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## *Welcome*

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service.

May God bless your worship with us today,  
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*Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,  
Learn, Share, and Serve'*

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of  
Christian faith in our community, to all  
generations, wherever they may be'*

## **As We Gather**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Divine Service Three** (pp 184ff)

**A Time of Preparation**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Sharing of the Peace**

**Opening Song** **"Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"** *LSB 707*

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways

To keep His statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace

To know and do His will!

Order my footsteps by Thy Word

And make my heart sincere;

Let sin have no dominion, Lord,

But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray,

A stricter watch to keep;

And should I e'er forget Thy way,

Restore Thy wand'ring sheep.

Make me to walk in Thy commands—

'Tis a delightful road—

Nor let my head or heart or hands

Offend against my God.

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**Invocation**

*LSB 184*

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

**G** Amen.

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

- P** 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.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination*

- P** 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.
- C** **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.**
- P** 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. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- C** **Amen.**

## **Service of the Word**

- P** It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
- C** **to sing praises to your name, O Most High.**
- P** The righteous flourish like the palm tree
- C** **and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.**
- P** They are planted in the house of the Lord;
- C** **they flourish in the courts of our God.**
- P** They still bear fruit in old age;

- C** they are ever full of sap and green,
- P** to declare that the Lord is upright;
- C** he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

### **Gloria Patri** *(Sung)*

*LSB 186*

- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### **Lord, Have Mercy** *(Sung)*

*LSB 186*

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **Song of Praise** *(Sung)*

*LSB 187*

- P** Glory be to God on High,
- C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### **Prayer of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.
- P** Let us pray together...
- C** Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### **First Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:1-9

<sup>1</sup> For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. <sup>2</sup> For in

this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,<sup>3</sup> if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked.<sup>4</sup> For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.<sup>5</sup> He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.<sup>6</sup> So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord,<sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight.<sup>8</sup> Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.<sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia *(Sung)*

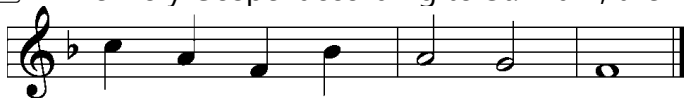
LSB 190

**G** **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-32

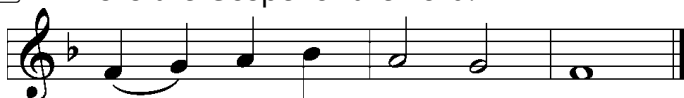
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>26</sup> And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground.<sup>27</sup> He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.<sup>28</sup> The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.<sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”<sup>30</sup> And he said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it?<sup>31</sup> It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth,<sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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.**

## Children's Message

### Message Song

### **"Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing" *LSB 691***

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,  
May we ripen and increase,  
Fruit to life eternal growing,  
Rich in love and joy and peace.

Laden branches freely bearing  
Gifts the Giver loves to bless;  
Here is fruit that grows by sharing,  
Patience, kindness, gentleness.

Rooted deep in Christ our Master,  
Christ our pattern and our goal,  
Teach us, as the years fly faster,  
Goodness, faith, and self-control.

Fruitful trees, the Spirit's tending,  
May we grow till harvests cease;  
Till we taste, in life unending,  
Heaven's love and joy and peace.

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## Message

## "Confidence in Uncertain Times"

## Offering

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## Offering Song - Sung

LSB 192

- C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.  
**P** It is truly good, right, and proper ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## Holy, Holy, Holy (Sung)

LSB 195

- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: LSB 196

**C** 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.



**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



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## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

## The Peace of the Lord

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## Lamb of God *(Sung)*

LSB 198

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

The Lord gave this Holy Sacrament to His Church so that His followers might receive His love and forgiveness in a visible, tangible way. When the Church celebrates this Sacrament, believers are also making a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:26). Holy Communion is offered every Sunday at St. John Lutheran, but because it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper to one's detriment (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we ask all who wish to partake of it to examine themselves as follows:

1. Do I believe that I am a sinner and therefore deserve God's punishment?



2. *Am I truly sorry that by my sins I have offended God?*
3. *Do I believe that God accepts the death of Jesus as payment for my sins and therefore forgives my sins for Jesus' sake alone and not because of any goodness or effort on my part?*
4. *Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins?*
5. *Do I seek to forgive others as God has forgiven me?*
6. *Do I believe Christ's own Word that His body and blood are truly given and received in and with the bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28)?*

*If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and can answer "yes" to the above questions, you are invited to receive Holy Communion with the assurance of all the blessings Scripture promises.*

## **Distribution Hymn      "Jesus Comes Today with Healing" LSB 620**

Jesus comes today with healing,  
 Knocking at my door, appealing,  
 Offering pardon, grace, and peace.  
 He Himself makes preparation,  
 And I hear His invitation:  
 "Come and taste the blessed feast."  
 Christ Himself, the priest presiding,  
 Yet in bread and wine abiding  
 In this holy sacrament,  
 Gives the bread of life, once broken,  
 And the cup, the precious token  
 Of His sacred covenant.  
 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
 I receive the Savior holy,  
 Blood and body, giv'n for me,  
 Very Lamb of God from heaven,  
 Who to bitter death was given,  
 Hung upon the cursed tree.  
 God descends with heav'nly power,  
 Gives Himself to me this hour  
 In this ordinary sign.  
 On my tongue His pledge receiving,  
 I accept His grace, believing  
 That I taste His love divine.

Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
Whose own feast of love I savor,  
Bidden by His gracious call.  
Wedding garments He provides me,  
With a robe of white He hides me,  
Fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation,  
Comfort in my tribulation,  
Balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
Cleanses me from sin and error,  
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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## Song of Simeon *(Sung)*

LSB 199

**☐ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

**☐** Let us pray. 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 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.



**☐** A - men.

## Blessing

LSB 202

**☐** 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.



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Song

## “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *LSB 702*

My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine.

Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;  
My zeal inspire!

As Thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll,  
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul!

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