

# WATER OF LIFE

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**PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL † SEEK THE THIRSTY † TEACH THE WORD**

† *As We Gather* †

God is our refuge and strength; therefore, we need not fear the forces of nature, the conflicts of people and nations, and the wiles of the devil. From His throne flow streams of mercy to give us confident joy. We know that in the end "the kingdom ours remaineth."

† *Preparation* †

*(Please rise and face the processional cross)*

**PROCESSIONAL SONG**

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Praise Team

1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
 A bulwark never failing;  
 Our helper He amid the flood  
 Of mortal ills prevailing.  
 For still our ancient foe  
 Doth seek to work us woe—  
 His craft and power are great,  
 And armed with cruel hate,  
 On earth is not his equal.

2 Did we in our own strength confide,  
 Our striving would be losing,  
 Were not the right man on our side,  
 The man of God's own choosing.  
 Dost ask who that may be?  
 Christ Jesus it is He—  
 Lord Sabaoth His name,  
 From age to age the same,  
 And He must win the battle.

3 And though this world, with devils filled,  
 Should threaten to undo us,  
 We will not fear, for God hath willed  
 His truth to triumph through us.  
 The prince of darkness grim,  
 We tremble not for him—  
 His rage we can endure,  
 For lo, his doom is sure;  
 One little word shall fell him. *(Chorus)*

*(Chorus)*  
 A mighty fortress,  
 A mighty fortress is our God.  
 A mighty fortress,  
 A mighty fortress is our God.

4 That word above all earthly pow'rs,  
No thanks to them abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go,  
This mortal life also—  
The body they may kill;  
God's truth abideth still;  
His kingdom is forever. *(Chorus)*

*(Chorus)*  
A mighty fortress,  
A mighty fortress is our God.  
A mighty fortress,  
A mighty fortress is our God.

## INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father who created us.  
**People Amen.**

Pastor In the name of the ✠ Son who redeemed us.  
**People Amen.**

Pastor In the name of the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us.  
**People Amen.**

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor Our help is in the name of the Lord, *Psalm 124:8*  
**People Who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? *Psalm 130:3-4*  
**People But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people, let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *Luke 18:13*

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

Pastor Gracious God,  
**People You know my poor soul and my great failings, which I confess and deplore before You with an open heart. Alas, I find that I do not have the kind of will and resolve I certainly ought to have and that I am daily falling as a failing, sinful human being. You know that I desire to have such will and resolve, but my enemy leads me bound**

**and captive. Redeem me, a poor sinner, according to Your divine will, from every evil and temptation. Strengthen and increase in me the true faith in You; grant me grace to love my neighbor with all my heart, honestly and as I do myself, as my brother or sister. Grant me patience in persecution and in every adversity. You have promised to forgive, and You have told us to ask of You with confidence. So I come in reliance on this command and promise of Yours and confess and deplore before You all my sin, for You are the shepherd of my soul. Your will be done and blessed forever. Amen.**

*(from a prayer of Martin Luther)*

Pastor Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

**People Amen.**

## **SONG**

*Grace Flows Down*

Praise Team

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound;  
Amazing love, now flowing down  
From hands and feet that were nailed to the tree  
As grace flows down and covers me.

It covers me, It covers me,  
It covers me, And covers me.

## **† Service of the Word †**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor Let us pray.

**ALL Almighty and gracious Lord, pour out Your Holy Spirit on Your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in Your grace and truth, protect and deliver us in times of temptation, defend us against all enemies, and grant to Your Church Your saving peace; 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

Revelation 14:6-7

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. <sup>7</sup>And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

Romans 3:19-28

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup>It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

## HOLY GOSPEL

John 8:31-36

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

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

<sup>31</sup>So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

# LUTHER'S EXPLANATIONS OF THE ARTICLES OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

**ALL** I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

## SERMON HYMN

### *Thy Strong Word*

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy  
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as  
 3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with  
 4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed  
 night and deep as death, Broke the light of  
 Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we  
 forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.  
 Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.  
 press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.  
 ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!  
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,  
 Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim,  
 Throats that shout the hope that fills us,  
 Mouths to speak Thy holy name.  
 Alleluia, alleluia!  
 May the light which Thou dost send  
 Fill our songs with alleluias,  
 Alleluias without end!

