



Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church

Sunday, January 7, 2018



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

The congregation is invited to stand

INVOCATION, CONFESSON, AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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GREETING

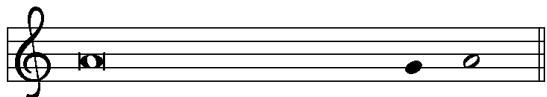
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

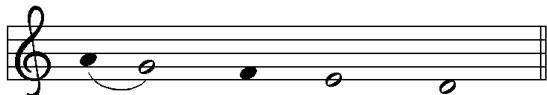
C: And also with you

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



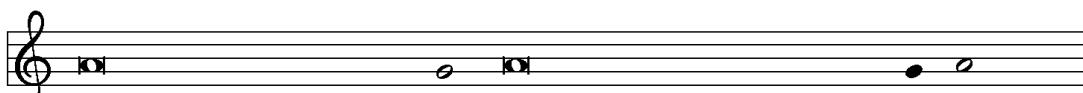
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



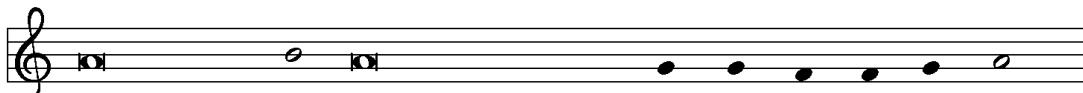
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

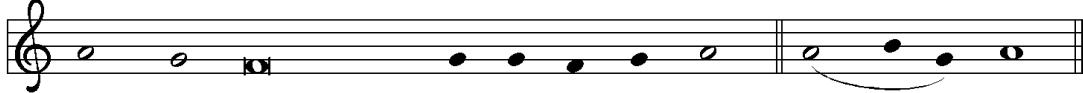


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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Assisting minister

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

All

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.

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 Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

see insert

P: Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The congregation is invited to sit

FIRST LESSON: **Genesis 1:1-5** **see insert**

L: The first lesson is from Genesis, the 1st chapter.

¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

L: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 29 **see insert**

**¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

**³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

**⁴The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

**⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**

**⁶the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

**⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.**

**⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

**⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”**

**¹⁰The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

**¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.**

SECOND LESSON: **Acts 19:1-7**

see insert

L: The second lesson is from Acts, the 19th chapter.

¹While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. ²He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” ³Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” ⁴Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” ⁵On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—⁷altogether there were about twelve of them.

L: The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

The congregation is invited to stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The musical notation consists of two staves of music in G major, common time, featuring a soprano vocal line. The first staff contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?". The second staff contains the lyrics "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." The music includes various note values such as eighth and sixteenth notes, and rests.

GOSPEL: **Mark 1:4-11**

see insert

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” ⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a

voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

P: The gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

The congregation is invited to sit

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Steeber

The congregation is invited to stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

“When Jesus Came to Jordan”

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NICENE CREED

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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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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A: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence

A: For the church and the ministry of the baptized, that your Holy Spirit will teach all people to forgive sins, ending violence and ushering in peace throughout the world, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: You will cause all creation to thrive in the care of good stewards, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For the leaders of national and local governments, agencies, and organizations, for areas of the world suffering from war, that you will bless all people with plenty, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For the sick and suffering, the imprisoned and hungry, the lonely and grieving *especially...* that Christ our great physician will soothe and console all in need, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: For our local community and for this congregation, that in our joys and sorrows we remember that we are God's beloved children, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

A: In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith, both distant and near, who have taught us to believe the good news of Christ, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

P: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

The congregation is invited to sit

OFFERING

The congregation is invited to stand

OFFERING PRAYER *The pastor will lead the offering prayer* **ELW pg.107**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and common time. The lyrics are integrated directly into the music staff:

- Staff 1: The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
- Staff 2: Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
- Staff 3: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Staff 4: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

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C: 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.

LAMB OF GOD

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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 peace, grant us peace.

The congregation is invited to sit

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMNS

- “Oh, Love, How Deep”**
“Spirit of Gentleness”
“God, Whose Almighty Word”
“For the Fruit of All Creation”

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PRAAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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BLESSING

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SENDING HYMN

- “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”**

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DISMISSAL

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