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The Divine Service

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AS WE GATHER

One of the saddest things in life is when we lose our sense of wonder—when we can no longer behold the beauty of God's creation and be moved by it or when we take for granted the mystery of our salvation by the blood of the Lamb. The prophet Isaiah promises the restoration of wonder and the Spirit fulfills that promise with faith that trusts in what we have not seen. Today we ask the Lord to fill us with awe as we receive the inheritance of the saints who went before and add to it the witness of our age of the joy of salvation to bequeath to those who come after.

Prelude

Invocation

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession and Absolution

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- With Joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Processional Hymn

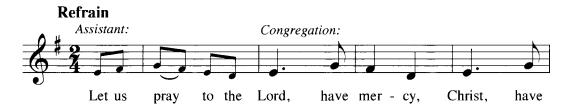
"Come, Thou Almighty King"

LSB 905 sts. 1,4



Kyrie

A *In peace, in peace...*





- A For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the... Refrain
- A For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the... Refrain





Hymn of Praise:

"Now the Feast"





Salutation

- P The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- Let us pray. Merciful Father, You have given us a marvelous testament to Your mercy in the person of Your Son and in the Scriptures that testify to Him. Help us to keep in holy hearts and minds the rich heritage of tradition, and guard us against empty words and works that proceed from hearts empty of faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- Amen.

The Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 29:11-19

¹¹The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." ¹²And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read." ¹³And the Lord said: "Because this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men, ¹⁴therefore, behold, I will again do wonderful things with this people, with wonder upon wonder; and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden." ¹⁵Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?" ¹⁶You turn things upside down! Shall the potter be regarded as the clay, that the thing made should say of its maker, "He did not make me"; or the thing formed say of him who formed it, "He has no understanding"? ¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest? ¹⁸In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. ¹⁹The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle Ephesians 5:22–33

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse LSB 173



Holy Gospel Mark 7:1–13

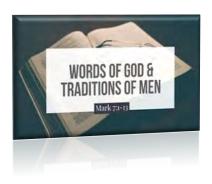
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

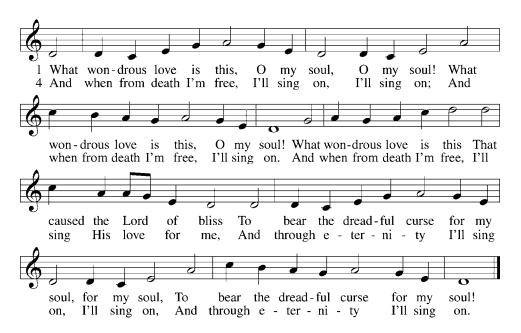
Glory to You, O Lord.

The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?" ⁶ He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: "'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.' 8 You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions." ⁹ And he continued, "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! ¹⁰ For Moses said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.' 11 But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)— 12 then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. ¹³ Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.





Sermon

"Down and Dirty"

Pastor Scott Henze

Apostles' Creed

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.

Prayer of the Church

Petitions end, "Lord, in your mercy..." Congregation responds, "Hear our prayer"

Offering

Offertory Prayer

P God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Receive now these gifts you have first given and fill us with good things at your table, that we might joyfully and generously share all you have given us, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord. Amen.

A word about Holy Communion We are about to receive the Lord's Supper. Before you receive, you might consider the following questions: Do you believe you are a sinner? Do you believe Jesus Christ died for you and shed his blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of your sins? Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper he gives you his true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and strengthens your faith in him and your love for others? If you are a baptized Christian and share these Biblical truths, please come! Those who have not yet received instruction may come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest to indicate they are not receiving the elements.

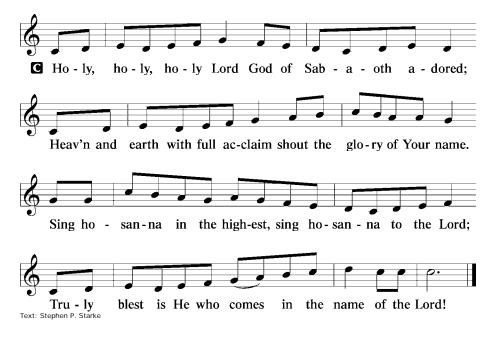
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **1** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

Sanctus LSB 208



The Lord's Prayer

- P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:
- 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.

