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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL † SEEK THE THIRSTY † TEACH THE WORD

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### † *As We Gather* †

God's people are called to live each hour of the day following the example set by Jesus. Many Christian people find opportunity for personal devotion at the beginning of the day or as the day draws to its close. Yet all day long there are occasions for praying, praising, and giving thanks. We give thanks today especially and pray God's blessings upon those young people who will be receiving their First Communion in our worship services this morning.

*The service is printed in this service folder. Hymns will be sung from the LSB hymnals located in the baskets underneath the seats. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box at the Sanctuary door as you exit.*

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### † *Preparation* †

#### WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN

*Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*

LSB 694



1 Thee will I love, my strength, my tow - er; Thee will I  
2 Thee will I love, my life, my Sav - ior, Who art my  
3 I thank Thee, Je - sus, Sun from heav - en, Whose ra - diance  
4 O keep me watch - ful, then, and hum - ble; Per - mit me  
5 Thee will I love, my crown of glad - ness; Thee will I



love, my hope, my joy. Thee will I love with all my  
best and tru - est friend. Thee will I love and praise for -  
hath brought light to me; I thank Thee, who hast rich - ly  
nev - er - more to stray. Up - hold me when my feet would  
love, my God and Lord, A - mid the dark - est depths of



pow - er, With ar - dor time shall ne'er de-stry. Thee will I  
ev - er, For nev - er shall Thy kind-ness end. Thee will I  
giv - en All that could make me glad and free; I thank Thee  
stum - ble, And keep me on the nar - row way. Fill all my  
sad - ness, And not for hope of high re - ward, For Thine own



love, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.  
love with all my heart— Thou my Re - deem - er art!  
that my soul is healed By what Thy lips re - vealed.  
na - ture with Thy light, O Ra - diance strong and bright!  
sake, O Light di - vine, So long as life is mine.

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## INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People **Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*Psalms 123:1, 3a; 124:8; 126:3*

Pastor To You I lift up my eyes, O You who are enthroned in the heavens!

People **Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us.**

Pastor Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

People **The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Pastor Let us 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 only 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.**

## † *Service of the Word* †

### INTROIT

*Psalm 112:3-6*

Pastor Praise the Lord! Blessèd is the man who fears the Lord, who greatly delights in his commandments!

**People Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.**

Pastor Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

**People It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.**

Pastor For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.

**ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### KYRIE

LSB 186

Pastor Lord, have mercy upon us.

**ALL Christ, have mercy upon us.**

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

Pastor Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**People Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**

**We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:**

**You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

**ALL Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us to forsake all trust in earthly gain and to find in You our heavenly treasure; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Amos 5:6-7, 10-15**

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,

lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,  
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,

<sup>7</sup>O you who turn justice to wormwood  
and cast down righteousness to the earth! ...

<sup>10</sup>They hate him who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor him who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and you exact taxes of grain from him,

you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not dwell in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions  
and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and turn aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good, and not evil,  
that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil, and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### **EPISTLE READING**

**Hebrews 3:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup>As it is said,

"Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

<sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)*

### **ALLELUIA & VERSE**

LSB 156

**ALL Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia.**

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 10:17-22**

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." <sup>21</sup>And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**NICENE CREED** (*printed on the inside back cover of your hymnal*)

**SERMON HYMN**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*

LSB 784



1 Take my life and let it be Con - se - crat - ed,  
2 Take my hands and let them move At the im - pulse  
3 Take my voice and let me sing Al - ways, on - ly  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would



Lord, to Thee; Take my mo - ments and my days, Let them  
of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and  
for my King; Take my lips and let them be Filled with  
I with - hold; Take my in - tel - lect and use Ev - 'ry



flow in cease-less praise, Let them flow in cease-less praise.  
beau - ti - ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.  
mes - sag - es from Thee, Filled with mes - sag - es from Thee.  
pow'r as Thou shalt choose, Ev - 'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it Thine,  
It shall be no longer mine;  
Take my heart, it is Thine own,  
It shall be Thy royal throne,  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

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PRAYERS

† *Service of the Sacrament* †

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**People And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

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

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

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

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, whom You sent to die in our place; by His rising, He has destroyed all that might separate us from Your love, including death itself. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

LSB 178

**ALL Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory.  
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, O Lord of heaven and earth. We give You thanks for sending Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer, saving us from the power of sin, death, and the devil. Invited by Your grace and supported by Your love, we come to Your Table with thanksgiving and praise. Bless and nourish us, so that all who partake of Christ's holy body and blood seek to serve You and in so doing live for the good of others, as You would have us do. 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

Matthew 6:9-13

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

## ORDER OF FIRST COMMUNION (PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION)

*We invite those receiving First Communion and their families to come forward ~  
Aaron Wessel, Emily Wessel, and Joshua Burlison*

Pastor Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young people were born again as God's children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup," and "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." These candidates have received instruction and have been examined by the pastor regarding their sin and their understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar.

