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A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

We're glad you're here! If you've never been to a liturgical Lutheran service it may look and sound different, but please bear with us! We worship the way we do for a reason. We gather together to receive the gifts of salvation that our Triune God eagerly comes to give to us through His Word and Sacrament. In these gifts we receive faith, forgiveness, and life everlasting. Our worship is the unwrapping of these gifts: the liturgy, hymns, and preaching proclaim His Word to us, remind us of the promise of our baptism, and prepare us to receive the Lord's Supper. Through these means of grace God comes to serve us so our worship is organized and centered around receiving these gifts through faith.

A STATEMENT ABOUT CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

And they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

Luke 18:15-17; Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16

We eagerly bring our children before the Lord in worship. All are conceived in sin and all need the forgiveness He gives in Word and Sacrament, no matter the age. Therefore, we ask that your children remain in worship with us, unless it becomes absolutely necessary to remove them for a time. There is no better way to train up our children than by them watching and absorbing, and as they learn about God and what all He has done for us, may we learn from them simple faith so that we too receive the kingdom of God as they do.



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

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.
- **P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- **C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- $\ensuremath{\mathbb{P}}$ Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- ☑ Most merciful God, 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.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

Sit

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

537 Beautiful Savior **ENTRANCE HYMN** 1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a tion. Son of 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair wood - lands, Robed in are the 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd flow'rs of bloom-ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is kling stars on high: Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines spar -God and Son of Man! Glo-rv and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -Thee, Light of my soul, crown. serve my joy, my He makes our sor r'wing spir it sing. pur er. Than all sky. pur er the an gels in the Now Thine! ra tion and for - ev er - more be -

INTROIT

- P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!
- C He spread a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light by night.
- They asked, and he brought quail, and gave them bread from heaven in abundance.
- **C** He opened the rock, and water gushed out; it flowed through the desert like a river.
- P For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham, his servant.
- **C** So he brought his people out with joy, his chosen ones with singing.
- **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.

Kyrie

- $\ensuremath{\mathbb{P}}$ In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



LATE SERVICE—GLORIA IN EXCELSIS









▶ Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Isaiah 55:1–5

Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:57-64

- Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.
- **C** Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.
- Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;
- C to him who alone does great wonders, for his steadfast love endures forever;
- to him who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;
- C to him who spread out the earth above the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;
- It to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;
- C the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;
- P the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever;

EPISTLE

Romans 9:1–13

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: "About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son." And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of

works but because of his call— she was told, "The older will serve the younger." As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

EARLY SERVICE—ALLELUIA AND VERSE

- **P** Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;
- **G** he sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.



Matthew 14:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.



Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



APOSTLES' CREED

G 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.

Sit



SERMON, FELLOWSHIP PAD

Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- **P** ...Lord, in your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.
- …Teach us to pray without fear "Your will be done"; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
 G Amen.

LATE SERVICE—OFFERTORY







PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ...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 WORDS OF OUR LORD & PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

■ As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C A

men.

G Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

LORD'S PRAYER & PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.





A NOTE TO OUR VISITORS

There are many notions and convictions about worship and the celebration of the Lord's Supper. It is our belief that Jesus Christ is really present in this holy meal – that in eating and drinking the bread and wine we receive Christ's true body and blood. Because it can be received in an unworthy manner for judgement rather than blessing (1 Corinthians 11:27) we make use of the practice of close(d) communion. If you are not a confirmed member in good standing of a sister congregation within our Synod, you may come forward to receive a blessing by crossing your hands over your chest. Even if you do not come forward, please join in our prayer for when all divisions cease, and God's elect will be together in joyous assembly in the banquet hall of heaven!

PRAYER FOR RIGHT RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

For Questions and Answers to help PREPARE for the Lord's Supper, turn to page 329 in hymnal.

Stand



POST-COMMUNION COLLECT & BENEDICTION

▶ 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.



P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



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