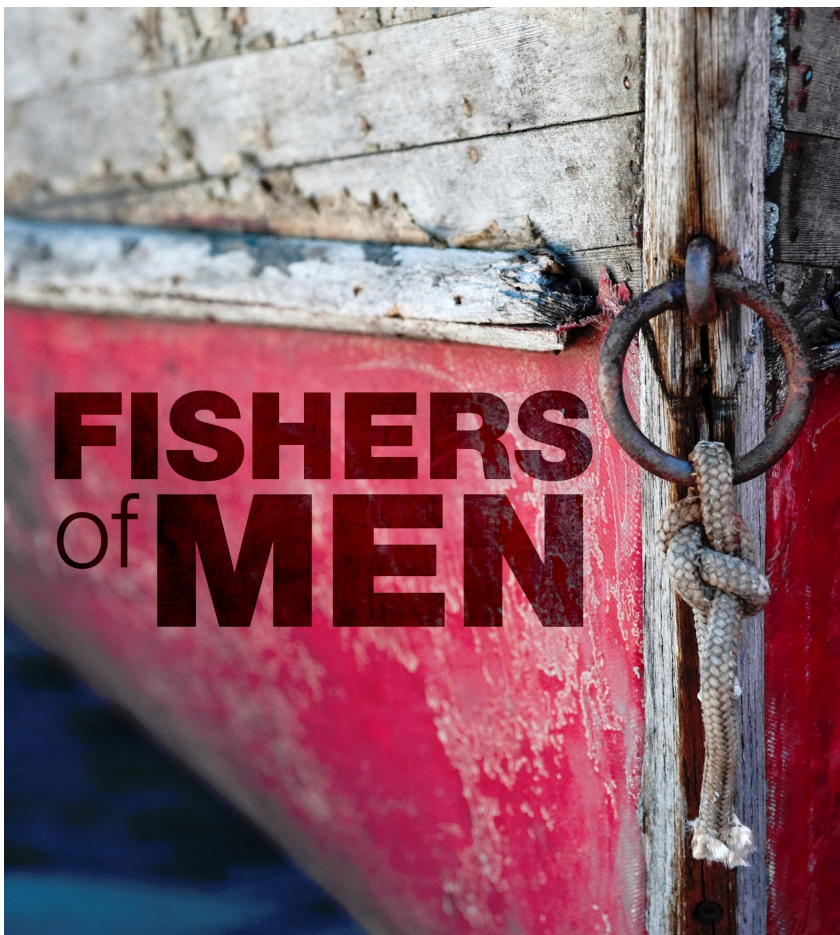


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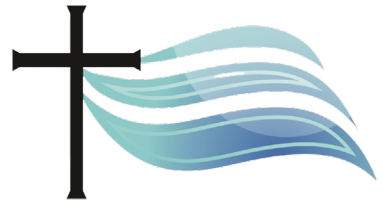
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# WATER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✝ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✝ TEACH THE WORD



### ✝ Welcome ✝

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### ✝ As We Gather ✝

✝ **CAN'T SOMEBODY ELSE DO IT?** Those words and thoughts often come to our minds and out of our mouths when being asked to do something we'd rather not do. It happens in our work and jobs, it happens in homes and families, and it even happens within the church. It happened to Jonah when the Lord told him to go to Nineveh. Today we hear the second time God called to Jonah, telling him to again go to a place he'd rather not go. There are many times we hear things in Scripture we'd rather not hear when it comes to difficult things. Can't somebody else do it? Instead of that thought entering our minds, may we instead be reminded of God's continued promises and presence with us in whatever we do in faith, and wherever we are called to go—even to our own Ninevehs.

✝ The service in its entirety is printed in this service folder.

### ✝ Preparation ✝

#### OPENING HYMN

*O Christ, Our True and Only Light*

LSB 839

1 O Christ, our true and on - ly light, En - light - en  
2 Fill with the ra - diance of Your grace The souls now  
3 O gent - ly call those gone a - stray That they may  
4 Shine on the dark - ened and the cold; Re - call the  
5 That they with us may ev - er - more Such grace with



those who sit in night; Let those a - far now  
lost in er - ror's maze; En - light - en those whose  
find the sav - ing way! Let ev - 'ry con - science  
wan - d'ers to Your fold. U - nite all those who  
won - d'ring thanks a - dore And end - less praise to



hear Your voice And in Your fold with us re - joice.  
in - most minds Some dark de - lu - sion haunts and blinds.  
sore op - pressed In You find peace and heav'n - ly rest.  
walk a - part; Con - firm the weak and doubt - ing heart,  
You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and heav'n.

## INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

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

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His 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.

C **Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

### INTROIT

*Psalm 113:1-2, 4, 7-8; antiphon: v.3*

P From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

**C Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!**

P Blessèd be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

**C The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens!**

P He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

**C To make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

**C 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, p. 152-53*

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C Amen.**

### GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*LSB, p. 154*

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

**C** *(sung)*

*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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through 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

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

<sup>1</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup>So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ...

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

**1 Corinthians 7:29-35**

<sup>29</sup>This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

<sup>32</sup>I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, <sup>34</sup>and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. <sup>35</sup>I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 1:14-20**

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

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

<sup>14</sup>After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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

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

**NICENE CREED**

**ALL** **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.**

## SERMON HYMN

*"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake*

LSB 688

1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My  
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly  
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with  
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your  
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the  
way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,  
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;  
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,  
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,  
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,  
O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -  
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and  
With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My  
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge  
In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the  
e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.  
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.  
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.  
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."  
bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

## SERMON

Rev. Shawn Deterding

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY *(sung)*

LSB, p. 159-160

*What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### ✠ *Service of the Sacrament* ✠

### PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

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

P 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; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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 *(sung)*

LSB, p. 161

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created, and out of perfect love sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. As You turned Your wrath away from the people of Nineveh through their repentance, You have turned Your wrath away from us through the cross of our Savior, Jesus Christ. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Graciously 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.

**C** Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.  
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*

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

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI *(sung)*

*LSB, p. 163*

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

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

*Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*

**DISTRIBUTION ~ Welcome to the Lord's table.** *(An usher will direct you.)*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Your Table I Approach*

*LSB 628*



1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.  
2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;  
3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.  
A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.  
Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.  
God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

- 5 O grant, most blessèd Lord,  
That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament  
Raise doubt within my mind.
- 6 Oh, may I never fail  
To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood,  
O God, my peace and light.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *(sung)*

LSB, p. 164-65

*Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.  
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P 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.
- C **Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

## 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 𐤀𐤃 give you peace.
- C **Amen.**

1 Forth in the peace of Christ we go;  
 2 King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;  
 3 Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth;  
 4 Christ's are our lips, His Word we speak;  
 5 We are the Church; Christ bids us show

Christ to the world with joy we bring;  
 King - ship with Him His ser - vants gain;  
 This world of time to con - se - crate,  
 Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim  
 That in His Church all na - tions find

Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,  
 With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all,  
 This world of sin by grace to heal,  
 Christ's truth in love that we may be  
 Their hearth and home where Christ re - stores

Christ in our hearts, the world's true king.  
 Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.  
 Christ's world in Christ to re - cre - ate.  
 Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.  
 True peace, true love to all man - kind.



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