assembles Your flock, Your

**provision feeds it, and Your protection secures it. Grant us such confidence in You that we follow You boldly and make Your name known in all nations; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**BELL CHOIR ANTHEM:** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” (LSB # 711)

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Ezekiel 34:11–24*

“For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I Myself will search for My sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out My sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. I Myself will be the shepherd of My sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

“As for you, My flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats. Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? And must My sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

“Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I Myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, I will rescue My flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. And I will set up over them one Shepherd, My Servant David, and He shall feed them: He shall feed them and be their Shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and My Servant David shall be Prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.”

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 119:176

*Lector: I have gone astray like a lost sheep, [O LORD;]*

**People: seek Your servant, for I do not forget Your commandments.**

**EPISTLE READING:** *1 Timothy 1:5–17*

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.

Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, in accordance with the glorious gospel of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

I thank Him Who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because He judged me faithful, appointing me to His service, though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display His perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in Him for eternal life. To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 119:174-175a

*Lector: I long for Your salvation, O LORD, and Your law is my delight.*

**People: Let my soul live and praise You.**

*Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter:*

**People: Glory to You, O Lord!**

**GOSPEL READING:** *Luke 15:1–10*

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This Man receives sinners and eats with them.”

So He told them this parable: “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders,

rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

*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.*

**CONFESSIO** 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**

**HYMN:** "When Towers Fall" (Melody: "O Heiland, Reiss Die Himmel Auf")

When towers fall and eyes bleed tears;  
When faith is mocked by hateful jeers;  
When demons shriek and Satan sneers;  
Almighty Father, calm our fears.

When foes attack to kill and maim,  
And steel proves weak against fierce flame,  
Grant us love's courage to proclaim  
Forgiveness, Jesus, in Your name.

For all who by the devil's sway,  
Led far from godliness astray,  
Contempt for human life display,  
Spirit of grace, prompt us to pray:

Convert all nations, Holy Lord!  
Send forth, send forth Your saving Word  
'Til by all ears Your truth is heard  
And ev'ry soul to faith is stirred.

*Walter A. Pohland - 09/04/16*

**SERMON:** “One Shepherd, One Sheep” (*Luke 15:1-10*)

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** (11:00am)

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE 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.**

**PREFACE**

*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.**

**PROPER PREFACE**

*Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of  
pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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."*

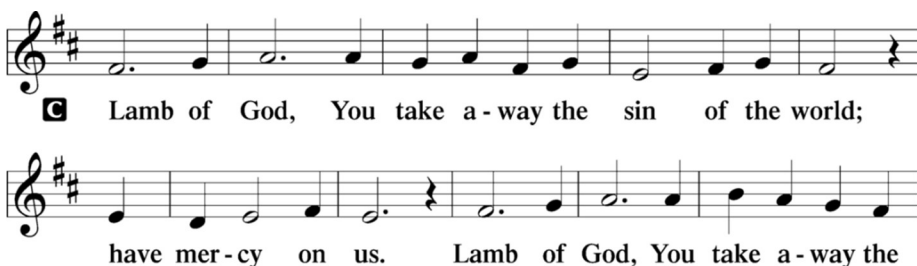
*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

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

*People: Amen.*

## AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a - way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **DISTRIBUTION**

**The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.**

## **DISTRIBUTION SONG: "How Deep The Father's Love For Us"**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure;  
 That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
 How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away;  
 As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
 Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
 It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
 His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
 Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.  
 But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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 But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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## **DISTRIBUTION SONG: "O Come to The Altar"**

Are you hurting and broken within,  
 Overwhelmed, by the weight of your sin?  
 Jesus is calling.



Have you come to the end of yourself,  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar;  
The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.  
Come today; there's no reason to wait.  
Jesus is calling.

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy;  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling.

O come to the altar;  
The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.  
(Repeat)

Oh, what a Savior, isn't He wonderful;  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.  
Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all;  
Sing alleluia, Christ is risen.

O come to the altar;  
The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.  
Bear your cross as you wait for the crown;  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face" (LSB, #631)**

Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
Here would I touch and handle things unseen;  
Here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,  
And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
Here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;  
Here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
This is the heav'nly table spread for me;  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

I have no help but Thine; nor do I need  
Another arm but Thine to lean upon.  
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;  
My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;  
Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;  
The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;  
Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" (LSB, #643)**

Sent forth by God's blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.  
The Supper is ended.  
O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,

Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.  
With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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### **COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray.*

**People: For the forgiveness and eternal life that come to us in Your body and blood, Lord Jesus, we praise You, and we ask You to accompany us constantly by Your Spirit that in all circumstances we faithfully love and serve God and our neighbors. Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION:** (2 Corinthians 13:14)

*Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (LSB, #802)

Immortal, invisible,  
God only wise,  
In light inaccessible  
hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting,  
and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains  
high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.

To all life Thou givest—  
to both great and small—  
In all life Thou livest,  
the true Life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish—  
but naught changes Thee.

Great Father of glory,  
pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render:  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor  
of light that hides Thee.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Proclaimer: Chaplain Don Ehrke

Liturgist: Rev. Walt Pohland

Musicians: Adam Perez, Austin Angerman, Carson Templeman, and Amanda Theilen

Organist: Adam Perez

8:15 Lay Reader: Brian Mersiovsky

11:00 Lay Reader: Brian Mersiovsky

Children's Message: DCE Jonathan Loesch