

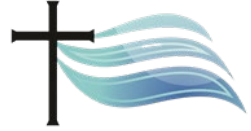
# WATER OF LIFE

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

**❖ Preparation ❖**

**OPENING HYMN**

*O Worship the King*

LSB 804



1 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove.  
2 O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
3 This earth, with its store of won - ders un - told,  
4 Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing His pow'r and His love;  
Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space;  
Al - might - y, Thy pow'r hath found - ed of old,  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
His char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
Es - tab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree,  
It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,



Pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.  
And round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
And sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5 Frail children of dust Thy mercies, how tender,  
and feeble as frail, how firm to the end,  
In Thee do we trust, Our maker, defender,  
nor find Thee to fail. Redeemer, and friend!

6 O measureless Might, Thy humbler creation,  
ineffable Love, though feeble their lays,  
While angels delight With true adoration  
to hymn Thee above, shall sing to Thy praise.

## INVOCATION

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

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

*1 John 1:8-9; [John 20:19-23]*

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.**

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

P Let us 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 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.  
C **Amen.**

## ✠ Service of the Word ✠

## INTROIT

*Psalm 34 :1-3*

P I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
C **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**  
P Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!  
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** (*sung*)

LSB, p. 204

*Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*sung*)

LSB, p. 204, v. 1

*To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.*

**SALUTATION**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **O God, from whom all good proceeds, grant to us, Your humble servants, Your holy inspiration, that we may set our minds on the things that are right and, by Your merciful guiding, accomplish them; 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**

**Deuteronomy 4:32-40**

<sup>32</sup>For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether such a great thing as this has ever happened or was ever heard of. <sup>33</sup>Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and still live? <sup>34</sup>Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? <sup>35</sup>To you it was shown, that you might know that the LORD is God; there is no other besides him. <sup>36</sup>Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. <sup>37</sup>And because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, <sup>38</sup>driving out before you nations greater and mightier than yourselves, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, <sup>39</sup>know therefore today, and lay it to your heart,

that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other. <sup>40</sup>Therefore you shall keep his statutes and his commandments, which I command you today, that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and that you may prolong your days in the land that the LORD your God is giving you for all time."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

**Colossians 1:15-23**

<sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. <sup>16</sup>For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preminent. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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

**ALLELUIA** *(sung)*

LSB, p. 205

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*These things are written that you may believe  
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 16:13-18**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixteenth chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

C **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 † everlasting. Amen.**

### SERMON HYMN

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

LSB 575



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less Than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood Sup - port me  
4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh, may I



blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -



own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*



On Christ, the sol-id rock, I stand; All oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

## SERMON

“Replacing God by Redefining God”

Rev. Deterding

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY *(sung)*

LSB 956

*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 ✠

### 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 look to You and listen to You, O giver of righteousness. May we lay it in our hearts, that the Lord is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath, with the sure promise and understanding that there is no other god. May we look to the rock from which we have been hewn, along with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## **SANCTUS** *(sung)*

LSB 208

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We thank You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to be our Redeemer. Even as You call us now to this Table to receive our Savior's body and blood, let Your servants hear Your word of forgiveness and grace to strengthen and sustain us. Hear us now as we pray in His name and in the words He has taught us:

## **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. 210



O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.  
 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;  
 Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, and grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

LSB 622



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, You have pre - pared This feast for  
 2 Al - though You did to heav'n as - cend, Where an - gel  
 3 Yet, Sav - ior, You are not con - fined To an - y  
 4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your pre - cious



our sal - va - tion; It is Your bod - y  
 hosts are dwell - ing, And in Your pres - ence  
 hab - i - ta - tion; But You are pres - ent  
 Word be - liev - ing That Your true bod - y



and Your blood, And at Your in - vi - ta - tion  
 they be - hold Your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,  
 e - ven now Here with Your con - gre - ga - tion.  
 and Your blood Our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.



As wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, We come to  
 And though Your peo - ple shall not see Your glo - ry  
 Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Un - moved by  
 This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, All things are



You for need - ed rest, For com - fort, and for par - don.  
 and Your maj - es - ty Till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,  
 an - y dar - ing hand Or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.  
 pos - si - ble with You, For You are Lord Al - might - y.

- 5    Though reason cannot understand,  
      Yet faith this truth embraces:  
Your body, Lord, is even now  
      At once in many places.  
I leave to You how this can be;  
Your Word alone suffices me;  
      I trust its truth unfailing.
- 6    Lord, I believe what You have said;  
      Help me when doubts assail me.  
Remember that I am but dust,  
      And let my faith not fail me.  
Your supper in this vale of tears  
Refreshes me and stills my fears  
      And is my priceless treasure.
- 7    Grant that we worthily receive  
      Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
      May prove by our behavior  
That we are thankful for Your grace  
And day by day may run our race,  
      In holiness increasing.
- 8    For Your consoling supper, Lord,  
      Be praised throughout all ages!  
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place  
      The world against it rages.  
Grant that this sacrament may be  
A blessèd comfort unto me  
      When living and when dying.

## **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 ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

*All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

LSB 791



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, Sing to the  
2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; With - out our  
3 O en - ter then His gates with praise; Ap - proach with  
4 For why? The Lord our God is good: His mer - cy  
△ 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, The God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice. Him serve with mirth, His  
aid He did us make. We are His folk, He  
joy His courts un - to. Praise, laud, and bless His  
is for - ev - er - sure. His truth at all times  
heav'n and earth a - dore, From us and from the



praise forth - tell; Come ye be - fore Him and re - jice.  
doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.  
name al - ways, For it is seem - ly so to do.  
firm - ly stood And shall from age to age en - dure.  
an - gel host Be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

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