

# WATER OF LIFE

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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✠ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✠ TEACH THE WORD

### ✠ *As We Gather* ✠

Our Advent wreath has a pink candle for this Third Sunday in Advent. The festive, joyful pink candle reflects today's Readings, which begin to anticipate the unbridled joy that Jesus' birth brings—the joy that comes from the Creator of the universe, the Lord almighty, who loves you, forgives you in Jesus, and cares about you beyond human measure! "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!"

*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.*

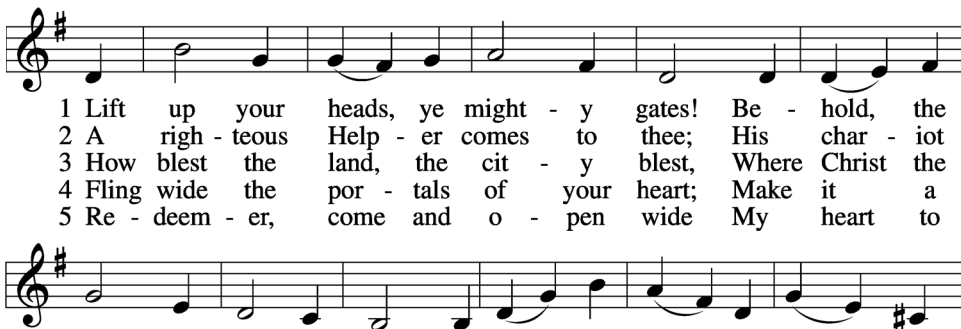
### ✠ *Preparation* ✠

#### WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

LSB 341



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot  
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -  
rul - er is con-fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py  
tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -  
Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -

near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of  
homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less  
ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your  
vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly

va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.  
all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.  
sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.  
Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.  
Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.

To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.  
To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!  
E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

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## 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

*1 John 1:8-9*

Pastor If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People 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 and self-examination)*

Pastor Let us 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

*Psalms 145:5-8*

Pastor Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

People **Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,**

Pastor Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;

People **Who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.**

Pastor The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

People **The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**

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.**

### KYRIE

LSB 152-53

Pastor In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Pastor For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Pastor 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.



Pastor For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Pastor Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor Let us pray.

**ALL Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Zephaniah 3:14-20**

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save;

he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.

<sup>18</sup>I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,  
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

<sup>19</sup>Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together;  
for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

Lector This is the Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

**Philippians 4:4-7**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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 156

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 7:18-35**

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the third chapter.

**People Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>18</sup>The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, <sup>19</sup>calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" <sup>20</sup>And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" <sup>21</sup>In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. <sup>22</sup>And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>23</sup>And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

<sup>24</sup>When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup>What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. <sup>26</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup>This is he of whom it is written, 'Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you.' <sup>28</sup>I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he." <sup>29</sup>(When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, <sup>30</sup>but the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.)

<sup>31</sup>"To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? <sup>32</sup>They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep.' <sup>33</sup>For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' <sup>34</sup>The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' <sup>35</sup>Yet wisdom is justified by all her children."

Pastor        This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People        **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**ALL        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.**

## SERMON HYMN

*Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding*

LSB 345



1 Hark! A thrill - ing voice is sound - ing! "Christ is  
2 Star - tled at the sol - emn warn - ing, Let the  
3 See, the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, Comes with  
4 So, when next He comes in glo - ry And the  
△ 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, do - min - ion To the



near," we hear it say. "Cast a - way the  
earth - bound soul a - rise; Christ, its sun, all  
par - don down from heav'n. Let us haste, with  
world is wrapped in fear, He will shield us  
Fa - ther and the Son With the ev - er -



works of dark - ness, All you chil - dren of the day!"  
sloth dis - pel - ling, Shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
tears of sor - row, One and all, to be for - giv'n;  
with His mer - cy And with words of love draw near.  
liv - ing Spir - it While e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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## SERMON

