

# St. John Lutheran Church

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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.

May God bless your worship with us today, Paul Kruse, Pastor

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**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost** Divine Service Three (pp 184ff)

Prelude

**Sharing of the Peace and Welcome** 

**Opening Song** "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" LSB 901

Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer. Oh, how blessèd is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.

Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.

To my heart, O enter Thou;

Let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.

Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,

So that all I hear may be

Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep Thy gift divine, Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine As my guiding star through life,

As my comfort in all strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee; Let Thy will be done indeed.

May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.

Here of life the fountain flows;

Here is balm for all our woes.

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Invocation LSB 184

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

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

#### **Confession and Forgiveness**

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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

- Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
- P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.
- Amen.

#### Service of the Word

- P On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
- and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- P I will extol you, my God and King,
- and bless your name forever and ever.

- P Every day I will bless you
- and praise your name forever and ever.
- P Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
- and his greatness is unsearchable.
- P They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
- and I will declare your greatness.
- P They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
- and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

#### Glory be to the Father (Sung)

LSB 186

• 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.

#### Lord, Have Mercy (Sung)

LSB 186

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### **Song of Praise** (Sung)

LSB 187

- P Glory be to God on High,
- and on earth peace, goodwill toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

- P The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.
- **P** Let us pray together...
- Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in You, strengthen our faith and give us courage to believe that in Your love You will rescue us from all adversities; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Genesis 9:12-17

<sup>12</sup> And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup> When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." <sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Alleluia (Sung) LSB 190

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

#### **Gospel Reading**

Mark 6:45-52

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



<sup>45</sup> Immediately he made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup> And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup> And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup> And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup> but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup> for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>51</sup> And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup> for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **Apostles' Creed**

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.

#### Children's Message

#### **Message Song**

#### "How Firm a Foundation" LSB 728

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord, Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word! What more can He say than to you He has said Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not! I am with you, O be not dismayed, For I am your God and will still give you aid; I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose I will not, I will not, desert to his foes; That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!

"When through fiery trials your pathway will lie, My grace, all-sufficient, will be your supply. The flames will not hurt you; I only design Your dross to consume and your gold to refine. "Throughout all their lifetime My people will prove My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love; And then, when gray hairs will their temples adorn, Like lambs they will still in My bosom be borne." Text: A Selection of Hymns, 1787, London, alt. Text: Public domain

#### Message

#### "Whatever is Available"

### Offering

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#### **Offering Song - Sung**

LSB 192

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

LSB 196

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.

Blessing LSB 202

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.



#### **Closing Song**

### "Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us" LSB 711

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; Much we need Your tender care. In Your pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Your fold prepare.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,

You have bought us; we are Yours.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,

You have bought us; we are Yours.

We are Yours; in love befriend us, Be the guardian of our way; Keep Your flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,

Hear us children when we pray.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,

Hear us children when we pray.

You have promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be; You have mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,

Early let us turn to You.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,

Early let us turn to You.

Early let us seek Your favor, Early let us do Your will; Blessèd Lord and only Savior, With Your love our spirits fill.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,

You have loved us, love us still.

Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus,

You have loved us, love us still.

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