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### Serving Today...

#### Message:

Pastor Brad Stoltenow

#### Liturgist:

8:00 Pastor Oesch

#### Worship Assistant:

10:45 John Hoener

#### Organist:

Susan Shoaf



## ✠ IN THE NAME OF JESUS ✠

**RINGING OF THE BELL ~ CALL TO WORSHIP** *Please quiet voices to prepare to worship.*

### PRELUDE

### INVOCATION

*Divine Service, Setting 5 ~ LSB p. 213; Matthew 28:19b*

Pastor (P): We call on the name of the Triune God—the name into which we have been baptized: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation (C): Amen!**

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

*Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8, 32:5*

P: It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in Luther's catechism instructs us with these words: "Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven." Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all of my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P: God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.

C: Amen.

P: As you believe, so let it be. 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!

### KYRIE, SALUTATION, AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**ALL: Amen!**

P: The Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

P: We pray: O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen!

### HYMN OF PRAISE ~ HEAVENLY HOSTS IN CEASELESS WORSHIP *tune: "Hymn to Joy"*

Heav'nly hosts in ceaseless worship "Holy, holy, holy" cry;  
"He who is, who was and will be, God Almighty, Lord Most High!"

Praise and honor, pow'r and glory, be to Him who reigns alone!

We, with all His hands have fashioned, fall before the Father's throne.

All creation, all redemption, join to sing the Savior's worth;

Lamb of God, whose blood has bought us, kings and priests, to reign on earth.

Wealth and wisdom, pow'r and glory, honor, might, dominion, praise,

Now be His from all His creatures and to everlasting days!

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**CHILDREN'S CHAT** *Pastor Stoltenow*

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**PRAYER**



*The Hymn of Praise for today is a poetic version of the Dignus es. The Dignus es describes hymns sung before the One seated on the heavenly throne and to the Lamb in the heavenly vision. These may be drawn from early Christian hymns. Dignus es is also known as A Song to the Lamb. Dignus es means "You are worthy." See: Revelation 4:1-11; 5:1-14; 7:9-17 and Isaiah 6:1-4*

**Epistle Reading:**

*Quoted references are Joshua 1:5 and Psalm 118:6.*

*Note also how the writer to the Hebrews applies Jesus' words spoken to His dinner host in today's Gospel reading.*

**Divine Service, Setting**

*5~ Luther's German Mass (Deutsche Messe): Assisted by musician Johann Walther, Dr. Martin Luther wrote this service order to simplify the liturgy and put much of the service in the language of the people; it was written particularly for the uneducated who did not have the benefit of learning Latin.*

*On October 29, 1525, Luther's Deutsche Messe was celebrated for the first time. After the service, Luther said to the congregation: "The Mass [service of the Lord's Supper] is, as you know, the most important public office prescribed for the comfort of the Christian."*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Proverbs 25:2-10 *proverbs of Solomon*

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

What your eyes have seen do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

**RESPONSE**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN** # 842:1-2 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

**Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race,  
You our Head, who, throned in glory, for Your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with Your love and pity, heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**As You, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.**

**Freely have Your gifts been granted; freely may Your servants give.**

**Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;**

**We but stewards of Your bounty held in solemn trust will be.**

**EPISTLE READING** Hebrews 13:1-17

Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through His own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach He endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through Him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

**RESPONSE**

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN** # 842:3-4 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us, king of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, bid its cruel discords cease.**

**By Your patient years of toiling, by Your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life and truth and grace,**

**Word made flesh, whose birth among us hallows all our human race:**

**By Your praying, by Your willing that Your people should be one,**

**Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth Your will be done!**

## ACCLAMATION

L: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

## THE HOLY GOSPEL Luke 14:1-14

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching Him carefully. And behold, there was a man before Him who had dropsy. And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" But they remained silent. Then Jesus took him and healed him and sent him away. And He said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" And they could not reply to these things.

