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# The Order of Worship

### **Pre-Service Music & Greeting**

<b>Opening Hymn</b>	"All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"
	Christian Worship 236

#### **The Invocation**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.C: And also with you.

#### The Confession of Sins

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the 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: Jesus lived for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose victorious from the grave. Through his precious work and gracious intercession, we know God the Father will hear and answer us for our good. With this confidence, we pray:

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



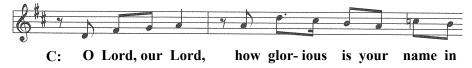
P: For the well-being of your holy church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise; hear our prayer, O Lord.



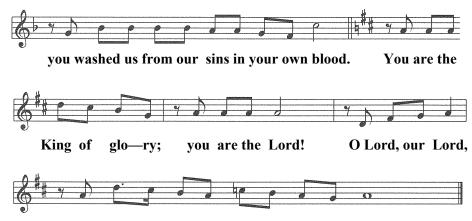
P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.



P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise;







how glor-ious is your name in all the earth.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

P: O great and glorious Lord—Father, Son and Spirit—you have revealed yourself as a just and gracious God. You hold people accountable for their sin. You also show underserved love and forgiveness. Open our eyes to see the serious nature of our sin and repent of it. Then heal and refresh us with the assurance of our complete forgiveness. Continue to work in our hearts, guide our actions, and renew our spirits so we can live in joy and peace now, and forever in heaven. In your presence we will praise you as the only true and gracious God throughout endless ages.



### The Lessons from God's Word "Mercy will Surround Those Who Trust in the Lord!"

#### **Old Testament**

Exodus 32:15–29

<sup>15</sup>Moses turned and went down the mountain, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand—tablets that were written on both sides, written on one side and on the other. <sup>16</sup>The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

<sup>17</sup>When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is the noise of war in the camp."

<sup>18</sup>Moses said, "It is not the sound of people who shout for victory; neither is it the sound of people who cry because of defeat. But I do hear the sound of people who are celebrating."

<sup>19</sup>As soon as Moses came near the camp, he saw the calf and the dancing, and Moses' anger burned. So he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. <sup>20</sup>He took the calf that they had made, burned it with fire, ground it to powder, and scattered it on the water. Then he made the people of Israel drink it.

<sup>21</sup>Moses said to Aaron, "What did these people do to you, that you have brought such a great sin on them?"

<sup>22</sup>Aaron said, "Do not let the anger of my lord burn. You know these people. They are set on evil, <sup>23</sup>so they said to me, 'Make a god for us, who will go ahead of us, because this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.' <sup>24</sup>So I said to them, 'Whoever has any gold, pull it off.' So they gave it to me. I threw it into the fire and out came this calf."

<sup>25</sup>When Moses saw that the people were out of control (for Aaron had let them get so out of control that they were disgraced among their enemies), <sup>26</sup>Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, "Whoever is on the LORD's side, come to me!"

All the descendants of Levi gathered themselves together to Moses. <sup>27</sup>He said to them, "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'Every man is to strap his sword on his thigh and go back and forth throughout the camp, from one gate of the camp to the other, and every man is to kill his brother, and every man his friend, and every man his neighbor.' "<sup>28</sup>The Levites did what Moses said, and that day about three thousand men from among the people fell. <sup>29</sup>Moses said, "Begin your service of the LORD today. Yes, because every man among you took a stand against his son and against his brother, the LORD is bestowing a blessing on you today."



is now, and will forever. | Amen.

# Refrain

#### Epistle

#### 1 Timothy 6:11–16

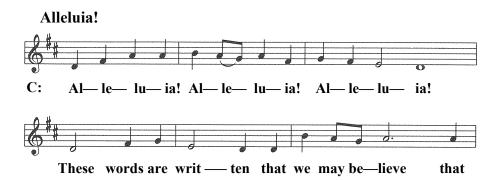
<sup>11</sup>But you, O man of God, flee from these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of eternal life, to which you were called and about which you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who made a good confession as a witness before Pontius Pilate, <sup>14</sup>that you keep this command without spot and without fault, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will make known at the proper time—the blessed and only ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, <sup>16</sup>who alone has immortality, who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or is able to see. To him be honor and power forever! Amen.

