



Welcome to
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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.

We are honored you have chosen to worship with us as we celebrate friendships, especially that in God's love we are disciples of our Savior, Jesus. May God bless you as you worship with us.

May the love of Christ comfort you and the love of His people encourage you. We pray you know Christ's love through us and will return again soon.

So that we may all celebrate your presence and give thanks to God for you, **everyone** is asked to fill out the registration card found in your pew rack. The ushers will gather the cards from both members and guests following worship.

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Call to Worship ~ Ringing of the Bells

The Order of Worship

Lutheran Service Book – Divine Service Setting Four

Entrance Hymn

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

LSB #660

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 Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness;
therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon
Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our
unworthiness and confess before God and one another
that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and
that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition.
Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite
mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace
for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to
me, a sinner.

**All Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our
sins, and lead us to everlasting life. 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. 37:1-5; antiphon: Ps. 37:7a, b

P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

C **fret not yourself over the one
who prospers in his way.**

P Fret not yourself because of evildoers;

C **be not envious of wrongdoers!**

P For they will soon fade like the grass

C **and wither like the green herb.**

P Trust in the LORD, and do good;

C **dwel in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

P Delight yourself in the LORD,

C **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

P Commit your way to the LORD;

C **trust in him, and he will act.**

C **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 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

C **fret not yourself over the one
who prospers in his way.**

Kyrie



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis



1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole-be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro-claimed at Je-sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor-shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa-ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You,
mercifully grant that by Your power we may be
defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ,
Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and
the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

(be seated)

Choir Anthem *"Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"*

Harmonization by J. S. Bach

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 45:3-15

³ And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence.

⁴ So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. ¹⁰ You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:21-26; 30-42

²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order:

Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

³⁰ Why are we in danger every hour? ³¹ I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! ³² What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” ³³ Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” ³⁴ Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame.

³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. ⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. ⁴¹ There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

⁴² So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

L This is the word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

Alleluia and Verse (*please stand*)





Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁷ “But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. ³¹ And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them.

³² “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. ³⁵ But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. ³⁶ Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

³⁷ “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day

"Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us"

LSB #851

Sermon

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

Prayers of the Church

(After each portion of the prayers)

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

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

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

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.**

Benedicamus (*please stand*)

P 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.**

Sending Hymn *“Praise to You and Adoration”* LSB #692

Silent Prayer

(be seated)

Postlude

“Soli Deo Gloria”

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your enemies
DO GOOD
to those who hate you
BLESS
those who curse you
PRAY
for those who mistreat you

~Jesus