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Lutheran Service Book

Divine Service ~ Setting Three

Holy Communion

9 am & 10:30 am

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## DIVINE SERVICE ~ SETTING THREE

(Page 184, LSB)

♪ PRELUDE - "LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN"

GREETING

♪ OPENING HYMN "Holy Spirit, Light Divine" (#496 LS vs. 1-5)

*Holy Spirit, light divine,  
Shine upon this heart of mine;  
Chase the shades of night away,  
Turn the darkness into day*

*Let me see my Savior's face,  
Let me all His beauties trace;  
Show those glorious truths to me  
Which are only known to Thee*

*Holy Spirit, pow'r divine,  
Cleanse this guilty heart of mine;  
In Thy mercy pity me,  
From sin's bondage set me free*

*Holy Spirit, joy divine,  
Cheer this saddened heart of mine;  
Yield a sacred, settled peace,  
Let it grow and still increase.*

*Holy Spirit, all divine,  
Dwell within this heart of mine;  
Cast down ev'ry idol throne,  
Reign supreme, and reign alone.*

(stand)

THE INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

## THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

THE CONFESSION OF SINS & ABSOLUTION (p.151)

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

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

*(Moment of silent reflection on our need for forgiveness)*

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God the Father.

**All:** **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.**

Pastor: 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.

**All:** **Amen**

THE INTROIT PS. 92:1-4; ANTIPHON PS. 92:5

*Pastor: Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!*

**People: I have fled to you for refuge!**

*Pastor: Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!*

**People: In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!**

*Pastor: Enter not into judgment with your servant,*

**People: for no one living is righteous before you.**

*Pastor: Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord!*

**People: I have fled to you for refuge!**

THE GLORIA PATRI

**People: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

THE SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray...O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: A.....men.**

*(sit)*

## THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 50:15-21

<sup>15</sup>When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." <sup>16</sup>So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. <sup>21</sup>So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

### THE GRADUAL (*Spoken by the Lector*)

Fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing! Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

### THE SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 14:1-12

<sup>1</sup>As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. <sup>2</sup>One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. <sup>5</sup>One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. <sup>6</sup>The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. <sup>7</sup>For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. <sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; <sup>11</sup>for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." <sup>12</sup>So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

(stand)

### THE ALLELUIA & VERSE

**All: Al-le-luia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. Al-le-luia! Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew Chapter 18 beginning at verse 21

♪ People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven. <sup>23</sup>“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup>When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup>And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup>So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord!

♪ People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

(p. 191 LSB)

**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.

*(sit)*

THE HYMN OF THE DAY “*Chief of Sinners Though I Be*” (#611 LSB vs. 1-3)

*Chief of sinners though I be,  
Jesus shed His blood for me,  
Died that I might live on high,  
Lives that I might never die,  
As the branch is to the vine,  
I am His and He is mine.*

*Oh, the height of Jesus’ love,  
Higher than the heav’ns above,  
Deeper than the depths of sea,  
Lasting as eternity!  
Love that found me wondrous thought!  
Found me when I sought Him not.*

*Only Jesus can impart  
Balm to heal the wounded heart,  
Peace that flows from sin forgiv’n  
Joy that lifts the soul to heav’n  
Faith and hope to walk with God  
In the way that Enoch trod.*

THE SERMON

*(stand)*

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

Lord of the Harvest. This morning we pray for your continued provision and guidance for your people worshiping at St. Paul, Amityville. We pray that you would direct them in their preparation in calling a new pastor. Assure them of your presence and equip them with faithful perseverance during this time of transition. Help them and all of the churches around the District to enter this new season of ministry with renewed hope and increased reliance upon you, the Head of the Church. May your will be done among us and through us and may your kingdom come in all grace and power. In the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you forever. Amen. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, as once You kept Joseph from evil and brought good from his suffering in Egypt, deliver us by Your grace so that we may learn patience in trials. Teach us to be slow to judge, quick to forgive, and steadfast in love for You and for one another. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, You have shown great compassion to us; teach us to show such compassion to others, that we may welcome the stranger, love our neighbor in need, and be attentive to those new to the faith or vulnerable to temptation. Help us to serve the refugee seeking safety, and give us opportunity to share Your gifts with those who live in poverty and want. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, bless those who preach and teach Your Word, and give the hearers willing ears to hear and willing hearts to learn the Scriptures well. Bless those now training to be pastors and church workers. Grant to all the baptized the aid of Your Holy Spirit so that, receiving Your Gospel with joy, we may share it freely with those outside the household of faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mighty God, give wisdom and courage to our elected and appointed leaders, that they may pursue justice, seek peace and protect life from its natural beginning to its natural end. Bring an end to the threats of terror and violence among the peoples, and open all nations to the voice of Your Word. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, lead us to pursue reconciliation, that we may stand before You forgiven and united in faith. Give us unity of doctrine, and help us to walk together in harmony of life. Prepare us to receive Your own Son's body and blood with faith, and bring to fruition in our lives the precious gift of grace we receive in this communion. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed Father, You know our weakness of body and soul. Give to the troubled in mind Your peace, to the suffering relief, to the sick healing, to the grieving comfort and deliver the dying into everlasting life. Hear us especially for \_\_\_\_\_ and also for those named in our hearts. *[Brief silence]* Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Giving Lord, all good things come from You. Open our hearts to be generous with the poor and to bring You the tithes and offerings You are due, that Your Church and all her agencies may serve Your gracious purpose and suffer no lack of people or resources to do the work of Your Kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty and everlasting God, deliver us from temptation and the powers of evil, that we may be faithful unto death and receive from Your hand the crown of everlasting life. Whether we live or die, we belong to You, and we pray You to comfort us with this promise, that we may join the company of the saints on the day You have appointed and enter into the heavenly places to worship at Your throne on high; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

*(sit)*

## OFFERTORY

## EUCCHARIST

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you

♪ **People: And with thy spirit.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

Pastor: 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising You and saying:

SANCTUS ~ HOLY, HOLY HOLY (p. 195 LSB)

**People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory; Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 196 LSB)

**All: 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the

new Testament in My ☩ blood which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

#### PAX DOMINI ~ THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: A-men**

#### AGNUS DEI

(P. 198 LSB)

**People: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace... Amen.**

*(sit)*

#### THE DISTRIBUTION

#### THE DISMISSAL

Pastor: The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

**People: Amen**

#### THE NUNC DIMITTIS

**People: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation; which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

*(stand)*

#### THANKSGIVING

Pastor: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

**People: and His mercy endureth forever.**

Pastor: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for his sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament.

**People: A-men**

#### THE SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spir-it.**

#### THE BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: Bless we the Lord..

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE BENEDICTION

Pastor:       The Lord bless you and keep you.  
                  The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
                  The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. ✠.

**People:       A-men, A-men, A...men.**

## MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE

*(sit)*

## THE RECESSIONAL HYMN “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” (#816 LSB vs. 1-3)

*From all that dwell below the skies*

*Let the Creator’s praise arise;*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let the Redeemer’s name be sung*

*Through every land by every tongue.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;*

*Eternal truth attends Thy Word.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore*

*Till suns shall rise and set no more.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*All praise to God the Father be,*

*All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Whom with the Spirit we adore*

*Forever and forevermore:*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Pastor:       Go in peace and serve the Lord*

**People:       Thanks be to God**

POSTLUDE: “AND CAN IT BE”

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### ***STATEMENT OF PURPOSE***

“Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church exists in order to lead people to faith in Christ Jesus and Fellowship in His family, to celebrate His presence in worship and the study of His Word, and to use all their God-given Time, Talents, and Treasures according to His Will in the ministry of His church and mission to the world