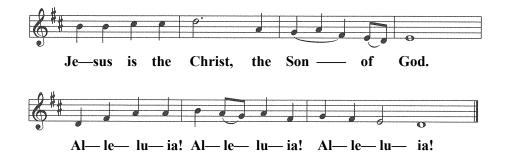
#### Children's Message

"When we Run from Something, We Run to Something Else"

### Verse of the Day

P: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people. It trains us to reject ungodliness and worldly lusts and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope, that is, the glorious appearance of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.





The Gospel

*Matthew 10:34–42* 

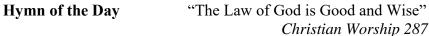
<sup>34</sup>"Do not think that I came to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. <sup>35</sup>For I came to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughterin-law against her mother-in-law. <sup>36</sup>A man's enemies will be the members of his own household.

<sup>37</sup>"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup>Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

<sup>40</sup>"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. <sup>42</sup>Whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink because he is my disciple—Amen I tell you—he will never lose his reward."

P: This is the Word of our God!





Sermon

"The Graciousness of God and the Sinfulness of People"
Both are witnessed at Sinai
Both are witnessed today

The Confession of Faith (We join in the words of the Nicene Creed) C: 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!

Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks!

#### **Prayers for the Day**

Special Prayers and Requests Prayer for those receiving the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer(spoken with the pastor)C: Our Father in heaven,<br/>hallowed be your name,<br/>your kingdom come,<br/>your will be done on earth as in heaven.Give us today our daily bread.<br/>Forgive us our sins,<br/>as we forgive those who sin against us.<br/>Lead us not into temptation,<br/>but deliver us from evil.For the kingdom, the power and the glory<br/>are yours now and forever. Amen!

**Hymn of Preparation** 

"Here, O My Lord, I See You" Christian Worship 315 st. 3-4

I have no help but yours nor do I need Another arm but yours to lean upon. It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed; My strength is in your might, your might alone.

Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness; Mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood. Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace. Your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.

### The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

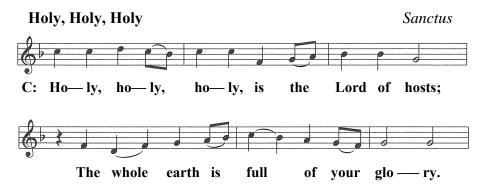


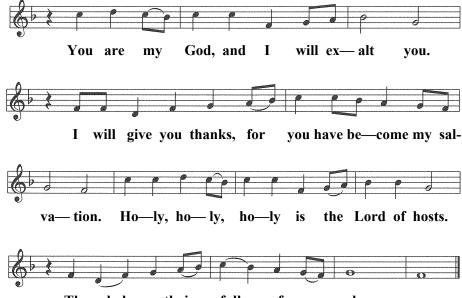
- C: We lift them up to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He comforts us with his ever faithful promises and reassures with his never-failing presence. Through him have come salvation, power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority to rule over all things. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.







### The Words of Institution

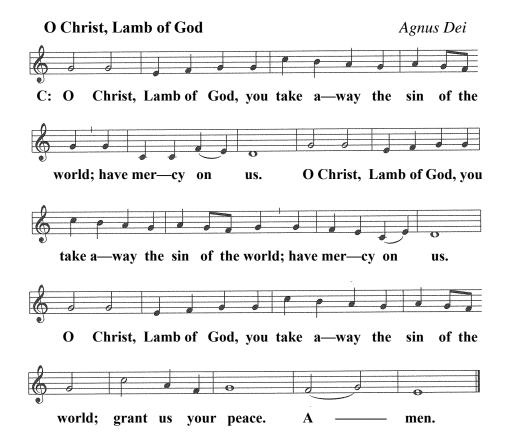
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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 Blessing of Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



