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WELCOME: We welcome all who worship with us today! May you be spiritually refreshed and strengthened by the message of God’s Word. If you have no church home, one of the pastors will be happy to speak with you about membership in the congregation.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER: We ask everyone – members and guests – to sign our Friendship Register during the service. Visitors, if you are worshipping with us for the first time, we would especially appreciate it if you would list your address and telephone number so that we can acknowledge your visit. Thank you.

PARENTS: If your children become restless, that’s okay . . . We’re glad they’re here and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear His Word! Perhaps a moment or two with mom or dad is all that is necessary. Our “Mother’s Room” is speaker equipped with a view of the sanctuary.

HOLY COMMUNION: Our church practices closed communion. We ask that only members, or members of other WELS or ELS churches partake of the Sacrament.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The Bible emphasizes the need for us to stay close to God through his word. We offer several opportunities for young and old – various Bible classes and organizations for teens and adults, Sunday School, confirmation classes, Vacation Bible School, Lamb of God elementary school (3-year-old preschool through 8th grade), and Lutheran Pioneers for boys and girls. Members and visitors are encouraged to attend.

WE BELIEVE AND TEACH . . .

- There is only one true God. He reveals himself as three distinct persons – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- The Bible is the inspired and error-free Word of God.
- All people have disobeyed God’s will and deserve God’s just punishment.
- God so loved the world that he sent his one and only son, Jesus Christ, to be our perfect substitute and be punished for our sins.
- Only by faith in the work of Jesus Christ do we become heirs of the glories of heaven. This is a gift of God’s undeserved love and not a result of our own efforts.
- Faith in Jesus Christ motivates us to devote our lives in service to God and our fellow human beings.

† *Our Worship Focus today: Through Moses, the LORD sets two paths before Israel: one leading to life, the other to death. Life was found in listening to God's voice.*



Opening Hymn 703 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

C: **Amen.**

Confession

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called 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.

C: **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Glory to God in the Highest

Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of ten staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.



Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on



earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

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The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray together the Prayer of the Day...

All: O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵ See now, today I have set before you life and prosperity, death and disaster. ¹⁶ This is what I am commanding you today: Love the LORD your God, walk in his ways, and keep his commandments, his statutes, and his ordinances. Then you will live and increase in number, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are going to possess.

¹⁷ But if your heart turns away, and you do not listen, and you are lured away, and you bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ then I declare to you today that you will most certainly perish. You will not live a long life on the land that you are about to enter and possess by crossing over the Jordan.

¹⁹ I call the heavens and the earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, a blessing and a curse. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live ²⁰ by loving the LORD your God, by listening to his voice, and by clinging to him, because that means life for you, and you will live a long life on your land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1B - How Truly Blest Are They



1 How tru - ly blest are they who shun the
2 But make the law of God their stud - y
3 They like a tree shall thrive with wa - ters
4 The wick - ed are not so! They no such



sin - ners' ways, a - mong their coun - sels
and de - light a - mid the la - bors
near the root. Fresh as the leaf their
bless - ing find. Their hopes shall flee like



nev - er stand, nor take the scorn - ers' place,
of the day and watch - es of the night.
name shall live; their works are heav'n - ly fruit.
emp - ty chaff be - fore the driv - ing wind.

5 How will they bear to stand
before that judgment seat
where all the saints at Christ's right hand
in full assembly meet?

6 God knows and he approves
the way the righteous go,
but sinners and their works shall meet
a dreadful overthrow.

Text: Isaac Watts, alt. - Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, alt. - Text and tune: Public domain

Second Reading

Philemon 1,7-21

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon, our dear friend and coworker –

⁷ For I have received great joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother.

⁸ For that reason, even though I have plenty of boldness in Christ to order you to do what is proper, ⁹ I am appealing to you, instead, on the basis of love, just as I, Paul, am an old man and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ I am appealing to you on behalf of my child Onesimus. I became his father while I was in chains. ¹¹ There was a time when he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me. ¹² I have sent him (who is my very heart) back to you. Welcome him. ¹³ I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might serve me in your place while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that your kindness would not be the result of compulsion, but of willingness. ¹⁵ Perhaps this is why he was separated from you for a while: so that you would have him back forever, ¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but as more than a slave, as a dear brother. He certainly is dear to me, but he is even more of a dear brother to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸ And if he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹ I, Paul, have written this with my own hand: I will repay it—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ Yes, brother, I am asking for a favor from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



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Gospel

Luke 14:25–35

²⁵ Large crowds were traveling with Jesus. He turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not carry his own cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, if he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost to see if he has enough to complete it? ²⁹ Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, everyone who sees it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰ saying, 'This fellow began to build, but was not able to finish.' ³¹ Or what king, as he goes out to confront another king in war, will not first sit down and consider if he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³² And if he is not able, he sends out a delegation and asks for terms of peace while his opponent is still far away. ³³ So then, any one of you who does not say farewell to all his own possessions cannot be my disciple. ³⁴ Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its flavor, how will it become salty again? ³⁵ It is not fit for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. The one who has ears to hear, let him hear."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn 831 - Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me sts. 1–3

Sermon

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Life and Prosperity Lies Before You

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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

Hymn 694 - Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *(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.

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: Amen.



Serving Us Today

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