

# WATER OF LIFE

LUTHERAN CHURCH



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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✝ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✝ TEACH THE WORD

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### ✝ *As We Gather* ✝

No parable more fully describes the profound character of God's mercy than the prodigal son and the waiting father. We are the rebels who begin to think we deserve our heavenly Father's kindness and who demand from Him what is not our right to claim. But instead of disowning us, He meets us with joy, welcomes us with His forgiveness, restores our tattered righteousness with the robe of Christ's holiness, and sets His Table before us. This is what happens every Sunday as the Lord reclaims us from our sins, restores joy to our heavy hearts, reminds us of His baptismal promise, and feeds our body and soul with the body and blood of His Son. This is the source of our holy joy and this is the peace that passes all understanding.

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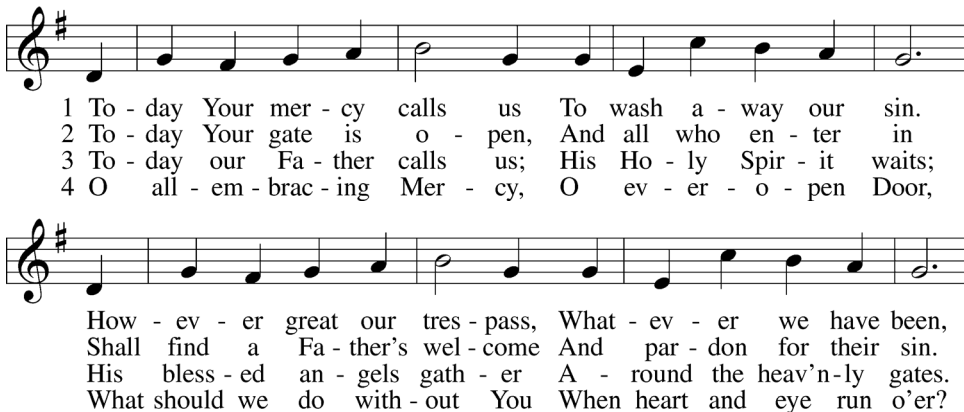
### ✝ *Preparation* ✝

#### WELCOME

#### OPENING HYMN

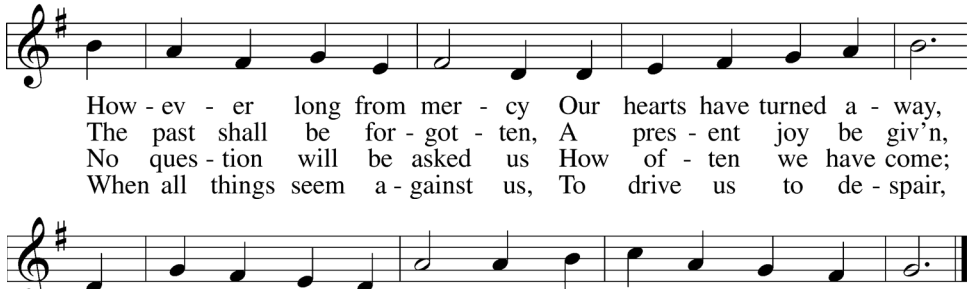
*Today Your Mercy Calls Us*

LSB 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.  
2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in  
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;  
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,

How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,  
Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.  
His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.  
What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,  
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,  
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;  
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,

Your pre-cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.  
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.  
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.  
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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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 Most merciful God,

People **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 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 51:2-6; antiphon: v.1*

Pastor Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

People **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!**

Pastor For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

People **Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.**

Pastor Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

People **Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

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        Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, 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. Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Isaiah 12:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. <sup>2</sup>Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Lector        This is the Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. <sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup>Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Lector        This is the Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)*



## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: ...

"There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. <sup>14</sup>And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! <sup>18</sup>I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' <sup>20</sup>And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup>And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>And he



called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup>but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.' "

Pastor        This is the Gospel of the Lord.


People        **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **NICENE CREED**


**ALL            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.**




1 As reb - els, Lord, who fool - ish - ly have wan - dered  
 2 Still we re - turn, our con - trite words re - hears - ing,  
 3 A feast of love for us You are pre - par - ing;



Far from Your love— un - fed, un - clean, un - clothed—  
 Speech, that with - in Your warm em - brace soon dies;  
 We who were lost, You give an hon - ored place!



Dare we re - call Your wealth so rash - ly squan - dered,  
 All of our guilt, our shame, our pain re - vers - ing  
 “Come, eat; come, drink, and be no more de - spair - ing—



Dare hope to glean that boun - ty which we loathed?  
 As tears of joy and wel - come fill Your eyes.  
 Here taste a - gain the trea - sures of My grace.”

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SERMON

Rev. Shawn Deterding

OFFERING

PRAYERS

† *Service of the Sacrament* †

PREFACE

Pastor The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

**People And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

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



Pastor  
People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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



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

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. From the rebellion of Adam to the fulfillment of Your promise in the gift of Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer, You have shown forth Your forbearance and Your mercy. We give You thanks that You have so graciously shown to us a Father's heart, restoring us as Your children through the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and restoring to our hearts the holy joy of Your presence. Living as Your own children by Baptism and faith, and acknowledging Your undeserved kindness to us sinners, we gather here in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and at His bidding, to receive the fruits of His redeeming work in this Holy Supper. 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

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

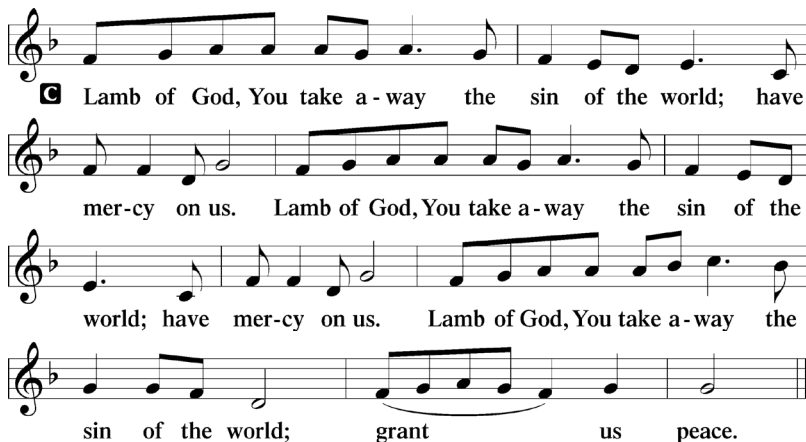
## PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

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

## AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



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

*Be Present at Our Table, Lord*

LSB 775



Be pres-ent at our ta-ble, Lord; Be here and



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## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Lord Jesus, Think On Me*

LSB 610



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## 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.

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

*God Loved the World So That He Gave*

LSB 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly  
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made  
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with  
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in  
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in  
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the  
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.  
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

5 If you are sick, if death is near,  
This truth your troubled heart can cheer:  
Christ Jesus saves your soul from death;  
That is the firmest ground of faith.

△ 6 Glory to God the Father, Son,  
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!  
To You, O blessed Trinity,  
Be praise now and eternally!

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## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The altar flowers this week are given in praise and glory to God by Shirley L. in honor of her brother's birthday.



## **TITHES & OFFERINGS**

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