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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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Live, Learn, Share, and Serve'*

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

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Divine Service Three** (pp 184ff)

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Sharing of the Peace**

**Opening Song**

**"Oh Jesus, I Have Promised"** *not in hymnal*

O Jesus, I have promised To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me, My Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel Thee near me, The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, The tempting sounds I hear:  
My foes are ever near me, Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,  
And shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear Thee speaking In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, The murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me, To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, Thou hast promised To all who follow Thee,  
That where Thou art in glory, There shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus I have promised To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my Friend.

## Invocation

LSB 184

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

## Confession and Forgiveness

**L** 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.

**L** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**L** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

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

**L** 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.

**C** **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.**

**L** 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.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit (Entrance)

**L** For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

**C** **that I may walk before God in the light of life.**

**L** When I am afraid,

**C** I put my trust in you.

**L** In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

**C** What can flesh do to me?

**L** In God, whose word I praise,

**C** in the Lord, whose word I praise,

**L** in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

**C** What can man do to me?

## **Gloria be to the Father** *(Sung)*

*LSB 186*

**C** 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.

## **Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)** *(Sung)*

*LSB 186*

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

## **Gloria In Excelsis ( Glory in the Highest)** *(Sung)*

*LSB 187*

**L** Glory be to God on High,

**C** 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**

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**L** Let us pray together...

**C** O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in Your eternal love; 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

Jeremiah 20:7-11

<sup>7</sup> O LORD, you have deceived me, and I was deceived; you are stronger than I, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all the day; everyone mocks me. <sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I cry out, I shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. <sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. <sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! "Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" say all my close friends, watching for my fall. "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him." <sup>11</sup> But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonor will never be forgotten.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia *(Sung)*

LSB 190

**G** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Gospel

Matthew 10:21-33

**L** The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the tenth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, <sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. <sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes. <sup>24</sup> "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. <sup>25</sup> It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household. <sup>26</sup> "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, say in the

light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

℣ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☩ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## 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.

## Children's Message

## Message Song

## “The Son of God Goes Forth to War” LSB 661

The Son of God goes forth to war A kingly crown to gain.

His blood-red banner streams afar;

Who follows in His train?

Who best can drink His cup of woe,

Triumphant over pain,

Who patient bears his cross below—

He follows in His train.

The martyr first, whose eagle eye Could pierce beyond the grave,

Who saw his master in the sky

And called on Him to save.

Like Him, with pardon on His tongue

In midst of mortal pain,

He prayed for those who did the wrong—

Who follows in his train?

A glorious band, the chosen few, On whom the Spirit came,

Twelve valiant saints—their hope they knew

And mocked the cross and flame.

They met the tyrant’s brandished steel,

The lion’s gory mane;

They bowed their necks their death to feel—

Who follows in their train?

A noble army, men and boys, The matron and the maid,

Around the Savior’s throne rejoice,

In robes of light arrayed.

They climbed the steep ascent of heav’n

Through peril, toil, and pain.

O God, to us may grace be giv’n

To follow in their train!

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## Message

## “Don’t Have to Live Like a Refugee”

## Offering

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## Offering Song - Sung

LSB 192

- C** 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

### Service of the Sacrament

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks unto 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:

## Sanctus (Holy) (Sung)

LSB 195

- C** 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.

## Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray: LSB 196  
**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.



- C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



## The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

## Pax Domini (Peace of the Lord)

LSB 197

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

## Agnus Dei (Lamb of God) *(Sung)*

LSB 198

**C** 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.

## 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 week 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 present and received in, with, and under 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. Children and those who do not subscribe to these statements are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing and should indicate this by keeping their hand folded.*

## **Distribution Hymn**

## **“Onward Christian Soldiers”** *LSB 662*

Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle  
See His banners go! **Refrain**

**ref** Onward, Christian soldiers,  
Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus  
Going on before.

Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine,  
One in charity. **Refrain**

Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise,  
And that cannot fail. **Refrain**

Onward, then, ye faithful, Join our happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ, the king;  
This through countless ages  
Men and angels sing. **Refrain**

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## Nunc Dimittis (Now Dismiss) *(Sung) LSB 199*

**C** 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.

### Post-Communion Prayer

**P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this beneficial 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.

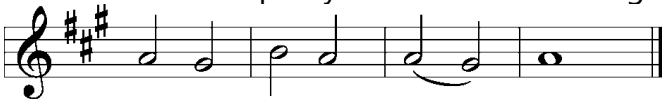


**C** A - men.

### Benediction (Blessing)

*LSB 202*

**L** 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** A-men, a-men, a - men.

### Closing Song

### “Stand Up for Jesus” *LSB 660*

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner; It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,  
And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The trumpet call obey;  
Stand forth in mighty conflict In this His glorious day.  
Let all His faithful serve Him Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger  
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; Stand in His strength alone.  
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor; Each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger,  
Be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus; The strife will not be long;  
This day the din of battle, The next the victor's song.  
The soldiers, overcoming, Their crown of life shall see  
And with the King of Glory  
Shall reign eternally.

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