

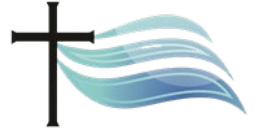
# WATER OF LIFE

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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✠ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✠ TEACH THE WORD

**✠ Preparation ✠**

**OPENING HYMN**

*Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

LSB 904



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at Your Word We are gath - ered  
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est  
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light of Light, from  
△ 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, Lord, Praise to You and



all to hear You. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
dark - ness shroud - ed Till Your Spir - it breaks our night  
God pro - ceed - ing, O - pen now our heart and mind;  
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we may trust Your Word,



Now to seek and love and fear You, By Your teach - ings,  
With the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
Help us by Your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry Your  
Con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, While we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, Drawn from earth to love You sole - ly.  
God can win us; You must work all good with - in us.  
Church now rais - es; Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
low must wan - der, Till we sing Your prais - es yon - der.

**INVOCATION**

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

**C** Amen.

*Matt. 28:19b; [18:20]*

## CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

1 Cor. 15:3-4; 20; Luke 6:23

P I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

**C That Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.**

P In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**C Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.**

P Relying on the grace of God and anticipating the joys of heaven He has prepared for Jesus' sake, let us confess our sins to our gracious God.

*(Silence for reflection & self-examination)*

P Heavenly Father,

**C We confess that, although You have blessed us like trees planted by streams of water, we have failed to bear fruit for You and have feared when life has been difficult. Forgive us.**

P Lord Jesus Christ,

**C We confess that we have not relied on Your resurrection as proof of the grace of God. We have not always lived in the hope of our own resurrection. Forgive us.**

P Holy Spirit,

**C We confess that we have failed to keep the faith You have given us. It is not always active in the face of the difficulties of life and opposition from other people. Forgive us and renew a strong faith within us.**

P By the grace of God, you are like trees planted by streams of water! Grace is abundant daily in God's Word and by His promises. For the sake of our living Lord, rejoice and be glad! I 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 119:1-2, 4-5; antiphon: v.7

P I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

**C** **Blessèd are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!**

P Blessèd are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart.

**C** **You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.**

P Oh that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!

**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.



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



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



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



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



## 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 together.

**C** **O Lord, graciously hear the prayers of Your people that we who justly suffer the consequence of our sin may be mercifully delivered by Your goodness to the glory of Your name; 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**

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

<sup>5</sup>Thus says the LORD:

"Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.

He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD,  
whose trust is the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,  
for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

**R** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**



## **EPISTLE READING**

**1 Corinthians 15:12-20**

<sup>12</sup>Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup>But if there is no resurrection of

the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup>We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup>For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup>And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup>Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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. 156

*Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?*

*You have the words of eternal life.*

*Alleluia, alleluia.*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Luke 6:17-26**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.

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

<sup>17</sup>[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup>who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup>And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all.

<sup>20</sup>And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup>"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

<sup>22</sup>"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup>Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets.

<sup>24</sup>"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

<sup>25</sup>"Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.

"Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.

<sup>26</sup>“Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

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

*If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death*

LSB 486



1 If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,  
2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb Then death would be the end,  
3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised His Church would live a lie;



Our preach - ing but a waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re - main.  
And we should face our fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend.  
His name should nev - er - more be praised, His words de - serve to die.



But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed; He rules in earth and heav'n:  
But now the Sav - ior is raised up, So when a Chris - tian dies  
But now our great Re - deem - er lives; Through Him we are re - stored;



His Gos - pel meets a world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n.  
We mourn, yet look to God in hope— In Christ the saints a - rise!  
His Word en-dures, His Church re - vives In Christ, our ris - en Lord.

## SERMON

Rev. Shawn Deterding

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY *(sung)*

LSB p. 159-60

*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.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*2 Tim. 4:22; Col. 3:1; Ps. 136*

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 lived among us to give Himself for us and to rise again, leading the way. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Scan the code for  
our understanding  
of the Lord's Supper





## **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. 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.**

## **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

*Eat This Bread*

LSB 638

*Refrain*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Come to Him and nev - er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

*Cantor or Choir*

1 This is His bod - y giv - en for you; this is His blood that was shed for you.

2 As of - ten as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show His death un - til He comes a - gain.

3 Eat His flesh and drink His blood, and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.

4 An - y - one who eats this bread will live for - ev - er.

5 If we be - lieve and eat this bread, we will have e - ter - nal life.

*Refrain*

## 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

Let Me Be Thine Forever

LSB 689



1 Let me be Thine for - ev - er, My faith - ful God and Lord;  
2 Lord Je - sus, my sal - va - tion, My light, my life di - vine,  
3 And Thou, O Ho - ly Spir - it, My com - fort - er and guide,



Let me for - sake Thee nev - er Nor wan - der from Thy Word.  
My on - ly con - so - la - tion, O make me whol - ly Thine!  
Grant that in Je - sus' mer - it I al - ways may con - fide,



Lord, do not let me wa - ver, But give me stead - fast - ness,  
For Thou hast dear - ly bought me With blood and bit - ter pain.  
Him to the end con - fess - ing Whom I have known by faith.



And for such grace for - ev - er Thy ho - ly name I'll bless.  
Let me, since Thou hast sought me, E - ter - nal life ob - tain.  
Give me Thy con - stant bless - ing And grant a Chris - tian death.



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