



Welcome to
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"In Nomine Iesu"

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Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and to the blessings, comfort, and peace of this congregation. As we gather, we prepare our hearts for the worship and praise of our Lord and Savior by remembering what the Scriptures say: "I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!' " *Psalm 122:1* and "One thing have I asked of the Lord...that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple." *Psalm 27:4*. In that joy, let us worship together with prayer and praise.

We ask that all **guests** and **members** fill out the registration cards found in your pew rack. Please take a brief moment to write down the names of those in attendance. You can hand it to the usher or place it in the registration basket on the bulletin table as you leave.

We sincerely pray that your day has been blessed through worship and you will visit with us again very soon.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship ~ *Ring of the Bells*

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service One

“Lord, Open Now My Hear to Hear”

Invocation *(please remain standing)*

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 & self-examination.

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
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 *Ps. 84:1, 9-12; antiphon: Ps. 84:3*

P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest
for herself, where she may lay her young,

C **at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

P How lovely is your dwelling place,

C O Lord of hosts!

P Behold our shield, O God;

C look on the face of your anointed!

P For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere

**C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my
God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

P For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor,

**C No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly**

P O Lord of hosts,

C blessed is the one who trusts in you!

**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 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest
for herself, where she may lay her young,

**C at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

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.

Gloria in Excelsis



The musical score for "Gloria in Excelsis" is written on ten staves of music. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His peo - ple on earth." The second staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "C 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." The third staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "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." The fourth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer." The fifth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord," The sixth staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "You a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it," The seventh staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The lyrics are: "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.

C 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 God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(be seated)

Choir Anthem

"My Tribute"

Words and Music by Andrea Crouch; Arranged by Ed Lojeski

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord! Why would you have the day of the Lord? It is darkness, and not light, ¹⁹ as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him, or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall, and a serpent bit him.

²⁰ Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹ "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the peace offerings of your fattened animals, I will not look upon them. ²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs; to the melody of your harps I will not listen. ²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵ For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord

himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Alleluia and Verse (*please stand*)



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the" are written. The second staff continues the melody, ending with a double bar line. Below it, the lyrics "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written.

Holy Gospel *Matthew 25:1-13*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³ For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴ but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵ As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶ But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁷ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ And the foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹ But the wise answered, saying, ‘Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰ And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹ Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹² But he answered, ‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.’ ¹³ Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day *"Jesus Lives, the Victory's Won"* LSB #490

Sermon

Apostle's Creed in Song *(please stand)*
"We All Believe in One True God" LSB #953

(be seated)

Presentation of the Offering and Musical Offering

Our Catechism Moment

The Lord's Prayer – The First Petition

P Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

C **God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.**

P *How is God's name kept holy?*

C **God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!**

Prayers of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

(After each portion of the prayers)

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

- P God of our salvation, we know neither the day nor the hour of Christ's return, but we know that He has died and is risen again to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Until that day, preserve us in faith and guard us from temptation. Do not let us be caught unprepared for His coming. Let us live our days in loving service and joyful expectation of the life of the world to come; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

The 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.**

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

"How Great Thou Art"

LSB #801

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

"Soli Deo Gloria"

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