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*(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)*

**WELCOME**

**INVOCATION:**

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

**People: Amen.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *Psalm 138:1-2a, 3, 7a, 8*

*Pastor: I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the “gods” I sing Your praise;*

**People: I bow down toward Your holy temple and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness.**

*Pastor: On the day I called, You answered me;*

**People: my strength of soul You increased.**

*Pastor: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You preserve my life.*

**People: The LORD will fulfill His purpose for me;**

*Pastor: Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.*

**People: Do not forsake the work of Your hands.**

*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:** “Preserve Your Word, O Savior” (Lutheran Service Book, #658, v 1, 3-4)

Preserve Your Word, O Savior,  
To us this latter day,  
And let Your kingdom flourish;  
Enlarge Your Church, we pray.  
O keep our faith from failing;  
Keep hope’s bright star aglow.  
Let nothing from truth turn us

While living here below.

Preserve, O Lord, Your Zion,  
Bought dearly with Your blood;  
Protect what You have chosen  
Against the hellish flood.

Be always our defender  
When dangers gather round;  
When all the earth is crumbling,  
Safe may Your Church be found.

Preserve Your Word and preaching,  
The truth that makes us whole,  
The mirror of Your glory,  
The pow'r that saves the soul.  
Oh, may this living water,  
This dew of heav'nly grace,  
Sustain us while here living  
Until we see Your face.

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## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

*Pastor: 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.*

*Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**People: Who made heaven and earth.**

*Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,*

**People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Pastor: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**People: O most merciful God, Who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.*

*Pastor: Grant this, Lord, unto us all.*

**People: Amen.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: In every age and place, Lord Jesus, guide and guard Your Church. Grant it joy in the confession of Your name, dedication to Your word, peace despite persecution, and love that reaches out to all nations with the good news of Your death and resurrection; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 51:1–6***

“Listen to Me, you who pursue righteousness,  
you who seek the Lord:  
look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Look to Abraham your father

and to Sarah who bore you;

for he was but one when I called him,

that I might bless him and multiply him.

For the Lord comforts Zion;

He comforts all her waste places

and makes her wilderness like Eden,

her desert like the garden of the Lord;

joy and gladness will be found in her,

thanksgiving and the voice of song.

“Give attention to Me, My people,

and give ear to Me, My nation;

for a law will go out from Me,

and I will set My justice for a light to the peoples.

My righteousness draws near,

My salvation has gone out,  
and My arms will judge the peoples;  
the coastlands hope for Me,  
and for My arm they wait.  
Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;  
but My salvation will be forever,  
and My righteousness will never be dismayed.”

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 138:2b,4

*Lector: You, [O LORD,] have exalted above all things Your name and Your word.*

**People: All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of Your mouth.**

**EPISTLE READING:** *Romans 11:33—12:8*

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been His counselor?”

“Or who has given a gift to Him  
that He might be repaid?”

For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who

exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

**RESPONSORY:** Psalm 138:5

*Lector: Sing of the ways of the LORD,*

**People: for great is the glory of the LORD.**

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

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter:*

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

**GOSPEL READING:** *Matthew 16:13–20*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father Who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then He strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ.

*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!**

**HYMN:** “Built on the Rock the Church Shall Stand” (LSB, #645)

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand  
Even when steeples are falling.  
Crumbled have spires in ev’ry land;  
Bells still are chiming and calling,  
Calling the young and old to rest,  
But above all the souls distressed,  
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands  
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;  
High above earth His temple stands,  
All earthly temples excelling.  
Yet He who dwells in heav’n above  
Chooses to live with us in love,  
Making our bodies His temple.

We are God’s house of living stones,  
Built for His own habitation.  
He through baptismal grace us owns  
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.  
Were we but two His name to tell,  
Yet He would deign with us to dwell  
With all His grace and His favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes,  
Telling how God has received us.  
The altar recalls Christ’s sacrifice  
And what His Supper here gives us.  
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim  
Christ yesterday, today, the same,  
And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,  
That, when the church bells are ringing,  
Many in saving faith may come  
Where Christ His message is bringing:  
“I know My own; My own know Me.  
You, not the world, My face shall see.  
My peace I leave with you. Amen.”

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**SERMON:** “Church Building” (*Matthew 16:13–20*)

**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, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising you and singing:*

## SANCTUS



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. 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



**G** 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 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the





## **DISTRIBUTION**

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

## **DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Living Hope"**

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me

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Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
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Jesus Yours is the victory

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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Whom Shall I Fear"**

You hear me when I call,  
You are my morning song.  
Though darkness fills the night  
It cannot hide the light.  
Whom shall I fear?

You crush the enemy  
Underneath my feet.  
You are my sword and shield,  
Though troubles linger still.  
Whom shall I fear?

I know Who goes before me,  
I know Who stands behind.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.  
The One who reigns forever,  
He is a friend of mine.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.

My strength is in Your name,  
For You alone can save.  
You will deliver me,  
Yours is the victory.  
Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear?  
I know Who goes before me,  
I know Who stands behind.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.  
The One who reigns forever,  
He is a friend of mine.  
The God of angel armies is always by my side.  
And nothing formed against me shall stand,  
You hold the whole world in Your hands.  
I'm holding on to Your promises,  
You are faithful, You are faithful.  
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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Your Table I Approach” (LSB, #628)**

Your table I approach;  
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart  
Prove hurtful to me there.  
Lord, I confess my sins

And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find  
Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood,  
Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord,  
In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place,  
This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more  
Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” (LSB, #636)**

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!

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 blessed 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 requited;  
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 our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: All who feast on Your body and blood, Lord Jesus, share in Your name and calling as one body of believers. To this Church You have granted the keys that unlock heaven to sinners through Your word of forgiveness. Daily strengthen all Christians in discipleship that by faith in You serves neighbors and glorifies God; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 upon you with favor and give you peace.*

**People: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN:** “Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go” (LSB, #920)

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
Christ in our hearts, the world’s true king.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
Kingship with Him His servants gain;  
With Christ the Servant-Lord of all,  
Christ’s world we serve to share Christ’s reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth  
This world of time to consecrate,  
This world of sin by grace to heal,  
Christ’s world in Christ to re-create.

Christ’s are our lips, His Word we speak;  
Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim  
Christ’s truth in love that we may be  
Christ in the world, to spread Christ’s name.

We are the Church; Christ bids us show  
That in His Church all nations find  
Their hearth and home where Christ restores  
True peace, true love to all mankind.

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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*

Liturgist: Rev. Walt Pohland

Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

Musicians: Adam Perez, Jim Newkirk, Donovan Allen, Kate Thane-Allen

Organist: Adam Perez

8:15 Lay Reader: Michael Weil

11:00 Lay Reader: Nicky Shepherd