△ 6 God the Father, light-creator,  
 To Thee laud and honor be.  
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
 Praise be sung eternally.  
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,  
 Glory, glory be to Thee.  
 Mortals, angels, now and ever  
 Praise the holy Trinity!

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**SERMON**

Rev. Shawn Deterding

**OFFERING**

## ✠ *Rite of Confirmation* ✠



### ✠ **JOSHUA B.**

*Joshua 1:9* ~ "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

### ✠ **ISAIAH H.**

*Romans 1:16* ~ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.

### ✠ **AARON W.**

*Proverbs 3:5-6* ~ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

### ✠ **EMILY W.**

*Jeremiah 29:11* ~ "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### ✠ *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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and arch-angels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## SANCTUS

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

(Tune: LSB 507)

"Holy, holy, holy!" all the saints in glory  
Fill Your temple with their song around Your golden throne;  
"Holy, holy, holy!" with them we adore You;  
God in three persons, all in Christ as one.

## 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

*"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"*

(Tune: LSB 702)

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away— Our faith increase.  
Have mercy on us all, Strengthen us when we fall,  
Answer our fervent call And grant us peace.

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

(Confirmands and their immediate families will commune one family unit at a time. An usher will direct you.)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*By Grace I'm Saved*

LSB 566



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; My soul, be-lieve and  
2 By grace! None dare lay claim to mer - it; Our works and con - duct  
3 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, Came down to earth to  
4 By grace! This ground of faith is cer - tain; As long as God is



doubt it not. Why stag - ger at this word of prom - ise?  
have no worth. God in His love sent our Re - deem - er,  
bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own mer - it  
true, it stands. What saints have penned by in - spi - ra - tion,



Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? No! Then this word must  
Christ Je - sus, to this sin - ful earth; His death did for our  
That Je - sus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and  
What in His Word our God com - mands, Our faith in what our



true re - main: By grace you too will life ob - tain.  
sins a - tone, And we are saved by grace a - lone.  
grace a - lone, That brought Him from His heav'n - ly throne.  
God has done De - pends on grace— grace through His Son.

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| 5 | By grace to timid hearts that tremble,<br>In tribulation's furnace tried,<br>By grace, in spite of fear and trouble,<br>The Father's heart is open wide.<br>Where could I help and strength secure<br>If grace were not my anchor sure? | 6 | By grace! On this I'll rest when dying;<br>In Jesus' promise I rejoice;<br>For though I know my heart's condition,<br>I also know my Savior's voice.<br>My heart is glad, all grief has flown<br>Since I am saved by grace alone. |
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## DISTRIBUTION SONG

*Come As You Are*

Praise Team

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been.  
Come broken-hearted, let rescue begin.  
Come find your mercy. O sinner, come kneel;  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal,  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. *Chorus*

*Chorus:* Lay down your burdens, lay down your shame.  
All who are broken, lift up your face.  
O wanderer, come home; You're not too far.  
So lay down your hurt, lay down your heart, come as you are.

There's hope for the hopeless and all those who've strayed:  
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace.  
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure. *Chorus*

There's joy for the morning, O sinner be still.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal.  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal. *Chorus*

## POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor Gracious God, we give You thanks for having fed and nourished us by Your Word of life and the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant that by Your Spirit we may keep in holy hearts, confess with holy lips, and display in holy lives the precious grace that has saved us without worth or merit on our part. Having received this truth faithfully from those who went before, grant us the will and desire to faithfully pass on this sacred treasure to those yet to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

People **Amen.**

## 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 SONG

*Your Grace Is Enough*

Praise Team

*(Please rise and face the recessional cross)*

Great is Your faithfulness O God;  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart.

*Chorus:* So remember Your people,  
Remember Your children,  
Remember Your promise O God.  
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,  
Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob;  
You use the weak to lead the strong.  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,  
And all Your people sing along. *Chorus*

## POST-SERVICE MUSIC

*Nothing But the Blood*

Praise Team



*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 may be placed in the offering plate during worship or in the offering box at the Sanctuary doors as you exit. You can also give through your banking institution's bill pay service, online via our website, or by texting your amount to 469-515-8118. *(Contact the church office for special text giving commands.)*



## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this week are given in praise and glory to God by Christopher & Mary W. in honor of Harmony's birthday.

  
*Sola Gratia*  
GRACE ALONE

  
*Sola Fide*  
FAITH ALONE

  
*Sola Scriptura*  
SCRIPTURE ALONE