**People Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH OF CANDIDATES

Pastor You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism. In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

Pastor Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

*Candidates Yes, I believe.*

Pastor Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?

Candidates *Yes, I believe.*

Pastor Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Candidates *Yes, I believe.*

Pastor Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?

Candidates *Yes, I believe.*

Pastor Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?

Candidates *Yes, I believe.*

Pastor Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

Candidates *Yes, with the help of God.*

Pastor I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People Amen.**

Pastor Parents and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of these young people. I now ask you, will you intercede for them in prayer and, as much as you are able, give them your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ?

**People We will, with the help of God.**

Pastor Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless these young people. Strengthen them in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that they may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love toward others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People Amen.**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

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

**PAX DOMINI**

John 20:19

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People Amen.

**AGNUS DEI**

LSB 168

**ALL Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us and grant us Your peace. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION ~ Welcome to the Lord's table.**

*Those receiving First Communion and their families will commune first. An usher will direct you.*

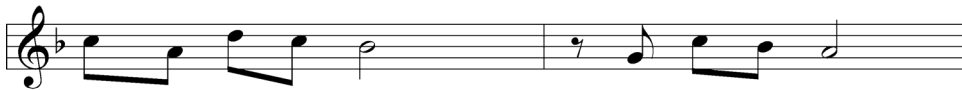
**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*What Is This Bread*

LSB 629



1 What is this bread?	Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine?	The blood of
3 So who am I,	That I should
4 Yet is God here?	Oh, yes! By
5 Is this for me?	I am for -



ris - en from the dead;	This bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine;	The cup of grace
live and He should die	Un - der the rod?
Word and prom - ise clear,	In mouth and soul
giv - en and set free!	I do be - lieve



This life we take,	Was crushed to pay for our re -
Brings His em - brace	Of life and love un - til I
My God, my God,	Why have You not for - sak - en
He makes us whole—	Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this
That I re - ceive	His ver - y bod - y and His



lease.	O taste and see—	the Lord is peace.
sing!	O taste and see—	the Lord is King.
me?	O taste and see—	the Lord is free.
meal.	O taste and see—	the Lord is real.
blood.	O taste and see—	the Lord is good.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN***Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways*

LSB 707



1 Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep His stat - utes still!  
 2 Or - der my foot - steps by Thy Word And make my heart sin - cere;  
 3 As - sist my soul, too apt to stray, A strict - er watch to keep;  
 4 Make me to walk in Thy com - mands—'Tis a de - light - ful road—



Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do His will!  
 Let sin have no do - min - ion, Lord, But keep my con - science clear.  
 And should I e'er for - get Thy way, Re - store Thy wan - d'ring sheep.  
 Nor let my head or heart or hands Of - fend a - gainst my God.

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**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**Pastor** 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.

**People** **Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS***Psalm 103:1*

**Pastor** Let us bless the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**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.**



1 On what has now been sown Thy bless - ing, Lord, be - stow;  
 2 To Thee our wants are known, From Thee are all our pow'rs;  
 3 O grant that each of us, Now met be - fore Thee here,



The pow'r is Thine a - lone To make it sprout and grow. Do Thou  
 Ac - cept what is Thine own And par - don what is ours. Our prais -  
 May meet to - geth - er thus When Thou and Thine ap - pear And fol -



in grace the har - vest raise, And Thou a - lone shalt have the praise!  
 es, Lord, and prayers re - ceive, And to Thy Word a bless - ing give.  
 low Thee to heav'n, our home. E'en so, a - men, Lord Je - sus, come!

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*Go in peace*

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**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Giving is an act of grace through which we gratefully respond to God's kindness to us in Jesus Christ. Tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering box at the Sanctuary doors as you exit. Contributions can also be given through your banking institution's online bill pay service, our website, or the *Givelify* mobile app.



## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers this week are given in praise and thanksgiving to God for Pastor Shawn Deterding in honor of Pastor Appreciation Day!

*We rejoice with those students receiving First Communion in our worship services this morning: Aaron W., Emily W., Joshua B., and Isaiah H.*