Now Jesus told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, "When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Jesus said also to the man who had invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

## RESPONSE

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

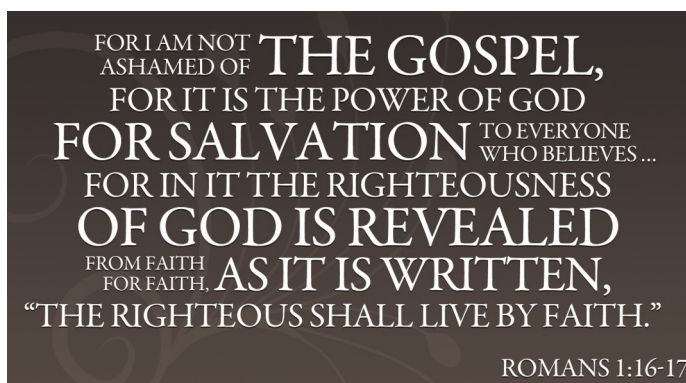
## STATEMENT OF FAITH ~ THE CREED IN SONG # 953 "We All Believe in One True God"

We all believe in one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Ever-present help in need, praised by all the heav'nly host;  
All He made His love enfolds, all creation He upholds.

We all believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son,  
Who descended from His throne and for us salvation won;  
By whose cross and death are we rescued from all misery.

We all confess the Holy Ghost, who from both in truth proceeds,  
Who sustains and comforts us in all trials, fears, and needs.  
Blessed, holy Trinity, praise forever be to Thee!

## MESSAGE "Offering to God a Sacrifice of Praise" text: Hebrews 13:1-17



## Gospel Reading:

*Notice how, in this parable, Jesus applies His learning of Solomon's proverbs*

*The Season of Pentecost is a Season of growing, called the Time of the Church. We focus on the teachings of Jesus and how they apply in the life of the Church—in our lives! This growing is reflected in the color green, the color of life and growth.*

A **Creed** is a statement of faith and can be a great outline for sharing

HISTORY with others!

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On that day you shall not be put to shame because of the deeds by which you have rebelled against Me [declares the LORD]; for then I will remove from your midst your proudly exultant ones, and you shall no longer be haughty in My holy mountain. But I will leave in your midst a people humble and lowly. They shall seek refuge in the name of the LORD.

~Zephaniah 3:11-12

It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

~Philippians 1:9-11

**Prayer:** As we look forward to our 2025-26 theme, "Praying with an Open Heart," consider using *Divine Service, Setting 5*, p. 215. It is a prayer form based on Martin Luther's paraphrase of The Lord's Prayer and is a beautiful outline for prayer.

**Preface:** These responses, used at the beginning of the communion liturgy for at least 1,800 years, invite us to prepare to receive our Lord who comes to us in His body and blood.



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4

### Preparation for Holy Communion

Holy Scripture says: *One should examine himself before he eats the bread and drinks the cup; one who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself. 1 Cor 11:28-29*

Since those who take Christ's body and blood without understanding His true presence do so to their harm, and since the sacrament of Holy Communion is a faith statement confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or hold a confession differing from that of this church and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and desire to receive the sacrament are asked first to speak with a pastor.

## HOLY COMMUNION ~ PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136; John 3:16

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!**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Grant us Your Spirit, gracious Father, that we may give heed to the testament of Your Son in true faith and, above all, firmly take to heart the words with which Christ gives to us His body and blood for our forgiveness. By Your grace, lead us to remember and give thanks for the boundless love which He manifested to us when, by pouring out His precious blood, He saved us from Your righteous wrath and from sin, death, and hell. Grant that we may receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a gift, guarantee, and pledge of His salvation. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen!**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

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

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19,20; 1 Cor 11:23-25



**SANCTUS ~ HOLY** “Holy! Holy! Sing to Jesus” *tune: “Hymn to Joy”*

Holy! Holy! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;

Holy! Holy! His the triumph, His the victory alone.

Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood:

“Jesus out of ev’ry nation has redeemed us by His blood!”

Holy! Holy! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay;

Holy! Holy! Here the sinful flee to You from day to day.

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth’s Redeemer, hear our plea

Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.<sup>1</sup>

Holy! Holy! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own;

Holy! Holy! Born of Mary, earth Your footstool, heav’n Your throne.

