

# WATER OF LIFE

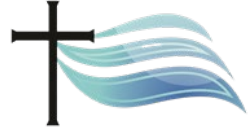
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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✠ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✠ TEACH THE WORD

**✠ Preparation ✠**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Praise the Almighty*

LSB 797



1 Praise the Al - might - y, my soul, a - dore Him!  
 2 Trust not in rul - ers; they are but mor - tal;  
 3 Bless - ed, oh, bless - ed are they for - ev - er  
 4 Pen - i - tent sin - ners, for mer - cy cry - ing,  
 △ 5 Praise, all you peo - ple, the name so ho - ly



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death; With songs and  
 Earth - born they are and soon de - cay. Vain are their  
 Whose help is from the Lord Most High, Whom from sal -  
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain; Ev - er the  
 Of Him who does such won - drous things! All that has



an - thems I come be - fore Him As long as  
 coun - sels at life's last por - tal, When the dark  
 va - tion can noth - ing sev - er, And who in  
 wants of the poor sup - ply - ing, Their faith - ful  
 be - ing, to praise Him sole - ly, With hap - py



He al - lows me breath. From Him my life and  
 grave en - gulfs its prey. Since mor - tals can no  
 hope to Christ draw nigh. To all who trust in  
 God He will re - main. He helps His chil - dren  
 heart its a - men sings. Chil - dren of God, with



all things came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly name.  
 help af - ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.  
 Him, our Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af - ford.  
 in dis - tress, The wid - ows and the fa - ther - less.  
 an - gel host Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!



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

## 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 28:2, 7, antiphon: v.8*

P The Lord is the strength of his people;

**C He is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

P Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

**C When I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.**

P The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

**C My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

**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 Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; 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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart,  
"Be strong; fear not!  
Behold, your God will come with vengeance,  
with the recompense of God.  
He will come and save you."  
<sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;  
<sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.  
For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
<sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

James 2:1-10, 14-18

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. <sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ... <sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

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

**Mark 7:24-37**

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

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

<sup>24</sup>From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.



<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE NICENE CREED

**C** 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  $\ddagger$  of the world to come. Amen.**

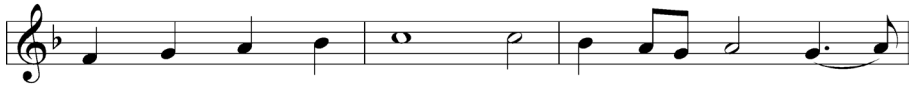
## SERMON HYMN

*O Son of God, in Galilee*

LSB 841



1 O Son of God, in Gal - i - lee You  
2 O lis - ten to the si - lent prayer Of  
3 The speech - less tongue, the life - less ear You  
4 Mean - while to them the lis - t'ning ear Of  
5 Then in Your prom - ised hap - py land Each



made the deaf to hear, The mute to speak, the  
 Your af - flict - ed ones. O bid them cast on  
 can re - store, O Lord; Your "Eph - pha - tha," O  
 stead - fast faith im - part, And let Your Word bring  
 loss will prove a gain; All mys - t'ries we shall



blind to see; O bless - ed Lord, be near.  
 You their care; Your grace to them make known.  
 Sav - ior dear, Can in - stant help af - ford.  
 light and cheer To ev - 'ry trou - bled heart.  
 un - der - stand, For You will make them plain.

**SERMON**

Rev. Shawn 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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. 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 Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created. You sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to redeem us fallen and sinful creatures. As we receive His body and blood in this sacred Meal, strengthen our faith until You turn it to sight. 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.**

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.)

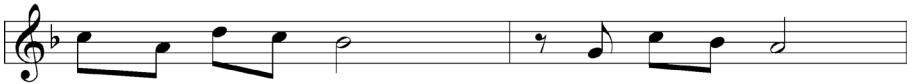
**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

What Is This Bread

LSB 629



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y  
2 What is this wine? The blood of  
3 So who am I, That I should  
4 Yet is God here? Oh, yes! By  
5 Is this for me? I am for -



ris - en from the dead: This bread we break,  
Je - sus shed for mine; The cup of grace  
live and He should die Un - der the rod?  
Word and prom - ise clear, In mouth and soul  
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve



This life we take, Was crushed to pay for our re -  
Brings His em - brace Of life and love un - til I  
My God, my God, Why have You not for - sak - en  
He makes us whole— Christ, tru - ly pres - ent in this  
That I re - ceive His ver - y bod - y and His



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.  
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.  
me? O taste and see— the Lord is free.  
meal. O taste and see— the Lord is real.  
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us

firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; 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.**

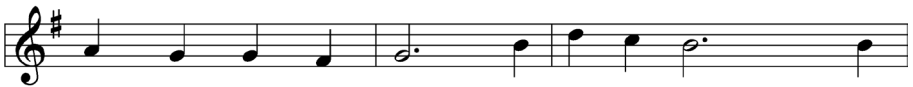
## CLOSING HYMN

*Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go*

*LSB 854*



1 Forth in Thy name, O Lord, I go, My dai - ly  
 2 The task Thy wis - dom has as - signed, O let me  
 3 Thee may I set at my right hand, Whose eyes my  
 4 Give me to bear Thine eas - y yoke, And ev - 'ry  
 5 For Thee de - light - ful - ly em - ploy What - e'er Thy



la - bor to pur - sue, Thee, on - ly Thee, re -  
 cheer - ful - ly ful - fill; In all my works Thy  
 in - most sub - stance see, And la - bor on at  
 mo - ment watch and pray, And still to things e -  
 boun - teous grace has giv'n, And run my course with



solved to know In all I think or speak or do.  
 pres - ence find, And prove Thy good and per - fect will.  
 Thy com - mand, And of - fer all my works to Thee.  
 ter - nal look, And has - ten to Thy glo - rious day.  
 e - ven joy, And close - ly walk with Thee to heav'n.





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