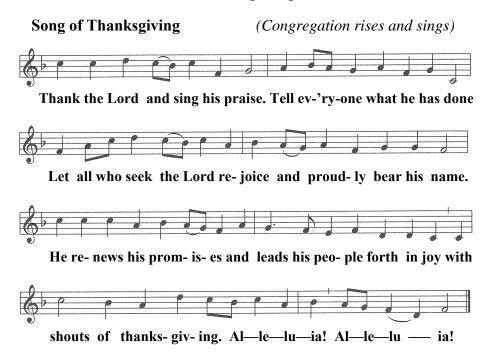


### The Congregation may be seated for the Distribution

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Jesus Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. If you have not communed with us before or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today. We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.

### Thanksgiving



#### **Closing Prayer:**

P: O dearest Jesus, how good are you are and how blessed you have made us. We have come burdened with our guilt, stained with sin, and humbled by our rebellion, and you have forgiven us. Through your gracious Word, together with your body and blood, you have declared all completely washed away. Make this good news the foundation for our life. When we daily struggle with temptation and sin, lead us to acknowledge our weakness and humbly confess our sinful rebellion. Then reassure us we are completely washed clean for your sake. Make every blessing you secured by your death and resurrection our highest good, and the confidence of your never-failing presence. As we live in anticipation of life in heaven, be our comfort, our refuge, and our guide. Bless us, now and always, as we live in your love—our true, Triune and gracious God.



#### The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



**Closing Hymn** 

"Blessed are They, Forever Blest" Christian Worship 383

# Silent Prayer

#### Announcements . . .

**Today**—*Welcome in Name of our gracious Savior, Jesus Christ*! What a blessing we have received to be nourished with the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. It is this gracious gift which makes us delight in the righteousness of our God, his just judgments, and his undeserved forgiveness.

- If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book or a guest card, and worship again, soon!
- Following the worship service there will be time for fellowship over a cup of coffee and some snacks.
- Bible Class will begin at 11:00 and review the Epistle lesson from 1 Timothy.

**Tuesday**—There will be no Church Council meeting this evening, because of the 4th of July activities. We will meet, next Tuesday, July 11th at 7:00 pm.

More announcements on the next page

• 4th of July Barbeque, Movie and Desserts—Everything begins at 5:00 pm. Please bring along a side dish to share along with a dessert. Meat and drinks will be provided.

**Wednesday**—There will be no Bible Class this evening, however, we will resume on Wednesday, July 12th at 7:00 pm. We will continue with the final lessons on the work and person of the Holy Spirit.

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30 am—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Church Cleaning—G. Grunewald

• Lawn beginning July 9<sup>th</sup>—G. Grunewald

Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>—In Person Worship and Live Streaming at 9:30 am. We are completely familiar with Paul's account regarding his struggle with sin. What we may overlook is that Paul's struggle is also our daily struggle. There is the good we don't do, and the evil we do. If it weren't for God's undeserved love in Jesus, we would bet he most miserable of people.

• Christian Education will review Moses' request to have God go with him and the people, and that his presence would never leave them. It is that same presence we need in our lives as we sojourn through this life to the Promised Land of Heaven.



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### 4th of July

On Tuesday, we will have our annual **4th of July Movie and Barbeque.** Dinner will begin at 5:00 pm. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring along a side dish to share and a dessert.

At 6:00 pm we will watch the movie, "Come Before Winter." It is about Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the stand he took against the Third Reich. It serves as a reminder of what out duty is to the Lord even in challenging times, and even though it may mean the ultimate sacrifice.

Following the movie we will have desserts along with a time for discussion and fellowship.

# Quarterly Congregational Meeting

Following the worship service on July 16th, we will have our second quarterly meeting of 2023. Everyone is invited to attend to review the ministry we have completed, and to see the ministry planned for the next quarter. If you have any questions, please speak with Greg Grunewald.

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