

# WATER OF LIFE

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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✠ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✠ TEACH THE WORD

### ✠ *As We Gather* ✠

God chose you into existence. You're not an accident or an afterthought, even in sufferings or difficulties. You're special. No human life is a joke or a mistake, not even in surprise pregnancies or terminal diagnoses. Each one is precious, from fertilization to forever. None of us is hand-me-down or half-hearted, not embryos, not impaired persons, not elderly ones. We're all priceless in the eyes of God, whatever our ages, abilities, and appearances.

### ✠ *Preparation* ✠

#### WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

LSB 909



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all Your faith - ful All the gifts they  
△ 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; Come with all Your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; What they gain from You, for - ev - er  
to the Son, Praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



Bind - ing all the Church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's  
Hear Your peo - ple as they pray; And Your full - est  
With the bless - ed to re - tain; And here - af - ter  
Ev - er three and ev - er one: One in might and



help for - ev - er And our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.  
one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run!

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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

Pastor Thus says the Lord: No man has power to retain the spirit, or power over the day of death.

*Ecclesiastes 8:8*

**People Almighty God, merciful and mighty, we humbly confess that we have not received every member of our race as gift and privilege. We have presumed to exercise Your authority over life and death.**

Pastor Did not he who made me in the womb make him? And did not one fashion us in the womb?

*Job 31:15*

**People We have not acknowledged our own helplessness reflected in our neighbor's needs. We have not beheld Your image imprinted upon their bodies and our own.**

Pastor Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death.

*Matthew 10:21*

**People We have despised belonging to You. We have denied responsibility for one another.**

Pastor Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.

*Matthew 25:40*

**People We have let our lips lie silent rather than advocating for the lowly. We have left our hands idle instead of aiding them.**

Pastor And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked . . . and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

*Ephesians 2:1, 3*

**People We have worshiped our own desires. We have not served according to Your design.**

Pastor Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

*Genesis 9:6*

**People We were brought forth in sin and have become altogether unrighteous. We have done what is evil in your sight and deserve the punishment we have brought upon ourselves.**

Pastor Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home. *Psalms 68:5-6*

**People Almighty God, merciful and mighty, we repent of our condition. We plead for Your pardon and Your intervention. Do not cast us off but make us whole, for the sake of Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Pastor Thus says the Lord your God: You "have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb; even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you." He has given Himself in Jesus Christ. By His shed blood Your sin is atoned for, and by His risen body Your iniquity is taken away. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *Isaiah 46:3-4*

**People Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### KYRIE

LSB 152-53

Pastor In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

Pastor

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

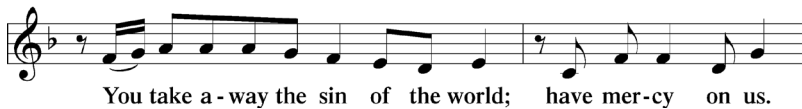
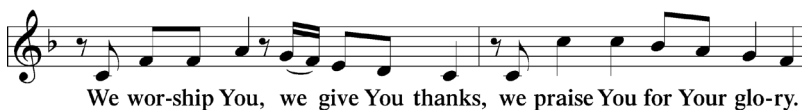
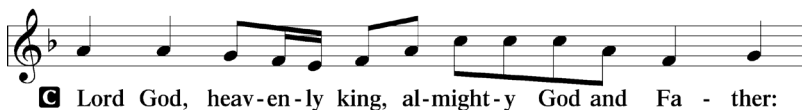


## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

Pastor

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



## SALUTATION

Pastor        The Lord be with you.

**People        And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor        Let us pray.

**ALL            Heavenly Father, before the foundation of the world, You chose us in Christ to be Your sons and daughters. Grant us to behold every human life as created, redeemed, and called to be Your precious treasures, that we receive each neighbor as gift and privilege with whom we may rejoice as brothers and sisters in Your everlasting kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Isaiah 49:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector        This is the Word of the Lord.

**People        Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

**1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

<sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. <sup>31</sup>Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

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

## ALLELUIA & VERSE

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## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 15:12-17**

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

[Jesus said,} <sup>12</sup>"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## APOSTLES' CREED

**ALL 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  $\dagger$  everlasting. Amen.

## SERMON HYMN

*Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee*

LSB 573

1 Lord, 'tis not that I did choose Thee; That, I know, could  
2 It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my dark - ened  
△ 3 Praise the God of all cre - a - tion; Praise the Fa - ther's  
nev - er be; For this heart would still re - fuse Thee Had Thy  
heart and mind; Else the world had yet en - thrall - ed me, To Thy  
bound - less love. Praise the Lamb, our ex - pi - a - tion, Priest and  
grace not cho - sen me. Thou hast from the sin that stained me  
heav'n - ly glo - ries blind. Now I wor - ship none a - bove Thee;  
King en - throned a - bove. Praise the Spir - it of sal - va - tion,  
Washed and cleansed and set me free And un - to this  
For Thy grace a - lone I thirst, Know - ing well that,  
Him by whom our spir - its live. Un - di - vid - ed  
end or - dained me, That I ev - er live to Thee.  
if I love Thee, Thou, O Lord, didst love me first.  
ad - o - ra - tion To the great Je - ho - vah give.

