

Good Morning!

Sunday, September 1, 2024 – 8:30am

To Our Guests: We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshipping with us.

We love children at Christ Our Savior. Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

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We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes, No Classes this week! Join us next week, September 8th from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

The Lord's Supper. When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we confess our common belief that Christ offers His Body and Blood in, with, and under the bread and wine, for our forgiveness, life and salvation! We truly believe God's Word when He says, "whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord" *1 Corinthians 11:27*. We want you to receive the Lord's Supper as God intended it – for your blessing – so those who are not communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are asked to speak with a pastor or elder prior to communing. If you are not communing today, you are welcome to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing, the assurance that God loves you, or you may remain in your seat and use the time for prayer and meditation. **For those desiring to receive the Lord's Supper but are unable to come forward, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant as they come out into the congregation during distribution. They will commune you at your seat.** God bless your worship!

AS WE GATHER

The Holy Gospel for today is about why the dietary laws never saved anyone and is a warning about what we think or say. The Old Testament Reading provides a warning against not passing on the teachings to the next generation. The Good News of the Gospel is most clearly found in the Epistle, which clearly tells us to rely on the armor God provides, not ourselves, so that we can stand up in this evil age. That we shall do in song and speech today, asking God's help for the coming week.

Order of Worship

Divine Service, Setting Four with Holy Communion

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ Preparation ✠

OPENING HYMN

"With the Lord Begin Your Task"

LSB 869

- 1. With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And when day is ended,
In His name then close your eyes; Be to Him commended.**
- 2. Let each day begin with prayer, Praise, and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might, With His presence cheer you.**
- 3. With your Savior at your side, Foes need not alarm you;
In His promises confide, And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.**
- 4. If your task be thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run, Toward the promise pressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.**
- 5. Thus, Lord Jesus, ev'ry task Be to You commended;
May Your will be done, I ask, Until life is ended.
Jesus, in Your name begun Be the day's endeavor;
Grant that it may well be done To Your praise forever.**

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INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 51:2, 7, 10–12

- P** Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
C **We confess, O Lord, 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.**
- P** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
C **Our own attempts at change will leave the stain of our previous sins.**
- P** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
C **Lord our God, You are our only hope. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow Your guidance alone.**
- P** Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
C **We come to You, confident of Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.**
- P** In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**
- P** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**

✠ Service of the Word ✠

KYRIE (*sung*)

LSB 204

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy

HYMN OF PRAISE

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204

- 1. To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**
- 2. To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high**
- 3. For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.**

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O God, the source of all that is just and good,

C **nourish in us every virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works;**

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

(Do not forget all that God has done; teach your children.)

¹"Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . . ⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? ⁹Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

(Be certain about teachings and put on the armor of God.)

Ephesians 6:10–20

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication

for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (*sung*)

John 20:31

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 7:14–23

(People are not defiled by what they eat but by what comes out of their hearts and mouths.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON HYMN

"By Grace I'm Saved"

LSB 566

- 1. By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless; My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise? Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No! Then this word must true remain: By grace you too will life obtain.**
- 2. By grace! None dare lay claim to merit; Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in His love sent our Redeemer, Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone, And we are saved by grace alone.**
- 3. By grace God's Son, our only Savior, Came down to earth to bear our sin.
Was it because of your own merit That Jesus died your soul to win?
No, it was grace, and grace alone, That brought Him from His heav'nly throne.**

4. **By grace! This ground of faith is certain; As long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration, What in His Word our God commands,
Our faith in what our God has done Depends on grace—grace through His Son.**
5. **By grace to timid hearts that tremble, In tribulation's furnace tried,
By grace, in spite of fear and trouble, The Father's heart is open wide.
Where could I help and strength secure If grace were not my anchor sure?**
6. **By grace! On this I'll rest when dying; In Jesus' promise I rejoice;
For though I know my heart's condition, I also know my Savior's voice.
My heart is glad, all grief has flown Since I am saved by grace alone.**

SERMON

"Be Strong"

Ephesians 6:10–20

CREED

"In God We Believe"

