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*(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)*

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN:** “Praise the Almighty” (Lutheran Service Book, #797)

Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore Him!  
Yes, I will laud Him until death;  
With songs and anthems I come before Him  
As long as He allows me breath.  
From Him my life and all things came;  
Bless, O my soul, His holy name.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal;  
Earthborn they are and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life’s last portal,  
When the dark grave engulfs its prey.  
Since mortals can no help afford,  
Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever  
Whose help is from the Lord Most High,  
Whom from salvation can nothing sever,  
And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
To all who trust in Him, our Lord  
Will aid and counsel now afford.  
Alleluia, alleluia!

Penitent sinners, for mercy crying,  
Pardon and peace from Him obtain;  
Ever the wants of the poor supplying,  
Their faithful God He will remain.  
He helps His children in distress,  
The widows and the fatherless.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise, all you people, the name so holy  
Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise Him solely,  
With happy heart its amen sings.  
Children of God, with angel host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

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### **INVOCATION:**

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

**People: Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

*Pastor: 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 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:** O God, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** “We Praise You and Acknowledge You” (Lutheran Service Book, #941)

We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.

To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,  
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:

“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”

The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;  
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.  
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,  
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:

“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:  
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,  
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—  
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,  
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.

We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,  
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;  
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,  
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **CHORAL ANTHEM:** (8:15) "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Fairest Lord Jesus,  
ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish,  
Thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior!  
Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.

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**HYMN:** (11:00) “Beautiful Savior” (Lutheran Service Book, #537)

Beautiful Savior,  
King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I’d love Thee,  
Truly I’d serve Thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,  
Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow’rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer,  
Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorr’wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine,  
Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter,  
Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior,  
Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor,  
Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be Thine!

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**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Amos 6:1–7*

“Woe to those who are at ease in Zion,  
and to those who feel secure on the mountain of Samaria,  
the notable men of the first of the nations,  
to whom the house of Israel comes!  
Pass over to Calneh, and see,  
and from there go to Hamath the great;  
then go down to Gath of the Philistines.  
Are you better than these kingdoms?

Or is their territory greater than your territory,  
O you who put far away the day of disaster  
and bring near the seat of violence?  
“Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and stretch themselves out on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the midst of the stall,  
who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David invent for themselves instruments of music,  
who drink wine in bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
Therefore they shall now be the first of those who go into exile,  
and the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away.”

*Lector: This is the word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **CHANT:** Psalm 146

Praise | the LORD! \*  
Praise the LORD, | O my soul!  
I will praise the LORD as long | as I live; \*  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my | being.

Put not your trust in | princes, \*  
in a son of man, in whom there is no sal- | vation.  
When his breath departs he returns | to the earth; \*  
on that very day his plans | perish.

Blessèd is he whose help is the God of | Jacob, \*  
whose hope is in the | LORD his God,  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is | in them, \*  
who keeps faith for- | ever;  
who executes justice for | the oppressed, \*  
who gives food to the | hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind. \*  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the | righteous.  
The LORD watches over the sojourners;  
he upholds the widow and the | fatherless, \*  
but the way of the wicked he brings to | ruin.

The LORD will reign for- | ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, to all generations. | Praise the LORD!

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 forever. | Amen.

**EPISTLE READING:** 1 Timothy 6:6–19

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

*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. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter:*

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

**GOSPEL READING:** *Luke 16:19–31*

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

**People: Praise to You, O Christ!**

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Nicene Creed.*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** 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!**

**SERMON:** “Fleeing and Pursuing” (1 Timothy 6:6–19)

## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

### **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

*Pastor: Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.*

*Lector: God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Lector: May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil’s kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Lector: Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend ... and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Lector: Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Lector: Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Lector: Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Lector: And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**People: hear our prayer.**

*Pastor: We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**People: 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** (p.161)

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:**

*Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.*

*Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**People: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

*Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:*

**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.

**AGNUS DEI** (p.163)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION**

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

**DISTRIBUTION SONG:** "God Who Bleeds"

Oh my soul  
Who could ever know  
How deep my sins go  
Oh my soul  
All the gold  
On the earth could never pay  
For the debt that I have made  
On my soul  
  
Now I see just how great my need  
In His hands and in His feet  
Lamb of God oh my soul shall sing  
Hallelujah to the God who bleeds  
  
Oh what love  
Knew I'd never have enough  
So He chose to pay in blood  
Oh what love  
I'm in awe

Every earthly gain is lost  
At the wonder of the cross  
Oh what love

Now I see just how great my need  
In His hands and in His feet  
Lamb of God oh my soul shall sing  
Hallelujah to the God who bleeds

See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow down for me  
Forever all my praise will be  
Glory to the God who bleeds

See from His head His hands His feet  
Sorrow and love flow down for me  
Forever all my praise will be  
Glory to the God who bleeds

Now I see just how great my need  
In His hands and in His feet  
Lamb of God oh my soul shall sing  
Hallelujah to the God who bleeds  
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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: “Revelation Song”**

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain,  
Holy, holy is He.  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat.

Holy, holy, holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come.  
With all creation I sing  
“Praise to the King of kings!”  
You are my everything,  
And I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder.  
Blessing and honor, strength and glory  
And power be to You the only wise King.

Holy, holy, holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come.  
With all creation I sing  
“Praise to the King of kings!”  
You are my everything,  
And I will adore You.

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name.  
Jesus Your name is power, breath and living water,  
Such a marvelous mystery.

Holy, holy, holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come.  
With all creation I sing  
“Praise to the King of kings!”  
You are my everything,  
And I will adore You.

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**DISTRIBUTION SONG:** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (LSB #576)

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus’ name. *Refrain*

*Refrain*

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne! *Refrain*

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### **COMMON DISMISSAL:**

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

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray.*

**People: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### **NUNC DIMITTIS:** (*"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace" #937*)

Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,  
Your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,  
This child so long foretold.

This is the Savior of the world,  
The Gentiles' promised light,  
God's glory dwelling in our midst,  
The joy of Israel.

With saints of old, with saints to come,  
To You we lift our voice;  
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest  
Be honor, love, and praise.

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## **CHORAL BENEDICTION** (8:15 ONLY)

### **BENEDICTION:** (*Numbers 6:24-26*) (11am ONLY)

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

**People:** Amen.

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **DISMISSAL**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

### **In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus  
*with*

Liturgist & Proclaimer: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

Musicians: Austin Angerman and Jess & Ty Spaulding  
Organist: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

8:15 Lay Reader: Melinda Graf  
11:00 Lay Reader: Carl Staley

Children's Message: Allyssa Biedinger