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## SERMON

Rev. Shawn Deterding

## OFFERING



## 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.

*Psalm 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, who is the Creator and Sustainer of all life. Out of Your goodness, You created us and sent Your Son that we may again have life and have it abundantly. 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 161

**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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment, You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

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.**

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

## PAX DOMINI

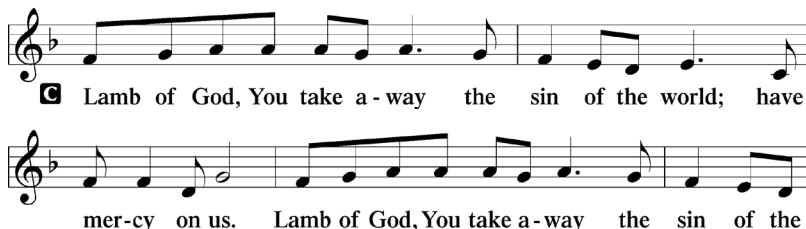
*John 20:19*

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

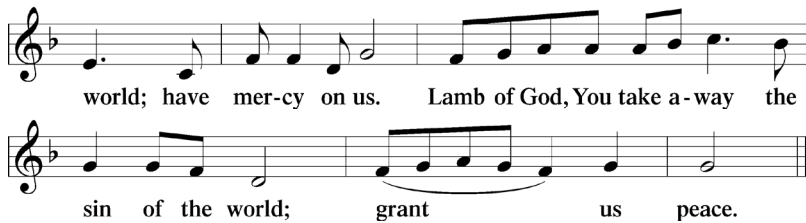
People **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

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**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



**DISTRIBUTION ~ Welcome to the Lord's table.** (An usher will direct you. Please note, the common cup is now available for you as well as the individual cup.)

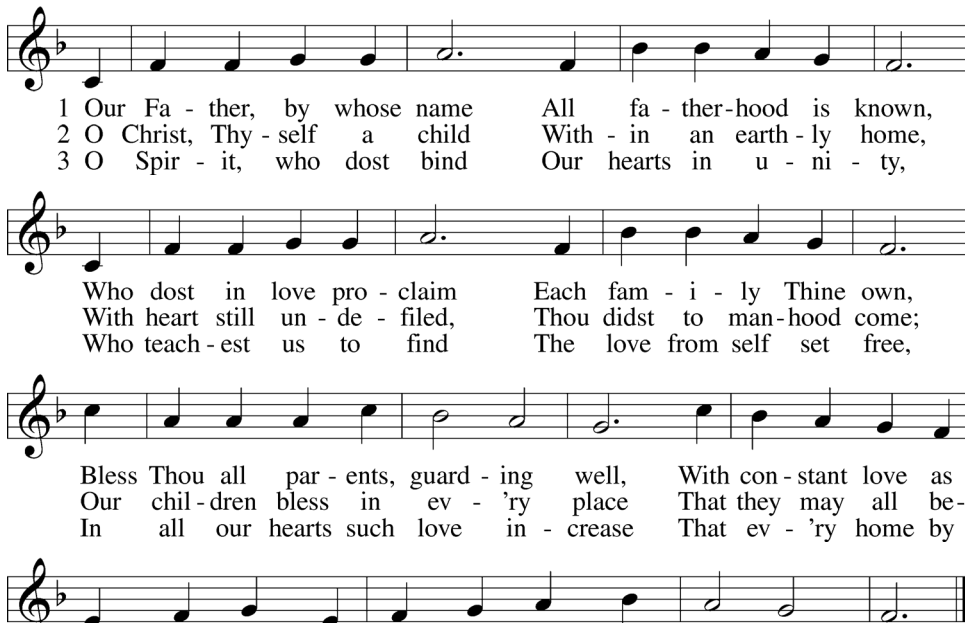
## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord*

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1 Draw near and take the bod - y of the Lord,  
2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,  
3 Come for - ward then with faith - ful hearts sin - cere,  
And drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured;  
To all be - liev - ers life e - ter - nal yields;  
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.  
Of - fered was He for great - est and for least,  
With heav'n - ly bread He makes the hun - gry whole,  
O Lord, our hearts with grate - ful thanks en - dow  
Him - self the vic - tim and Him - self the priest.  
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.  
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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1 Our Fa - ther, by whose name      All fa - ther-hood is known,  
 2 O Christ, Thy - self a child      With - in an earth - ly home,  
 3 O Spir - it, who dost bind      Our hearts in u - ni - ty,

Who dost in love pro - claim      Each fam - i - ly Thine own,  
 With heart still un - de - filed,      Thou didst to man-hood come;  
 Who teach - est us to find      The love from self set free,

Bless Thou all par - ents, guard - ing well,      With con - stant love as  
 Our chil - dren bless in ev - 'ry place      That they may all be -  
 In all our hearts such love in - crease      That ev - 'ry home by

sen - ti - nel, The homes in which Thy peo - ple dwell.  
 hold Thy face, And know - ing Thee may grow in grace.  
 this re - lease May be the dwell - ing place of peace.

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**Pastor** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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

**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.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

LSB 922



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.  
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.  
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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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**

Altar flowers beautify the Sanctuary and edify our worship services. They are also a meaningful way to honor or remember a loved one. If you would like to sponsor the altar flowers one week during the year, please sign up on the calendar in the Narthex. Contributions can be placed in the offering box marked "Altar Flowers". See Susan G., Altar Guild Chair, with any questions. Thank you!

