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*(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)*

**WELCOME**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Lutheran Service Book, #790)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear  
Now to His temple draw near,  
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o’er all things is wondrously reigning  
And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen  
All that is needful has been  
Sent by His gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you,  
Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.

What need or grief  
Ever has failed of relief?  
Wings of His mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew  
What the Almighty can do  
As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen  
Sound from His people again;  
Gladly forever adore Him!

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### **INVOCATION:**

*Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**People: Amen.**

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:**

*Pastor: Dear ones, since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

**People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*Pastor: 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.*

**People: Amen.**

### **HYMN OF PRAISE:** "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" (#941)

We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.

To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,  
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:

"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"

The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;  
The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.  
The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng,  
Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:

“O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!”

You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,  
Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev’ryone:  
You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin’s womb,  
Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;  
Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—  
You opened heaven’s kingdom to all who would believe.

You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,  
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.  
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,  
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;  
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,  
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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## **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** (8:15am) Grant Thomas Jumper

(with Apostles’ Creed)

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People: Almighty and everlasting God, by Your Spirit grant us strength of faith and joy in discipleship that we boldly carry the gospel of Your Son Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Rev. Michael Newman, President, Texas District, LCMS

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** *Isaiah 40:6-11*

A voice says, "Cry!"  
And I said, "What shall I cry?"  
All flesh is grass,  
and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.  
The grass withers, the flower fades  
when the breath of the Lord blows on it;  
surely the people are grass.  
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the word of our God will stand forever.  
Go on up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good news;  
lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good news;  
lift it up, fear not;  
say to the cities of Judah,  
"Behold your God!"  
Behold, the Lord God comes with might,  
and His arm rules for Him;  
behold, His reward is with Him,  
and His recompense before Him.  
He will tend His flock like a shepherd;  
He will gather the lambs in His arms;  
He will carry them in His bosom,  
and gently lead those that are with young.

*Lector: Alleluia. Alleluia. Your words were found and I ate them,*

**People: and Your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for  
I am called by Your name, O LORD, God of hosts. Alleluia.**

**EPISTLE READING:** *1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing

among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

*Lector: Alleluia. Alleluia. I am not ashamed of the gospel,*

**People: for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.  
Alleluia.**

*Lector: Please rise, as you are able.*

*Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter:*

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

**GOSPEL READING: John 6:52-68**

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on Me, he also will live because of Me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as He taught at Capernaum.

When many of His disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" But Jesus, knowing in Himself that His disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before? It is the Spirit Who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray Him.) And He said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless it is granted him by the Father."

After this many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him. So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

*Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.*

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

*Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed.*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles' Creed (11am only)

**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!**

**HYMN:** "I Walk in Danger All the Way" (LSB, #716)

I walk in danger all the way.  
The thought shall never leave me  
That Satan, who has marked his prey,  
Is plotting to deceive me.  
This foe with hidden snares  
May seize me unawares  
If I should fail to watch and pray.  
I walk in danger all the way.  
  
I pass through trials all the way,  
With sin and ills contending;  
In patience I must bear each day  
The cross of God's own sending.

When in adversity  
I know not where to flee,  
When storms of woe my soul dismay,  
I pass through trials all the way.

And death pursues me all the way,  
Nowhere I rest securely;  
He comes by night, he comes by day,  
He takes his prey most surely.

A failing breath, and I  
In death's strong grasp may lie  
To face eternity today  
As death pursues me all the way.

I walk with angels all the way,  
They shield me and befriend me;  
All Satan's pow'r is held at bay  
When heav'nly hosts attend me;  
They are my sure defense,  
All fear and sorrow, hence!  
Unharmed by foes, do what they may,  
I walk with angels all the way.

I walk with Jesus all the way,  
His guidance never fails me;  
Within His wounds I find a stay  
When Satan's pow'r assails me;  
And by His footsteps led,  
My path I safely tread.  
No evil leads my soul astray;  
I walk with Jesus all the way.

My walk is heav'nward all the way;  
Await, my soul, the morrow,  
When God's good healing shall allay  
All suff'ring, sin, and sorrow.  
Then, worldly pomp, begone!  
To heav'n I now press on.  
For all the world I would not stay;  
My walk is heav'nward all the way.

