

____Sunday & Monday, May 7th & 8th, 2023____



HE LIVES TO BE THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

Those wishing to attend Holy Communion

Lutherans understand Holy Communion as, among other things, a statement of agreement with the church's teachings. For this reason, you will not want to commune with us until you have had a chance to compare your beliefs with our church's. Please speak to our pastor about this before receiving communion with us.



ST. PAUL

LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

HE LIVES TO BE THE ONLY WAY TO HEAVEN

The gospel is the most inclusive message in the world. The benefits of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are meant for every man, woman, and child who ever lived. The gospel is also the most exclusive message in the world, for it maintains that salvation can only be found in one place—the person of Jesus Christ. Just listen to how Jesus speaks: “I am the way and the truth and the life” (John 14:6). Jesus doesn’t say, “I will show you the true way to eternal life.” The prophets and apostles could say that. But Jesus says, “I am the way. I am the truth. I am the life you crave.” And note that definite article: “the,” not “a”! Jesus is not a way into heaven. He is the way. There is no other way than through faith in the One who died and rose again. The unbelieving world finds this claim—that Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven—to be the most offensive teaching in all of Scripture. Yet this is the very truth upon which Christ builds his Church.

SERVICE: *The Service – Setting Two, p. 172*

Christ the Eternal Lord

CW 521 sts. 1, 4–5

Stand

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

Amen.

We invoke the name of the Triune God whom we worship as baptized believers.

God is holy; we are not. We confess our sinfulness and our sins before God to prepare for worship.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God is gracious and merciful. Through his called servant he announces that we have forgiveness through Jesus Christ.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 174

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We have received mercy in the forgiveness of sins. Now, we ask his mercy for all other things needed for spiritual life.

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

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.
Lord, have mercy.

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

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

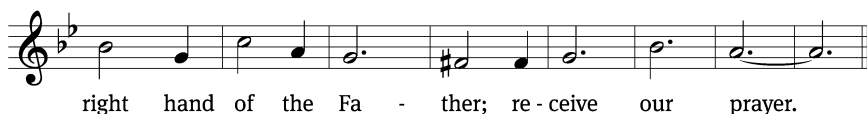
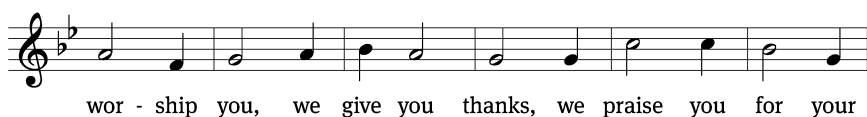
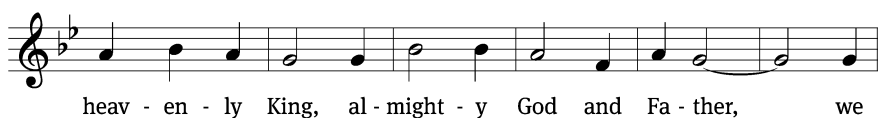
We praise the Lord who is the all-powerful God. We praise his Son, Jesus Christ, with the song the angels sang at his birth. He is the Lamb of God worthy of our praise and prayers.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the melody for the second line, with the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his' written below it. The third staff contains the melody for the third line, with the lyrics 'peo - ple on earth. Lord God,' written below it. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using mostly quarter and half notes.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his
peo - ple on earth. Lord God,



lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,
 with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry of
 God the Fa-ther. A-men. A-men.
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his
 peo-ple on earth.

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As the Lord's servant, the pastor speaks God's peace. The congregation responds, affirming his call and vocation.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Prayer of the Day is a short petition that expresses the theme of the day.

First Reading

Acts 4:8–12

St. Peter told the Jewish leaders that the man they had crucified was raised to life and therefore is the only man in whom salvation is found.

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! ⁹If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, ¹⁰then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.

¹¹Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” ¹²Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

I Will Not Die But Live

Psalms 118F

Choir/Cantor:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:



I will not die but live, and will pro-claim what the Lord has done.

Choir:

The Lord is my strength and my song;

He has become my salvation.

The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Choir:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

I will give you thanks for you answered me;

You have become my salvation.

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Choir:

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad.

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

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Second Reading

1 Peter 2:4–10

The claim that Jesus is the only way to heaven is like a stone over which unbelievers stumble. But that truth is the cornerstone on which Christ builds his Church.

