

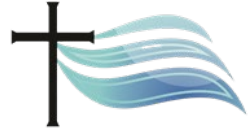
# WATER OF LIFE

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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✠ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✠ TEACH THE WORD

✠ **Preparation** ✠

**OPENING HYMN**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

LSB 411



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
I want to look at Je - sus.  
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run with pa - tience the race,



The star of my life is Je - sus.  
And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

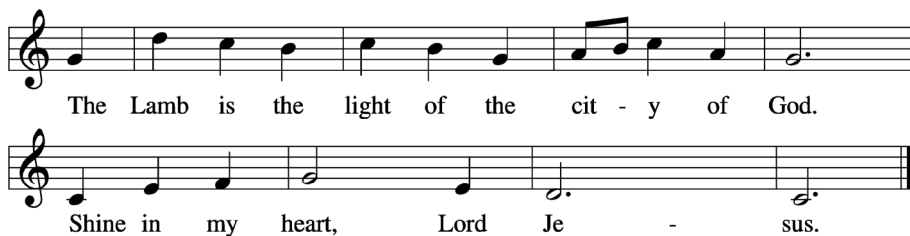
*Refrain*



In Him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

## 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 111:1-5, 9*

P Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

C **Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.**

P Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

**C He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.**

P He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

**C He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!**

**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 Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know Your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

**Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18**

<sup>1</sup>Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, ...

<sup>14</sup>“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

## **Ephesians 5:6-21**

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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

*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****John 6:51-69****P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>51</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

# THE APOSTLES' CREED *(printed on the inside back cover of your hymnal)*

## SERMON HYMN

*O God, My Faithful God*

LSB 696 (v. 1-4)



1 O God, my faith - ful God, True foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,  
2 Grant me the strength to do With read - y heart and will - ing  
3 Keep me from say - ing words That lat - er need re - call - ing;  
4 Lord, let me win my foes With kind - ly words and ac - tions,



With - out whom noth - ing is, All per - fect gifts be - stow - ing:  
What - ev - er You com - mand, My call - ing here ful - fill - ing;  
Guard me lest i - dle speech May from my lips be fall - ing;  
And let me find good friends For coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.



Give me a health - y frame, And may I have with - in  
That I do what I should While trust - ing You to bless  
But when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,  
Help me, as You have taught, To love both great and small



A con - science free from blame, A soul un - stained by sin.  
The out - come for my good, For You must give suc - cess.  
Then to my words give grace Lest I of - fend the weak.  
And by Your Spir - it's might To live in peace with all.

## SERMON

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. *Psalm 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, who answered our deepest need by destroying the power of death itself by His glorious resurrection. 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 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 Holy and merciful Lord, from the beginning You held forth the hope of redemption that the people lost to You because of sin might be returned to You by means of the Savior long promised. Now having fulfilled all things for our salvation by the offering of His flesh for the life of the world and His blood to atone for our sin, grant us Your Holy Spirit that, as we come in His name to His supper, we may be strengthened in body and soul upon the food of His flesh and blood. 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**

*Come, Let Us Eat*

*LSB 626*

*Leader*



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,

*All*



Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.  
Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.

*Leader*



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,



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**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...

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

*LSB 643*



1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, Our true faith con-fess-ing,  
 2 With praise and thanks-giv-ing To God ev-er-liv-ing,



The peo-ple of God from His dwell-ing take leave.  
 The tasks of our ev-'ry-day life we will face.



The Sup-per is end-ed. O now be ex-tend-ed  
 Our faith ev-er shar-ing, In love ev-er car-ing,



The fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.  
Em - brac - ing His chil - dren of each tribe and race.



The seed of His teach - ing, Re - cep - tive souls reach - ing,  
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;



Shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.  
U - nite us as one in this life that we share.



His grace did in - vite us, His love shall u - nite us  
Then may all the liv - ing With praise and thanks - giv - ing



To work for God's king - dom and an - swer His call.  
Give hon - or to Christ and His name that we bear.



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