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**SERMON:** "It's All in the Word" (Acts 20:32)

And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS:** 11:00am

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**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.**

**PREFACE**

*Pastor: The Lord be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

*Pastor: Lift up your hearts.*

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**



## **PROPER PREFACE**

*Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. 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, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;  
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.  
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;  
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."*

*In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*

## **PAX DOMINI** ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

**People: Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world away;  
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray

## DISTRIBUTION

**The Lord's Supper will be distributed at the altar rail. Please follow the ushers' directions.**

## CHORAL DISTRIBUTION: "Let All Who are Thirsty Come" (11AM ONLY)

Let all who are thirsty come,  
let all who wish receive,  
the water of life freely.  
Amen, come Lord Jesus,  
Amen, come Lord Jesus.

## DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Brokenness Aside"

Will Your grace run out if I let You down  
'Cause all I know is how to run  
( 'Cause) I am a sinner  
If it's not one thing it's another  
Caught up in words tangled in lies (oh yeah)  
But You are a Savior  
And You take brokenness aside  
And make it beautiful beautiful (oh yeah)  
Will You call me child when I tell You lies  
'Cause all I know is how to cry

('Cause) I am a sinner  
If it's not one thing it's another  
Caught up in words tangled in lies (oh yeah)  
But You are a Savior  
And You take brokenness aside  
And make it beautiful beautiful (oh yeah)  
You make it beautiful You make it beautiful  
You make it beautiful You make it beautiful

('Cause) I am a sinner  
If it's not one thing it's another  
Caught up in words tangled in lies (oh yeah)  
But You are a Savior  
And You take brokenness aside  
And make it beautiful beautiful (oh yeah)  
Oh You make it beautiful beautiful  
Oh Lord You make it beautiful beautiful

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**DISTRIBUTION SONG: "Great Are You Lord"**

You give life. You are love.  
You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.  
And great are You, Lord  
It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise,  
We pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to You only.

You give life. You are love.  
You bring light to the darkness.  
You give hope. You restore ev'ry heart that is broken.  
And great are You, Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise,  
We pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise.  
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,  
“Great are You, Lord!”

(Repeat 2X)

It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise,  
We pour out our praise.  
It's Your breath in our lungs,  
So we pour out our praise to You only.

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower” (LSB, #694)**

Thee will I love, my strength, my tower;  
Thee will I love, my hope, my joy.  
Thee will I love with all my power,  
With ardor time shall ne'er destroy.  
Thee will I love, O Light divine,  
So long as life is mine.

Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,  
Who art my best and truest friend.  
Thee will I love and praise forever,  
For never shall Thy kindness end.  
Thee will I love with all my heart—  
Thou my Redeemer art!

I thank Thee, Jesus, Sun from heaven,  
Whose radiance hath brought light to me;  
I thank Thee, who hast richly given  
All that could make me glad and free;  
I thank Thee that my soul is healed  
By what Thy lips revealed.

O keep me watchful, then, and humble;  
Permit me nevermore to stray.  
Uphold me when my feet would stumble,  
And keep me on the narrow way.  
Fill all my nature with Thy light,  
O Radiance strong and bright!

Thee will I love, my crown of gladness;  
Thee will I love, my God and Lord,  
Amid the darkest depths of sadness,  
And not for hope of high reward,  
For Thine own sake, O Light divine,  
So long as life is mine.

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### **COMMON DISMISSAL:**

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen  
and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.*

**People: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Pastor: Let us pray:*

**People:** Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### RITE OF FAREWELL AND GODSPEED TO A PASTOR ENTERING RETIREMENT

#### BENEDICTION: *(Numbers 6:24-26)*

*Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.*

**People:** Amen.

#### CLOSING HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (LSB, #850)

God of grace and God of glory,  
On Your people pour Your pow'r;  
Crown Your ancient Church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn the Christ, assail His ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.

Cure Your children's warring madness;  
Bend our pride to Your control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Your kingdom's goal.  
  
Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Your salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving You whom we adore,  
Serving You whom we adore.

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**DISMISSAL:**

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**In Christian Service:**

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

*with*

Liturgist & Proclaimer: Rev. Walt Pohland

Musicians: Sophie Lee, Major Smith, Austin Angerman,  
Kate Allen, Donovan Allen, and Joel Marriott

Faith Lutheran Choir, Director: Dr. Holly Dalrymple

Organist: Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott

8:15 Lay Reader: Emily Fraker

11:00 Lay Reader: Jon Fraker

Children's Message: Rev. Michael Newman, President, Texas District, LCMS