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Welcome

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

Today's service includes the Lord's Supper. If you are a first-time visitor and wish to receive Holy Communion, please speak with one of our Elders or myself prior to service .

May God bless your worship with us today,
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***Compelled by the Love of Christ to Live,
Learn, Share, and Serve'***

9:00 - Traditional

*Our Vision is to inspire the vibrant experience of
Christian faith in our community, to all
generations, wherever they may be'*

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Divine Service One (pp 151ff)

A Time of Preparation

Prelude

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace

Opening Song

"How Wide the Love of Christ" LSB 535

How wide the love of Christ!

It knows not class or race
But holds our one humanity
Within its broad embrace.

How long the love of Christ!

Its patience will not cease
Until this broken world is bound
In everlasting peace.

How high the love of Christ!

Beyond all thought it soars,
And yet upon our passing lives
Unmeasured mercy pours.

How deep the love of Christ,

Descending to a cross!
He bears within His wounded hands
All human pain and loss.

All praise to You, O Christ,

For love whose depth and height,
Whose length and breadth fill time and space
With endless life and light!

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Invocation

LSB 151

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- G** Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Confession and Forgiveness

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- G** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination

- P** Most merciful God,
- G** **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** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- G** Amen.

Service of the Word

- P** Delight yourself in the Lord,
- G** **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**
- P** Commit your way to the Lord;
- G** **trust in him, and he will act.**
- P** He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
- G** **and your justice as the noonday.**
- P** Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
- G** **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**

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.**

Lord, Have Mercy - Sung

LSB 152

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise Sung

LSB 155

C **This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy
is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people
of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are
His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing
with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation. Blessing,
honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is
the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb
who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory
for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray together...

C **Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of
the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross
daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,**

one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Romans 5:1

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Alleluia *Sung*

LSB 156

G Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Reading

Luke 7:36-50

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



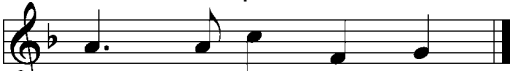
G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You

gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” ⁴⁸ And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Message Song

“The Lamb” *LSB 547*

The Lamb, the Lamb,
O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes

God will provide the Lamb of price! **Refrain**

ref Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb,
One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb,

Let earth join heav’n His praise to sing. **Refrain**

The Lamb, the Lamb,
As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will

On our behalf the Law to fill. **Refrain**

He sighs, He dies,
He takes my sin and wretchedness.

He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. **Refrain**

He rose, He rose,
My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong
Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. **Refrain**

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Message

"Through Faith – Peace"

Offering

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Offering Song - Sung

LSB 159

- ☞ 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.**

Nicene Creed

- ☞ 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.

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

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 proper ... Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord – (Sung)

LSB 161

C **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.**

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

LSB 162

The Peace of the Lord

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Lamb of God - Sung

LSB 163

C **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 of the Holy Sacrament

The Lord gave this Holy Sacrament to His Church so that His followers might receive His love and forgiveness in a visible, tangible way. When the Church celebrates this Sacrament, believers are also making a public declaration of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 11:26). Holy Communion is offered every Sunday at St. John Lutheran, but because it is possible to receive the Lord's Supper to one's detriment (1 Cor. 11:27-29), we ask all who wish to partake of it to examine themselves as follows:

1. *Do I believe that I am a sinner and therefore deserve God's punishment?*
2. *Am I truly sorry that by my sins I have offended God?*
3. *Do I believe that God accepts the death of Jesus as payment for my sins and therefore forgives my sins for Jesus' sake alone and not because of any goodness or effort on my part?*
4. *Do I intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins?*
5. *Do I seek to forgive others as God has forgiven me?*
6. *Do I believe Christ's own Word that His body and blood are truly given and received in and with the bread and wine (Matt. 26:26-28)?*

If you have been baptized into the Christian faith and can answer "yes" to the above questions, you are invited to receive Holy Communion with the assurance of all the blessings Scripture promises.

Distribution Song

"Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" LSB 722

Lord, take my hand and lead me

Upon life's way;

Direct, protect, and feed me

From day to day.

Without Your grace and favor

I go astray;

So take my hand, O Savior,

And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages,

I need not fear,

For You, the Rock of Ages,

Are always near.

Close by Your side abiding,

I fear no foe,

For when Your hand is guiding,

In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen

And night has come,

I know that You will strengthen

My steps toward home.

Then nothing can impede me,
O blessèd Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

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Post-Communion Song *Sung*

LSB 164

☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

☐ Let us pray. 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 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.



☐ A - men.

Blessing

LSB 166

☐ 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.



☐ A - men.

Closing Song

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul” *LSB 814*

O bless the Lord, my soul!
Let all within me join
And aid my tongue to bless His name
Whose favors are divine.

'Tis He forgives thy sins;
'Tis He relieves thy pain;

'Tis He that heals thy sicknesses
And makes thee young again.

He crowns thy life with love
When ransomed from the grave;
He that redeemed my soul from hell
Hath sov'reign pow'r to save.

His wondrous works and ways
He made by Moses known,
But sent the world His truth and grace
By His belovèd Son.

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