As within the veil You entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest,

Here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.<sup>2</sup>

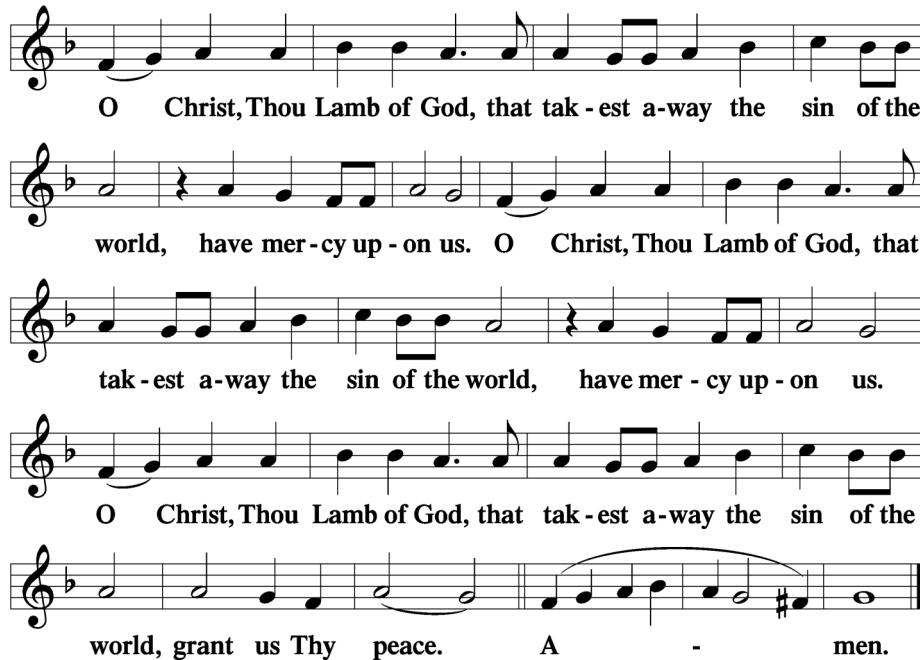
**PAX DOMINI ~ THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: Amen!

**AGNUS DEI ~ LAMB OF GOD** “O Christ, Thou Lamb of God”

*DS3 p. 198, LSB*



**DISTRIBUTION**

- ◆ You will be ushered forward for Communion.
- ◆ When receiving the bread, please extend your hand palm up.
- ◆ If you are not communing but wish to come up and receive a blessing, you may keep your hands folded.
- ◆ Wine without alcohol is in the center of each tray; you may also request a gluten-free wafer.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

# 694 “Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower”

# 637 “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord”

**Sanctus** means “holy is.” We join our voices with saints on earth and saints in heaven, echoing the unending hymn of praise that swirls around God’s heavenly throne. This truly is heaven on earth!

<sup>1</sup>a reference to those who have died in the faith and are in heaven, singing together with the angels and with us

<sup>2</sup>eucharistic: relating to the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

**Agnus Dei** means “Lamb of God.” We sing this hymn to the consecrated elements—literally to Christ—where Christ is present in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion.



Come, Lord Jesus,  
be our Guest,  
and let these gifts of  
forgiveness, renewed  
life, and salvation  
to us be blessed.  
Amen!

**Benedicamus:** Latin for "let us bless" or "let us say a good word." One of the Hebrew ideas of blessing is "to praise a person's ability for success as from a lesser person to a greater." God blesses us with His gifts of forgiveness and new life through the saving work of Christ on the cross. We, in turn, praise Him for His goodness to us!

In this Divine Service, by faith the Holy Spirit has opened our hearts and minds to receive His graces. We now leave this house of worship to share the love of Jesus and HISTory!

△ Please stand.  
The delta symbol indicates a stanza that praises the Triune God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit.



Lord, lay some soul  
upon my heart  
and love that soul  
through me;  
and may I gladly  
do my part  
to win that soul  
for Thee. Amen!



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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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

*Psalms 103:1*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## BENEDICTION ~ GOD'S GOOD WORD OF BLESSING

*Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen!

## HYMN # 803 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, praising Thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

△ Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

✠ TO GOD ALONE ALL GLORY! ✠

