

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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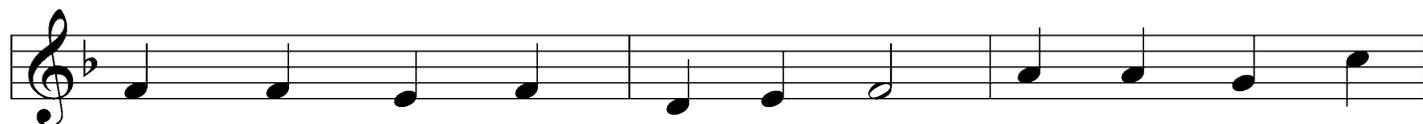


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*COMMUNION STATEMENT ~ The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an Elder. For further study, see Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

**PRELUDE:** “Kyrie, God Father in Heaven Above” Charles Callahan  
(Text for meditation: LSB # 942)

**OPENING HYMN:** “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” # 609



1 Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive; Oh, may all this  
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, Yet His words, rich  
3 Sheep that from the fold did stray No true shep - herd  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to Thee With a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der Who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
grace re - veal - ing, Par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;  
e'er for - sak - eth; Wea - ry souls that lost their way  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, mer - cy show to me;



And from God and heav - en wan - der! Here is hope for  
Here our ills have per - fect heal - ing. Firm - ly in these  
Christ, the Shep - herd, gent - ly tak - eth In His arms that  
Grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
words be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
they may live: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.  
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners doth re - ceive.

5 Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By Thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

6 Now my conscience is at peace;  
From the Law I stand acquitted.  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my ev'ry sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

7 Jesus sinners doth receive;  
Also I have been forgiven;  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to Him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners doth receive.

*Stand*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*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.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** 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.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### INTROIT

(Antiphon, Ps. 18:18-19; Ps. 18:1-2, 3)

The LORD was my support. He brought me out into a | broad place;\*  
he rescued me, because he delight- | ed in me.

I | love you,\*

O | LORD, my strength.

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my de- | liverer.\*

My God, my rock, in whom I take | refuge.

I call upon the LORD, who is worthy | to be praised,\*

and I am saved from my | enemies.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,\*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

The LORD was my support. He brought me out into a | broad place;\*  
he rescued me, because he delight- | ed in me.

### KYRIE # 944



1 Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.  
2 Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.  
3 Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy.



Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - cy.  
Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - cy.  
Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - - - cy.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers, and having set us free from the bonds of our sins, defend us from all evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

**Hosea 2:14-20**

[Thus says the Lord:] “Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. And there I will give her her vineyards and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth, as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

“And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’ For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

**Psalms 103**

Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and all that is within me, bless his | holy name!  
Bless the LORD, | O my soul,\*  
and forget not all his | benefits,  
who forgives all your in- | iquity,\*  
who heals all your dis- | eases,  
**who redeems your life | from the pit,\***  
**who crowns you with steadfast love and | mercy,**  
**who satisfies | you with good\***

**so that your youth is renewed like the | eagle's.**  
 The LORD works | righteousness\*  
 and justice for all who | are oppressed.  
 He made known his ways to | Moses,\*  
 his acts to the people of | Israel.  
**The LORD is merciful and | gracious,\***  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**  
**He will not | always chide,\***  
**nor will he keep his anger for- | ever.**  
 He does not deal with us according | to our sins,\*  
 nor repay us according to our in- | iquities.  
 For as high as the heavens are a- | bove the earth,\*  
 so great is his steadfast love toward those who | fear him;  
 as far as the east is | from the west,\*  
 so far does he remove our transgres- | sions from us.  
**As a father shows compassion to his | children,\***  
**so the LORD shows compassion to those who | fear him.**  
**For he | knows our frame;\***  
**he remembers that | we are dust.**  
 As for man, his days | are like grass;\*  
 he flourishes like a flower | of the field;  
 for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,\*  
 and its place knows | it no more.  
**But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on**  
**those who | fear him,\***  
**and his righteousness to children's | children,**  
**to those who keep his | covenant\***  
**and remember to do his com- | mandments.**  
 The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,\*  
 and his kingdom rules | over all.  
 Bless the LORD, O you his | angels,\*  
 you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice | of his word!  
**Bless the LORD, | all his hosts,\***  
**his ministers, who | do his will!**  
**Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his do- | minion.\***  
**Bless the LORD, | O my soul!**

## EPISTLE

## 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, my spirit was not at rest because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I took leave of them and went on to Macedonia.

But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere. For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life. Who is sufficient for these things? For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God's word, but as men of sincerity, as commissioned by God, in the sight of God we speak in Christ.

Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, as some do, letters of recommendation to you, or from you? You yourselves are our letter of recommendation, written on our hearts, to be known and read by all. And you show that you are a letter from Christ delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 2:13-22**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 2nd chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus] went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.

And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. And the scribes of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Now John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. And people came and said to him, "Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast. The days will come when the bridegroom is taken

away from them, and then they will fast in that day. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. If he does, the patch tears away from it, the new from the old, and a worse tear is made. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the wine will burst the skins—and the wine is destroyed, and so are the skins. But new wine is for fresh wineskins.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY: “Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation” sts. 1-5**



1 Now I have found the firm foun - da - tion Which holds mine  
 2 It is that mer - cy nev - er end - ing, Which hu - man  
 3 Our ru - in God hath not in - tend - ed, For our sal -  
 4 O depth of love, to me re - veal - ing The sea where



an - chor ev - er sure; 'Twas laid be - fore the  
 wis - dom far tran - scends, Of Him who, lov - ing  
 - va - tion He hath yearned; For this His Son to  
 my sins dis - ap - pear! In Christ my wounds find



world's cre - a - tion In Christ my Sav - ior's  
 arms ex - tend - ing, To wretch - ed sin - ners  
 earth de - scend - ed And then to heav'n a -  
 per - fect heal - ing, There is no con - dem -



wounds se - cure; Foun - da - tion which un -  
 con - de - scends; Whose heart with pit - y  
 - gain re - turned; For this so pa - tient  
 - na - tion here; For Je - sus' blood thro'



- moved shall stay When heav'n and earth will pass a - way.  
 still doth break Wheth - er we seek Him or for - sake.  
 ev - er - more He knock - eth at our heart's closed door.  
 earth and skies For - ev - er “Mer - cy! Mer - cy!” cries.

5 I never will forget this crying;  
In faith I'll trust it all my days,  
And when o'er all my sins I'm sighing,  
Into the Father's heart I'll gaze;  
For there is always to be found  
Free mercy without end and bound.

## SERMON

**HYMN:** “Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation” sts. 6-10

6 Though I be robbed of every pleasure  
That makes my soul and body glad  
And be deprived of earthly treasure  
And be forsaken, lone, and sad,  
Though my desire for help seem vain,  
His mercy shall with me remain.

7 Though earthly trials should oppress me  
And cares from day to day increase;  
Though earth's vain things should sore distress me  
And rob me of my Savior's peace;  
Though I be brought down to the dust,  
Still in His mercy I will trust.

8 When all my deeds I am reviewing,  
The deeds that I admire the most,  
I find in all my thought and doing  
That there is naught whereof to boast,  
Yet this sweet comfort shall abide—  
In mercy I can still confide.

9 Let mercy cause me to be willing  
To bear my lot and not to fret.  
While He my restless heart is stilling,  
May I His mercy not forget!  
Come weal, come woe, my heart to test,  
His mercy is my only rest.

10 I'll stand upon this firm foundation  
As long as I on earth remain;  
This shall engage my meditation  
While I the breath of life retain;  
And then, when face to face with Thee,  
I'll sing of mercy, great and free.

*Stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

#### PREFACE AND SANCTUS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

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

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and saying:



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Blessed are You...one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### PAX DOMINI

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

**C** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI



**C** 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.

*Sit*

## DISTRIBUTION

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## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**A** Let us pray.

**A** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## HYMN OF THE DAY: "Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good" # 819



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, The au - thor of cre -  
2 What God's al - might - y pow'r has made, In mer - cy He is  
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy  
4 He nev - er shall for - sake His flock, His cho - sen gen - er -



a - tion, The God of love who un - der - stood  
keep - ing. By morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness  
a - tion; He is their ref - uge and their rock,



Our need for His sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our  
 His eye is nev - er sleep - ing. With - in the king - dom  
 And came with peace to cheer us. For this we thank and  
 Their peace and their sal - va - tion. As with a moth - er's



souls He fills And ev - 'ry faith - less mur - mur stills:  
 of His might All things are just and good and right:  
 praise the Lord, Who is by one and all a - dored:  
 ten - der hand, He leads His own, His cho - sen band:



To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 To God all praise and glo - ry!  
 To God all praise and glo - ry!

5 All who confess Christ's holy name,  
 Give God the praise and glory.  
 Let all who know His pow'r proclaim  
 Aloud the wondrous story.  
 Cast ev'ry idol from its throne,  
 For God is God, and He alone:  
 To God all praise and glory!

**POSTLUDE:** "Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation" Flor Peeters

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