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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✝ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✝ TEACH THE WORD

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✝ *Welcome!* ✝

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✝ *As We Gather* ✝

"Blessed for Life" ~ *Being* "blessed" does not always or automatically mean *feeling* "blessed." Counting blessings notices how much God does. It locates how close God comes. It does not have to belittle anyone's current condition or compare to some who have less and others who have more. And the Scriptures connect blessing directly to life: This specifically Christian term defines the purpose and nature and duration of life. God's blessing activities make *every* human life special, precious, priceless, and irreplaceable.

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✝ *Preparation* ✝

### OPENING HYMN

*Earth and All Stars*

LSB 817 (v. 1-2, 6-7)



1 Earth and all stars!	Loud rush - ing plan - ets!	Sing to the
2 Hail, wind, and rain!	Loud blow - ing snow - storm!	Sing to the
6 Knowl-edge and truth!	Loud sound-ing wis - dom!	Sing to the
7 Chil - dren of God,	Dy - ing and ris - ing,	Sing to the



Lord	a new song!	Oh, vic - to - ry!	Loud shout-ing
Lord	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees!	Loud rus - tling
Lord	a new song!	Daugh-ter and son!	Loud pray - ing
Lord	a new song!	Heav - en and earth,	Hosts ev - er -



ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 mem - bers! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 last - ing, Sing to the Lord a new song!



*Refrain*  
 He has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too will praise Him with a new song!

**INVOCATION**

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

P I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!

*Ps. 41:4*

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.**

P His heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

*Ps. 41:6*

C **We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

P Even my close friend in whom I trusted, who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

*Ps. 41:9*

C **We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

P They say, "A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies."

*Ps. 41:8*

C **We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.**

P But you, O Lord, be gracious to me, and raise me up.

*Ps. 41:10*

C **For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P By this I know that you delight in me: my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

*Ps. 41:11*

**C Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,**

P You have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

*Ps. 41:12-13*

**C So that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.**

P Blessed is the one who considers the poor. In the day of trouble the Lord delivers him; the Lord protects him and keeps him alive. 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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*Ps. 41:1-2*

**C Amen.**

## † Service of the Word †

**GLORIA PATRI** *(sung)*

*LSB, p. 186*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**KYRIE** *(sung)*

*LSB, p. 186*

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*LSB, p. 187-89*

P Glory be to God on high:

**C And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.**

P We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

**C We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

P O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

**C O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,**

P That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

**C Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.**

P Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

**All For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation, grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; 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

**Genesis 1:26-31a**

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>29</sup>And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE READING

**Ephesians 1:3-10**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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

**ALLELUIA** *(sung)*

*Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

*LSB, p. 190*

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C 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**

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

**SERMON**

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**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *(sung)*

LSB, p. 192-93

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
 Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## ✠ *Service of the Sacrament* ✠

### **PREFACE**

P The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

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

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalm 136*

**C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P 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 is the Creator and Sustainer of all life. Out of Your goodness, You created us and sent Your Son that we may again have life and have it abundantly. 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** *(sung)*

*LSB, p. 195*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.*

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P Thanks and praise be to You, Lord of heaven and earth, for by calling us to faith in Your only-begotten Son, who takes away the sin of the world, You have met our deepest needs in time and eternity. Grant that we receive His body and blood in true faith in this Sacrament, a foretaste of the feast to come, when our faith will turn to sight and we shall join the eternal praises in heaven. 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 LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

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

**C Our Father who art in heaven...**



# 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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

## AGNUS DEI (sung)

LSB, p. 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

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

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Come Let Us Eat

LSB 626



1 Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread,  
2 Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured,  
3 In His pres - ence now we meet and rest,  
4 Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word,



Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.  
Come, let us drink, for now the wine is poured.  
In His pres - ence now we meet and rest.  
Rise, then, to spread a - broad God's might - y Word.



Our Lord's bod - y let us take to - geth - er,  
Je - sus' blood poured let us drink to - geth - er,  
In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er,  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom,



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In the pres - ence of our Lord we gath - er.  
Je - sus ris - en will bring in the King - dom.

*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**P** O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**BENEDICTION**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*Jesus Loves Me*

LSB 588



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, For the Bi - ble tells me so.  
2 Je - sus loves me! He who died Heav-en's gates to o - pen wide.



Lit - tle ones to Him be-long; They are weak, but He is strong.  
He has washed a - way my sin, Lets His lit - tle child come in.

*Refrain*

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.



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## Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week are given in praise and glory to God by Shirley L. in memory of Liz & T.J.



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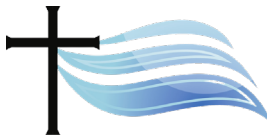
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