

THE GIFT OF GOD'S LAW

Pentecost 2 June 3, 2018

Welcome to Worship

How wonderful it is to gather with fellow Christians! May our praises proclaim God’s glory, and may our souls be comforted and refreshed as we hear God’s Word today.

GUESTS

- You’re our guest, so if there’s anything we can help you with, ask any of our friendly members.
- We love having children in our worship services! If your child becomes restless and you need to regroup, you are welcome to use any part of the building.
- Finally, everything you need for worship is printed in this bulletin, and hymns are in the red hymnal.

TODAY’S FOCUS

The law shows us our sin and our desperate need for a savior. The law’s threats sometimes stop us from doing what we know is wrong. The law is also a guide in living a life of thankfulness. God’s law is not drudgery for a Christian; it is a blessing for us.

SEASON’S FOCUS

On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promised to send the Holy Spirit to his disciples. The season of Pentecost focuses on the Holy Spirit’s work with Christians to strengthen faith and grow in Christian living through the means of grace.

The green paraments symbolize growth; through the means of grace, the Holy Spirit causes Christians to grow.

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament is offered today to members of this congregation and our fellowship. God teaches in 1 Cor 11:28 that self-examination prior to Holy Communion is vital; one helpful tool is found on page 156 in the hymnal.



SERVING IN WORSHIP

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The Divine Service

HYMN

As We Begin Another Week | 223

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19

M In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C **Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his holy life and innocent death.
Trusting in him, I pray:
God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Baptism is a lifelong reminder of the believer's daily spiritual struggle and triumph of faith. For that reason, the baptismal font is placed prominently as a visual symbol.

Baptism means that the old Adam in us should be drowned by daily contrition and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Kyrie Eleison*

In the Old Testament, the ark of the covenant was the visible symbol of God's presence. Our altar serves the same symbolism as a visible symbol that God is present with us in Word and sacrament.

M In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

M For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

M Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C **Amen.**

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria*

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M In the peace of forgiveness let us praise the Lord.

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!**

**Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen Sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!**

When the pastor is speaking on behalf of God to God's people, he faces the congregation. When the pastor is speaking on behalf of the people to God, he faces the altar.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

M Let us pray:

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

The Prayer of the Day, historically called the "collect," collects the main thought of the day's Scripture readings into one short prayer.

The Word

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

The third commandment is given.

¹²Observe the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy, just as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you are to serve and perform all of your regular work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. You are not to do any regular work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock or the alien who resides inside your gates, in order that your male servant and your female servant may rest like you. ¹⁵Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the day of rest.

M The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Following each lesson, the pastor announces, "The Word of the Lord." God gives us his life-giving Gospel in his word. In response to God's gracious revelation, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God."

PSALM OF THE DAY

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SECOND READING

Colossians 2:13-17

In our worship services, one reading comes from the Old Testament, one from a New Testament letter (epistle), and one from the four Gospels. All three focus on a united theme for the day.

The law points to Christ, who removed sin.

¹³Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. ¹⁴God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ. ¹⁶Therefore, do not let anyone judge you in regard to food or drink, or in regard to a festival or a New Moon or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were coming, but the body belongs to Christ.

M The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Psalm 119:105

M Alleluia. "Your words are a lamp for my feet and a light for my path."
Alleluia.

The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias.



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Mark 2:23-28 *Preparing to hear the Gospel, we stand out of respect for the Savior.*

Jesus explains that the law serves to benefit us and our neighbors.

²³Once on a Sabbath day, Jesus was passing through the grain fields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain as they walked along. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath day?"

²⁵He replied to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry (he and his companions)? ²⁶He entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the Bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat, except for the priests. He also gave some to his companions."

²⁷Then Jesus said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.

²⁸So the Son of Man is the Lord even of the Sabbath."

Jesus said, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." (Mark 16:15)

M The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY *Hauptlied*

He's Risen | 143 *Concerning the importance of preaching in*

SERMON

Mark 2:23-28 *worship services, Martin Luther said, "When God's word is not preached, one had better neither sing nor read, or even come together."*

"God's Law is a Blessing"

NICENE CREED *Credo*

C 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 fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.

Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the 4th century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

**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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

OFFERING

How Great Thou Art | 256 (1)

We bring our offerings to the Lord to thank and praise him. These offering support Our Redeemer's and Rock of Ages as well as our synod's mission efforts around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to give but are welcome to do so.

God's Word of salvation, the word just heard in worship, must be proclaimed to the entire world. With this desire, offerings are presented to the Lord.

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
"How great thou art! How great thou art!"**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We can be sure that these petitions are acceptable to our Father in heaven and are heard by him, for he himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Therefore we say, "Amen. Yes, it shall be so."

The Sacrament

PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory.

This greeting, the salutation, marks the beginning of the Word section and the Sacrament section of the service.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Sanctus*



This canticle uses the words of the angels in Isaiah 6 (holy, holy, holy) to acknowledge Jesus' presence in, with, and under the bread and wine.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *Verba*

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the minister both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for the Lord's use. This is why he stands behind the altar during this portion of the service. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death, which is necessary for this Sacrament.

LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

This ancient song of the church is based on John 1:29, Isaiah 53:78, and Revelation 5:6 and reminds today's believers of their Old Testament counterparts.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Come, O Savior | 310

As the Bible teaches, our congregations practice close communion. Therefore, ask that only members of this congregation and our fellowship (WELS and ELS) partake of the sacrament. If you are a member of another Lutheran denomination or Christian church and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with our pastor after the service and he would be delighted to explain what that entails.

How can eating and drinking do such great things? It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words "Given" and "poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.

SONG OF THANKS



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Having received forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation, we thank the Lord for his gifts and pray that he will grant us faith to use them in love toward our neighbor.

M

O Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C

And His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 107:1

M

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Cor 11:26

M

O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C

Amen.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, he did so while lifting up his hands and blessing his disciples.

BLESSING

M

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

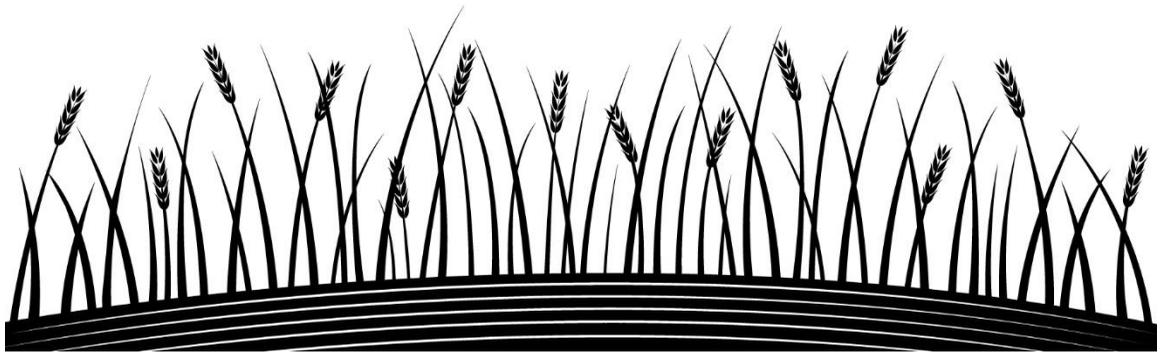
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

C

Amen.

HYMN

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