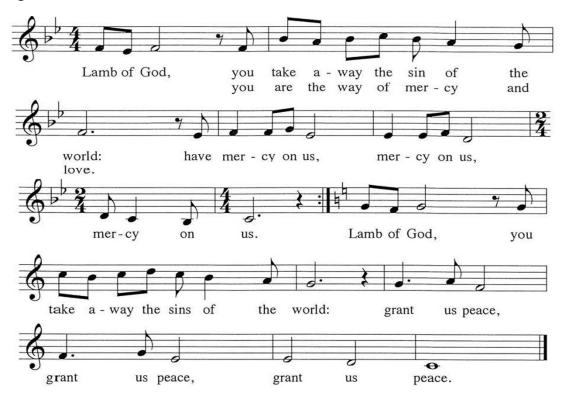
Words of Institution

The Peace of the Lord

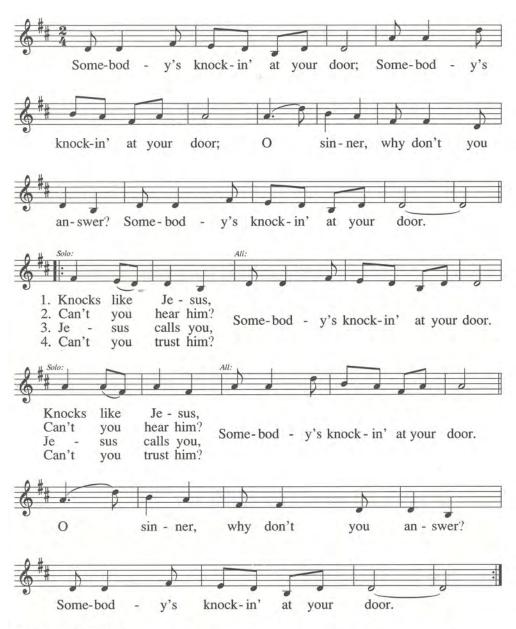
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- And also with you.

(The congregation and minister may greet each other with the peace of the Lord)

Agnus Dei







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Text: Donald Fishel, b.1950, © 1973, Word of God Music
Tune: ALLELUIA NO. 1, 8 8 with refrain; Donald Fishel, b.1950, © 1973, Word of God Music; descant harm. by Betty Pulkingham, b.1929,
Charles Mallory, b.1953, and George Mims, b.1938, © 1979, Celebration

Closing of the Table

Post-Communion Canticle

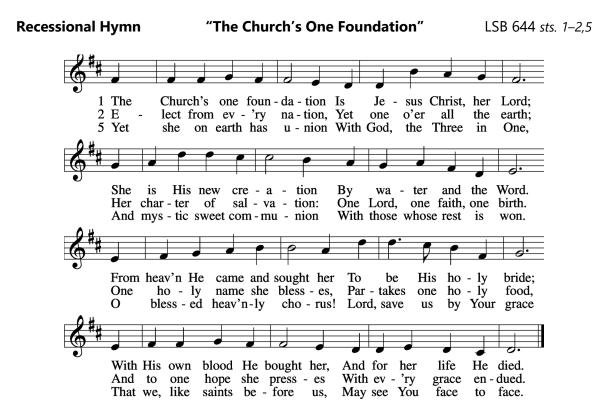


Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements

Benediction



Dismissal

P Lord Jesus you lead us! Now we go as....

Disciples making disciples.

P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



August 28, 2024 High School Spirit Night- Wednesdays from 7:30 p.m. –

9:00 p.m.

September 04, 2024 Sixth Grade Confirmation with Parents -Session 1

September 05, 2024 Choir Rehearsal – Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

September 13, 2024 OWLs- Older Wiser Lutherans. Come and mingle in

fellowship with your community. Friday from 7:00 pm -

9:00 pm. Rooms 201/202.

September 14, 2024 Discovery Life with God- Join us on journey of faith and

discovery. from 9:00 – 2:00 p.m.

September 15, 2024 Teacher Installation and Bounce House Sunday.

Small Groups Get Excited! Small groups are coming! Interested in

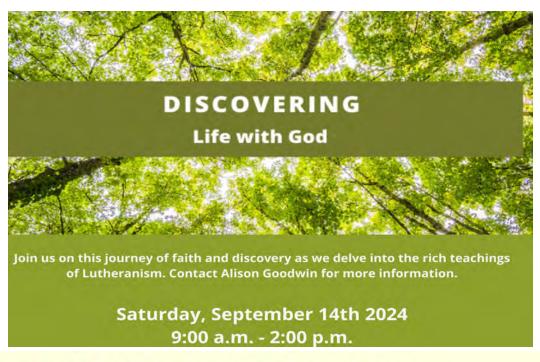
leading? Find out more and sign up using the QR code in

the attendance pad.

Campus Connections Help your son/daughter who is away from home to stay

connected to their St. Paul congregation! Fill out the form

today!



BOUNCE HOUSE SUNDAY

September 15

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Welcome Back to School with free food, fun and fellowship!



Stephen Ministers provide high-quality, one-to-one,
Christ-centered care to people in the congregation and
the community experiencing life difficulties.
Call the church office at 954-384-9096 if you or someone
you know would like to speak with a Stephen Minister.

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Sunday Worship Services: 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Sunday School for children and youth: 9:45 AM Adult Bible Study: 10:00 AM

