

**WORSHIP FOCUS**

*Prompted by God's grace let us recommit ourselves to purity of doctrine that comes alone from the Word, and to a life that reflects our devotion to the Savior who gives himself for us and then to us in his pure Word and sacraments.*

**DIVINE SERVICE II**  
**with Communion**

**Opening Hymn – 541 v. 1-4**      *Lord Jesus Christ, with us Abide*  
**Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,**  
**For round us falls the eventide,**  
**Nor let your Word, that heav'nly light,**  
**For us be ever veiled in night.**

**O God, how sin's dread works abound!**  
**Throughout the earth no rest is found,**  
**And falsehood's spirit wide has spread,**  
**And error boldly rears its head.**

**In these last days of sore distress**  
**Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness**  
**That pure we keep, till life is spent,**  
**Your holy Word and sacrament.**

**Lord Jesus, help, your Church uphold,**  
**For we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.**  
**Oh, prosper well your Word of grace,**  
**And spread its truth in ev'ry place.**

Text: *Geistliche Psalmen*, Nürnberg, 1611, st. 1, 3; Nikolaus Selnecker, 1532-92, st. 2, 4-7, abr., adapt.; tr. composite.

**Invocation**

**P:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Confession & Absolution**

**P:** Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good  
I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins.  
Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Lord, Have Mercy    *Kyrie***

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

### **Glory Be To God    *Gloria in Excelsis***

*(Tune: CW 334 - Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow)*

**All glory be to God on high!  
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace,  
Your favor toward our fallen race.**

**You, Christ, are holy—Lord alone;  
The Father’s glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again:  
“All glory be to God!” Amen.**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

### **Prayer of the Day**

**P:** Let us pray together...

**Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



### **First Lesson**

### **Jeremiah 18:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: <sup>2</sup>“Get up, and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will reveal my words to you.”

<sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter’s house, and he was making something on the wheel. <sup>4</sup>But the pot he was forming out of the clay was ruined as he shaped it with his hands, so the potter formed it into a different pot, whatever he saw fit to make.

<sup>5</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to me.

<sup>6</sup>House of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter does? declares the LORD. See, like clay in the potter’s hands, that is what you are in my hands, house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>One time I may say that a nation or a kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation I spoke about repents of its evil, then I will relent and not bring the disaster I had planned to bring against it. <sup>9</sup>Another time I may say that a nation or a kingdom is to be built and planted, <sup>10</sup>but if they do what is evil in my sight by not listening to my voice, then I will not bring about the good I said I would do for them.

<sup>11</sup>Now therefore say this to the men of Judah and to those who live in Jerusalem. This is what the LORD says. Look! I am forming a disaster against you. I am devising a plan against you. Turn from your evil ways, each of you, and reform your ways and your actions.

## Psalm 46

### *Refrain*



The might-y Lord is with us; the God of Ja-cob is our for-tress.

### *Psalm tone*



God is our refuge and strength,\*  
an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way\*  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,

though its waters roar and foam\*  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

### ***Refrain***

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,\*  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;\*  
God will help her at break of day.

“Be still, and know that I am God;\*  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth.”

**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.**

### ***Refrain***

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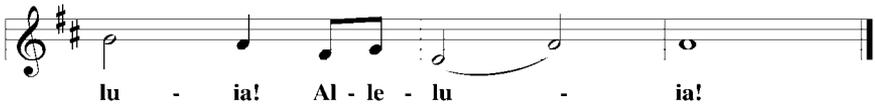
## **Second Lesson**

## **Revelation 14:6,7**

<sup>6</sup>Then I saw another angel flying in the middle of the sky. He had the everlasting gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth, to every nation, tribe, language, and people. <sup>7</sup>He said with a loud voice: Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the sky, the earth, the sea, and the springs of water.

## Verse of the Day

*Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia. (John 8:31, 32)*



## Gospel

P: The Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 13, verses 5-11.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>Jesus began by telling them, "Be careful that no one deceives you.

<sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and will deceive many.

<sup>7</sup>"Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. <sup>9</sup>But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. <sup>11</sup>Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit."

*After the Gospel:*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day – 201

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**A mighty fortress is our God, A trusty shield and weapon;  
He helps us free from ev'ry need That has us now o'ertaken.  
The old evil foe Now means deadly woe;  
Deep guile and great might Are his dread arms in fight;  
On earth is not his equal.**

**With might of ours can naught be done;  
Soon were our loss effected.  
But for us fights the valiant one Whom God himself elected.  
You ask, "Who is this?" Jesus Christ it is,  
The almighty Lord. And there's no other God;  
He holds the field forever.**

**Though devils all the world should fill, All eager to devour us,  
We tremble not, we fear no ill; They shall not overpow'r us.  
This world's prince may still Scowl fierce as he will,  
He can harm us none. He's judged; the deed is done!  
One little word can fell him.**

**The Word they still shall let remain,  
Nor any thanks have for it;  
He's by our side upon the plain With his good gifts and Spirit.  
And do what they will-Hate, steal, hurt, or kill-  
Though all may be gone, Our victory is won;  
The kingdom's ours forever!**

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. composite.

## Sermon

**Revelation 14:6,7**

### **Why Deliver the Gospel Message?**

#### Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

***For our Visitors:** “May I receive the Lord’s Supper here today?”*

*If you are visiting today we ask you to speak to the pastor before communing.  
Here at Woodlawn we follow the historic and scriptural practice of closed  
Communion.*

## **The Sacrament**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

**P:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all  
places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and  
everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord,...

...who will soon come again in glory to deliver us forever from  
this present evil age.

...Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven,  
we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus** (Tune: CW 279 - O Word of God Incarnate)

O holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven  
In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us,  
Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy  
Receive our fervent cry.

Hosanna in the highest!  
How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming  
To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation  
And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage—  
Hosanna, mighty Lord!

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

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 your peace. A - men.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a 4/4 time signature. It begins in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and changes to the key of D major (two sharps) for the final section. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

## The Distribution

**Hymn – 393 v.1-3**

*If Your Beloved Son, O God*

If your beloved Son, O God,  
Had not to earth descended  
And in our mortal flesh and blood  
Had not sin's power ended,  
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine  
In hell eternally would pine  
Because of my transgression.

But now I find sweet peace and rest;  
Despair no more reigns o'er me.  
No more am I by sin oppressed,  
For Christ has borne sin for me.  
Upon the cross for me he died  
That, reconciled, I might abide  
With you, my God, forever.

I trust in him with all my heart;  
Now all my sorrow ceases.  
His words abiding peace impart;  
His blood from guilt releases.  
Free grace through him I now obtain;  
He washes me from ev'ry stain,  
And pure I stand before him.

**Song of Simeon    *Nunc Dimittis***

*(Tune: CW 131 - All Glory, Laud and Honor)*

O Lord, now let your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised  
incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!

All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **Blessing**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

\*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.

†The *Nunc Dimittis* ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

‡The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

If Your Beloved Son, O God: Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647, st. 1-4, abr.; Neu-vermehrtes vollständiges Gesangbuch, Braunschweig, 1661, st. 5; tr. composite.

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### **Serving Us Today**

**Preacher:** Pastor Benjamin B. Wessel

**Organist:** Nancy Perez

**Friendship Register:** Please sign the Friendship Register located at the center aisle of each pew. If you are a first-time visitor, we would appreciate you leaving contact information so we can thank you for worshiping with us.

