# WATER OF LIFE



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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL  $\,\pm\,$  SEEK THE THIRSTY  $\,\pm\,$  TEACH THE WORD

# Ф Дs We Gather Ф

Confident of our Lord's return, the Epistle urges us to serve one another, healing, praying, cheering up, confessing, and forgiving. Jesus says we are as valuable as salt for one another, preserving our relationship to Him. "Have salt in yourselves," He says, "and be at peace with one another."

The service is printed in this service folder. Hymns will be sung from the LSB hymnals located in the baskets underneath the seats. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box at the Sanctuary door as you exit.

# Preparation P

#### WELCOME

**OPENING HYMN** 

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

LSB 589





#### INVOCATION

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

Pastor I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

#### People I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

- Pastor May my meditation be pleasing to Him,
- People For I rejoice in the LORD.

Psalm 104:33-34

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

- Pastor Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- People 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.

Pastor Almighty God in His mercy has given His only 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.

+ Service of the Word +

#### INTROIT

Psalm 135:1-3, 13-14

LSB 204

- Pastor Your name, O Lord, endures forever, your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.
  People Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord, give praise, O servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God!
- Pastor Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!
- People Your name, O Lord, endures forever, your renown, O Lord, throughout all ages.
- Pastor For the Lord will vindicate his people
- People And have compassion on his servants.
- ALL 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.



#### **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**





#### SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

ALL Everlasting Father, source of every blessing, mercifully direct and govern us by Your Holy Spirit that we may complete the works You have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

#### Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

<sup>4</sup>Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." ...

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

<sup>16</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you." ...

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down

in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

<sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### **EPISTLE READING**

#### James 5:13-20

<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup>Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup>Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup>Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

<sup>19</sup>My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup>let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

# ALLELUIA & VERSE LSB 205



#### HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50

PastorThe Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.PeopleGlory to You, O Lord.

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup>"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to

sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>'where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."



Pastor This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to You, O Christ.

#### NICENE CREED

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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.



#### **SERMON HYMN**

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

LSB 853



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#### SERMON

Rev. Shawn Deterding

2 Timothy 4:22

Colossians 3:1

Psalm 136

#### PRAYERS

# & Service of the Sacrament &

#### 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.

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, whom You sent to die in our place; by His rising, He has destroyed all that might separate us from Your love, including death itself. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- Pastor Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh. He took on Himself the punishment for our sinful condition and has bestowed on us His complete righteousness, for which You deem us worthy to call us Your sons and daughters. Gathered now in His name, we ask You to strengthen our faith to rely on Your Word and Spirit. Gather us together with all the faithful to celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- People Amen.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

ALL 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

#### PAX DOMINI

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

#### **AGNUS DEI**

LSB 210



**DISTRIBUTION** ~ Welcome to the Lord's table. (An usher will direct you.)

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** 

Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

LSB 631



John 20:19



- 5 Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness;
  Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood;
  Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
  Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.
- Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
  The feast, though not the love, is past and gone;
  The bread and wine remove, but Thou art here;
  Nearer than ever; still my shield and sun.
- Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
   Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy, The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- Pastor 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.
- People Amen.

#### **BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People

#### BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. Pastor The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

People Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

**Beautiful Savior** 



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Psalm 103:1

Numbers 6:24-26

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#### **TITHES & OFFERINGS**

Giving is an act of grace through which we gratefully respond to God's kindness to us in Jesus Christ. Tithes and offerings can be placed in the offering box at the Sanctuary doors as you exit. Contributions can also be given through your banking institution's online bill pay service, our website, or the *Givelify* mobile app.



#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers this week are given in praise and glory to God by Don & Vivian T. in honor of Luke's birthday.



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