



Luke 15:10

*Just so, I tell you, there is joy
before the angels of God over
one sinner who repents.*

Welcome to

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Rally Day

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Welcome! Whether you are a longtime member or visiting for the first time, you are a gift from God to us.

The love of Christ comfort you and the love of His people encourage you. We pray you know Christ's love through us.

So that we may all celebrate your presence and give thanks to God for you, ***members and guests*** alike are asked to please fill out the registration card found in your pew rack. Please place them in the basket on the table as you leave the sanctuary.

We pray you have been blessed through this worship and will join us again soon.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting One

Entrance Hymn

“With the Lord Begin Your Task”

LSB #869

Invocation *(please stand)*

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

C **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

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.

P Let us 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 punish-
ment. 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 an
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

Ps. 30:2-5; antiphon: Ps. 30:11a, 12b

P You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
C **O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

P O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
C **and you have healed me.**

P O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
C **you restored me to life from among those
who go down to the pit.**

P Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
C **and give thanks to his holy name.**

P For his anger is but for a moment,
and his favor is for a lifetime.
C **Weeping may tarry for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.**

All **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.**

P You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
C **O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

Kyrie

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.

Hymn of Praise ~ Gloria in Excelsis



The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of ten staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a common time signature. The second staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'A'. The third staff begins with a square box containing the letter 'B'. The lyrics are: 'Glory to God in the highest, 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. 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.'

A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth.

B 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.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(be seated)

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11-24

¹¹ “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴ I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord God. ¹⁶ I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

¹⁷ “As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and male goats.

¹⁸ Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture, that you must tread down with your feet the rest of your pasture; and to drink of clear water, that you must muddy the rest of the water with your feet? ¹⁹ And must my sheep eat what you have trodden with your feet, and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰ “Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²² I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

¹² I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, ¹³ though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

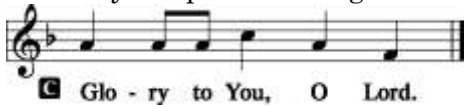
Alleluia and Verse *(please stand)*

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e-ter-nal life. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-10 (NIV)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

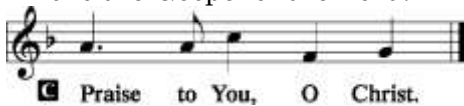


¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ² But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴ “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵ And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶ and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸ “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coin and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



(be seated)

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day

“Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”

LSB #867

Sermon

“Grumblers Can’t Hear the Joy”

Text: Luke 15:1-10 (NIV)

Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

Presentation of the Offering and Musical Offering

Installation of Teachers and Helpers

(Teachers and helpers in the congregation's education ministries come forward.)

P Within God's house we teach about the holy God who sent His holy Son, and by whose Holy Spirit we are given faith and granted new life. It is your privilege to share in this teaching service through the programs of our congregation. Will you, as beloved children of God our Father through Jesus Christ, hold fast to God and His Word and the doctrines drawn from the Word of God as it has been delivered to us in the creeds and confessions of the evangelical Lutheran church? Will you be faithful in the exercise of your duties, encourage parents in their nurturing role, and thereby support the office of the public ministry among us? Will you continue to participate in activities that allow you to study God's Word yourself, growing in faith, living a godly life, and encouraging others to do the same? If so, then answer, "Yes, we will with the help of God."

T **Yes, we will with the help of God.**

P Upon this, your promise, I install you into service as teachers and helpers of St. Paul's Lutheran church, in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God continue to richly bless you and give you joy in your service for Him.

Promise of the Congregation's Members

P Within God's house we teach about the holy God who sent His holy Son, and by whose Holy Spirit we are given faith and granted new life. You have heard the promises of faithfulness spoken by these men and women. Do you promise to support them in their work, to remember them in your prayers, and to work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so the He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst? And do you promise to read, mark, learn, and take to heart God's Word as a lifelong student of the Word? If so, then answer, "Yes, we will with the help of God."

C: Yes, we will with the help of God.

P May God help you to be strong and keep this promise.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, grant to these Your people the gifts of wisdom and discretion, kindness and faithfulness, so that they may effectively teach and guide, and grant to all Your people a ready willingness to learn. Let the knowledge of Your Word be preserved and extended among us so the all may know and praise You now and forever; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord you labor is not in vain.

C Amen.

Presentation of Children's Bibles and Catechisms

Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

P Lord, in your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

P Our Lord, Jesus Christ, came down from heaven to seek after us lost sheep and to bring us home rejoicing. Let us call upon Him in thanksgiving and petition for ourselves and all people.

Christian Education

P Almighty God, all things are Yours, and You have promised to well supply us with all that we need. Give us courage and faith, that we may give a confident "amen" to these prayers, certain that You will give us all that is good and beneficial to our salvation and preserve us from all things harmful, for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom, with whom and in whom be all honor and glory, both now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

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.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction (*please stand*)

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.**

Sending Hymn “*Christ Be My Leader*” LSB #861

Silent Prayer

(*be seated*)

Recessional

“*Soli Deo Gloria*”

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