Rev. Shawn Deterding

## PRAYERS



## † *Service of the Sacrament* †

### PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.  
People **And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor Lift up your hearts.  
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Colossians 3:1*

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

*Psalms 136*

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, in whose identity as the beloved Son of God we find our identity as His dear children—loved, forgiven, and filled with joy. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor Mighty and merciful Lord of all, we give You all thanks, praise, and worship for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who gave sight to the blind, who made the lame walk, who restored hearing to the deaf, who cast out demons, who raised the dead. By these signs, You point to Christ's future coming for which we yearn, when all things will be made new. In this bread and cup, Christ's body and blood, You beckon us to glimpse the world to come, when You will restore all creation. We give You thanks, praise, and worship for speaking Your Word to us, that we may live in Your kingdom now in these days and forever worship and adore You in the kingdom to come. 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

*Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

## PAX DOMINI

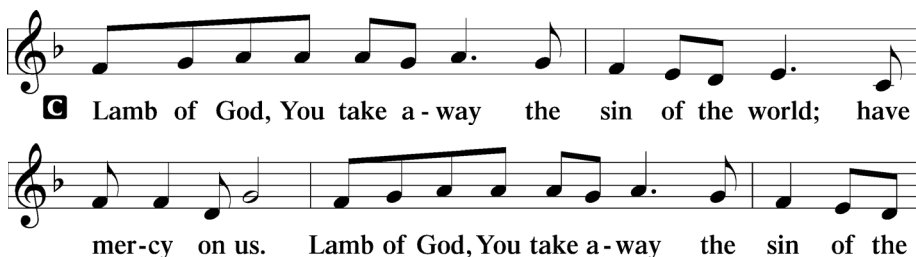
*John 20:19*

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People **Amen.**

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Once He Came In Blessing*

LSB 333

1 Once He came in bless - ing, All our sins re -  
2 Now He gent - ly leads us; With Him - self He  
3 Soon will come that hour When with might - y  
4 Come, then, O Lord Je - sus, From our sins re -  
dress - ing; Came in like - ness low - ly,  
feeds us Pre - cious food from heav - en,  
pow - er Christ will come in splen - dor  
lease us. Keep our hearts be - liev - ing,  
Son of God most ho - ly; Bore the cross to  
Pledge of peace here giv - en, Man - na that will  
And will judg - ment ren - der, With the faith - ful  
That we, grace re - ceiv - ing, Ev - er may con -  
save us; Hope and free - dom gave us.  
nour - ish Souls that they may flour - ish.  
shar - ing Joy be - yond com - par - ing.  
fess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

Pastor Lord God, for Christ's body and blood we give You thanks. Let the forgiveness, life, and salvation we receive take deep root in our hearts and lives, that we rejoice in the Lord always; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

*Psalm 103:1*

Pastor Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor 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.

People Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*O Sing of Christ*

LSB 362



1 O sing of Christ, whose birth made known The kind-ness of the Lord,  
2 What Ad-am lost, none could re - claim, And Par-a - dise was barred  
3 He came to that which was His own, But He was not re-ceived;  
4 Lord Je-sus Christ, You deigned to dwell A - mong us here on earth



E - ter - nal Word made flesh and bone So we could be re - stored.  
Un - til the sec - ond Ad - am came To mend what sin had marred.  
Yet still through Him God's glo - ry shone, And some His name be - lieved.  
As God with us, Em - man - u - el, To bring this ho - ly birth.



Up - on our frail hu - man-i - ty God's fin - ger chose to trace  
For when the time was full and right God sent His on - ly Son;  
To these He gave the right to be The heirs of heav'n a - bove,  
Though rich, You will - ing - ly be - came One with our pov - er - ty,



The full-ness of His de - i - ty, The i - con of His grace.  
He came to us as life and light And our re - demp-tion won.  
Born not of hu - man an - ces - try But born of God in love.  
That we might share Your wealth and name For all e - ter - ni - ty!

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*Go in peace*

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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 Chuck & Evelyn S. in honor of their wedding anniversary.