Tune: St. Denio, LSB 802

1. **In God we believe: the Creator whose pow'r
In mercy has brought us for worship this hour.
He graciously grants us our years and our days
And blesses with kindness our work and our ways.**
2. **In Jesus, the Savior, our hope is secured.
True God and true man once the cross He endured
To grant our lives wholeness, forgiveness of sin.
With hearts freed from guilt, we know true peace within.**
3. **God's Spirit at work in our lives we confess;
With power and truth the Church now He does bless.
As saints, God's forgiven, one day we shall then
Be living in glory forever. Amen.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Deuteronomy 4:8–9; Ephesians 6:11, 17–18; Mark 7:20

- P** Let us go to our gracious God in prayer for ourselves, the church around the world, and all people in their various circumstances. For the leaders of the nations, who are tempted to use their own faulty wisdom and understanding, that God would move them to call upon Him, who alone "has statutes and just decrees so righteous" as the Law He gave, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the families of the earth, wherever parents have forgotten to make God's commandments known to their children and their children's children, that God would open their hearts to His direction and guidance, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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P For the leaders of the church around the world as it struggles to "stand against the schemes of the devil," that God would strengthen them with "the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God," let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those people near and dear to us dealing with illness; mourning the loss of loved ones; needing adequate food, clothing, and shelter; and having other concerns, that God would answer our prayers for them as we make "supplication for all the saints," let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For ourselves and all who recognize that by ourselves in our fallen condition, "what comes out of a person is what defiles him," that God would strengthen our faith to rely on His grace and mercy alone that He may use us and the gifts He has given us, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew right spirits within us. We pray this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERING

*The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.
Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.*

PRAYER AT OFFERING

P Heavenly Father, receive these gifts joyfully brought to you this day for Your use in Your kingdom. Bless them and all the gifts which you have entrusted to us so that with them, the kingdom is strengthened to Your glory. Strengthened to sustain the saints and for their witness to those who have not yet awakened to know Jesus, Your Son, as their Lord and Savior.

C **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus. All that I have is You.**

P Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.

C **Amen.**

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

We ask that all visitors carefully read our communion statement found in the front of this service bulletin before approaching the communion table.

PREFACE

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P It is truly good, right, and for our salvation 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, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS *(sung)*

Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 208

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have given us Your only-begotten Son. With joy we received the salvation accomplished for us by His cross-borne sacrifice on our behalf. By His death He paid for all our sins, and by His rising has assured us of a place with You for eternity. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood according to His own testament. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

P 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."

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

G 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.

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(sung)*

Lamb of God

LSB 210

- 1. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**
- 2. O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*The ushers will direct the congregation to the communion rail via the side aisles. When at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel, as you are able, or remain standing. If you have come to receive a blessing only, please cross your arms over your chest. As the pastor/elder offers you the bread (host) please hold out your hand to receive it. If you require a gluten-free host, please signal to the pastor/elder and take a gluten-free host from the center of the plate. Similarly, if you require an alcohol-free alternative to the wine, please take one of the individual cups from the center of the tray. After receiving the Lord's Supper, please return to your seat by the center aisle. **If you are communing at your seat, please get the attention of the pastor/communion assistant, and they will commune you there.***

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

LSB 594

- 1. God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free Lasting to eternity!**
- 2. Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my Baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**
- 3. Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!**
- 4. Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.**

- 5. There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!**

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"Renew Me, O Eternal Light"

LSB 704

- 1. Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from Your holy face.**
- 2. Remove the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all my impurity
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.**
- 3. Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey Your Word.
Let what You will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.**
- 4. Grant that I only You may love And seek those things which are above
Till I behold You face to face, O Light eternal, through Your grace.**

NUNC DIMITTIS (*sung*)

Song of Simeon

LSB 211

- 1. O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**
- 2. All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

POST- COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray. For all the gifts that flow from this Sacrament, we give You thanks, gracious God. Grant us humble faith so that our thoughts, words, and deeds reflect the mercy You have shown us this day. We pray in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P 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.

C Amen.

**1. Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;
Forward into battle See His banners go!**

***Refrain: Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.***

**2. Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.
We are not divided, All one body we,
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. *Refrain***

**3. Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail. *Refrain***

**4. Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;
This through countless ages Men and angels sing. *Refrain***

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –

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