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” ⁷Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” ⁸and, “A stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. ⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

As the early church devoted themselves to the Apostles’ teachings (Acts 2:42), we also listen to their teachings in the letters of the New Testament.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 14:6

*The Gospel Acclamation
is a Scripture verse
meant to introduce the*



Refrain



Tone



Refrain



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Gospel & Sermon Text

John 14:1–12

Jesus teaches that the only way to draw near to God the Father is through God the Son.

*This reading from the life and
teaching of Christ establishes
the theme of the day.*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ²My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴You know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” ⁹Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. ¹¹Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly I tell

you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

The Hymn of the Day is the only Lutheran addition to the historic Liturgy. It expresses the theme of the day.

Let Me Be Yours Forever

CW 715

Sermon

Pastor Matthew Holtz

Stand

As the prophets, apostles and Jesus did, the pastor proclaims God's law and gospel and applies it to the lives of the people.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We confess with one voice the Christian teaching and signify our allegiance to over 2,000 years of the Christian faith.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 183

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The body and blood of our Lord are present in the sacrament. We join the angels of Isaiah 6 who were in the presence of God and the worshipers on Palm Sunday who sang at the presence of the Messiah.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who by his willing sacrifice on the cross took away the sins of the world and by his glorious resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184





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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

We remember and give thanks for salvation history.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

We pray the words Jesus himself taught us to pray.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my \dagger body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

The words of our Lord give exactly what they say: his body and blood for our forgiveness.

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my \dagger blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

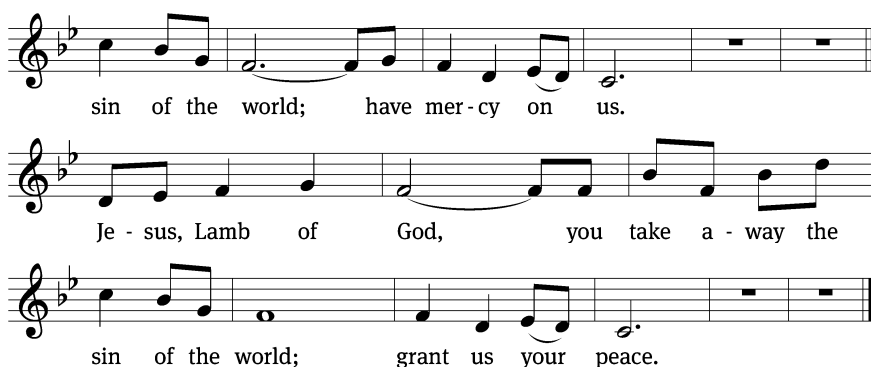
Amen.

The Agnus Dei reminds us that Jesus is the Lamb of God who was sacrificed for our sins.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



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Be seated

Distribution

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

CW 663

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Having received forgiveness of sins, life and salvation, we thank the Lord for his gifts and pray that we will be moved to love our neighbor.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

In Numbers 6, God tells Aaron to put his name on the people with these words. We began the service with God's name, so we are sent out with his name and blessing.

Amen.

Cling Tightly to the Word of God *(Choir/cantor sings v.1-2)* CW 707

Acknowledgments

Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Worship Notes

Preacher: Matthew Holtz
Presiding Minister: Justin Shrum
Organist: Dan Vogel / Nancy Zander

Service Teams:

8:00 a.m. T. Blob (Head Usher), M./B./B. Blob, F./B. Butch, R./J. Fischer, E. Dvorak, C. Wilson; AV: T. Falck
10:30 a.m. C. Woehler (Head Usher), T. Falck, D. Olson, T. Falck, M. Spaude, M. Fay; AV: R. Volhard
6:00 p.m. C. Waack (Head Usher), J. Ings, P. Rooyakkers, J. Kaepernick, G. Fredericks

Greeters:

8:00 a.m. J. & S. Gossens
10:30 a.m. A. & J. Malueg
6:00 p.m. Rogers Family

Altar Guild: M. Reichel, M. McCarthy

Welcome

In an age of anxiety we still believe that peace comes from Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

In an age of confusion we still believe that the Bible is the word of God, inerrant and infallible.

In an age of doubt we still believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

In an age of guilt we still believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, bringing complete pardon and joy to all believers.

In an age of reason we still believe that God is at work in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

In an age of change we still believe in one unchanging God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.



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