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THE CHURCH & ITS MINISTRY

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to the joint Reformation service of the San Diego area congregations of the Wisconsin Lutheran Synod. In our service we gather before our almighty and saving God to offer him our worship and praise, and receive from him forgiveness and faith..

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

For your ease and convenience, the order of service is printed out in the following pages. Many of the elements of this service have ancient roots in the Christian church. Some are very recent. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the assembly.

Parts marked **M** are spoken or sung by the minister, and parts marked **C** are spoken or sung by the congregation. Congregational parts are also printed in bold.

If you are in need of restrooms, they are located near the back entrance to the gymnasium.

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*Martin Luther nails his 95 theses on the door
of the Castle Church in Wittenberg
on October 31, 1517*

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lutheran church is a liturgical church. Lutherans believe that the gospel is not only good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also a power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the gospel in central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Bible readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and confessions, the liturgy points to Jesus as the Savior of all.

GATHERING RITE FOR REFORMATION ¹

Stand

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

C Amen.

M Welcome to the house of the Lord. Welcome to the place where God comes to us in Word and feeds us with his love. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice to be in his presence!

♪ **Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, with exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice and holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God has done, how his right arm the vict'ry won.
How dearly it has cost him!**

M God has called us to love him and to serve him as his dear children. But we have not obeyed that call. In our words and actions, in our thoughts and feelings, we have sinned against God. Therefore, we deserve his punishment both now and in eternity.

♪ **Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; death brooded darkly o'er me.
Sin was my torment night and day; in sin my mother bore me.
Yet deep and deeper still I fell; life had become a living hell,
So firmly sin possessed me.**

**My own good works availed me naught, no merit they attaining;
My will against God's judgment fought, no hope for me remaining.
My fears increased till sheer despair left naught but death to be my share
And hell to be my sentence.**

¹ This Gathering Rite incorporates Martin Luther's hymn, "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice" (CW 377). This was Luther's first congregational hymn, about which Tileman Hesshusius wrote, "I do not doubt that through this one hymn of Luther many hundreds of Christians have been brought to the true faith who before could not endure the name of Luther; but the noble, precious words of the hymn have won their hearts, so that they are constrained to embrace the truth."

M But where sin abounds, grace does all the more! Before the world began, God's grace moved him to rescue us.

♪ But God beheld my wretched state before the world's foundation,
And, mindful of his mercies great, he planned my soul's salvation.
A Father's heart he turned to me, sought my redemption fervently;
He gave his dearest treasure.

M In time, God sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sin. Christ Jesus did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant.

♪ He spoke to his beloved Son: "'Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of my crown, and bring mankind salvation.
From sin and sorrow set them free; slay bitter death for them that they
May live with you forever."

The Son obeyed his Father's will, was born of virgin mother,
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother.
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a servant's form like mine he bore
To lead the devil captive.

M Therefore, at Christ's command and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son \dagger , and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

♪ To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me— I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine, and evermore you shall be mine;
The foe shall not divide us.

"The foe shall shed my precious blood, me of my life bereaving.
All this I suffer for your good; be steadfast and believing.
Life shall from death the vict'ry win; my innocence shall bear your sin,
And you are blest forever.

M Now reigning in heaven, Jesus has sent his Spirit into our hearts through the gospel. Through that gospel, the Comforter guides us in truth and brings us real peace. Therefore, cling to that gospel! Proclaim that gospel!

♪ “Now to my Father I depart, the Holy Spirit sending
And, heav’nly wisdom to impart, my help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be, teach you to know and follow me,
And in all truth will guide you.

“What I on earth have lived and taught be all your life and teaching;
So shall my kingdom’s work be wrought and honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one’s man-made laws should e’er destroy the gospel’s cause.
This final word I leave you.”

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The Lord puts his words in the mouth of his prophet.

PSALM 46

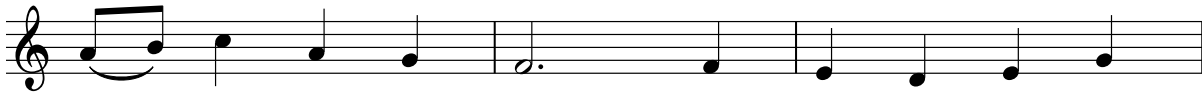
God is Our Refuge and Our Strength



Children 1 God is our re - fuge and our strength, our ev - er -
 All 2 A riv - er flows whose streams make glad the cit - y
 Children 3 The na - tions rage, the king - doms move, but when his
 All 4 O come and see what won - drous works the hand of
 All 5 "Be still and know that I am God, the Lord whom



pres - ent aid, and there - fore, though the earth be moved, we
 of our God, the ho - ly place where - in the Lord Most
 voice is heard, earth melts with trem - bling fear be - fore the
 God has done; come, see what de - so - la - tion great he
 all must claim; and ev - 'ry na - tion of the earth shall



will not be a - fraid— though hills in - to the
 High has his a - bode. Since God is in the
 thun - der of his word. The Lord of hosts is
 brings_ be - neath the sun. In ev - 'ry cor - ner
 mag - ni - fy my name." The Lord of hosts is



seas be cast, though foam - ing wa - ters roar, though
 midst of her, un - moved her walls shall stand; for
 on our side, our safe - ty to se - cure; the
 of the earth he caus - es wars to cease; the
 on our side, our safe - ty to se - cure; the



all the might - y bil - lows shake the moun - tains on the shore.
 God will has - ten to her aid when trou - ble is at hand.
 God of Ja - cob is for us a ref - uge strong and sure.
 weap - ons of the strong de - stroyed, he makes a - bid - ing peace.
 God of Ja - cob is for us a re - fuge strong and sure.

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:11-16

The ascended Lord provides shepherds to tend the flock and equip the saints.

GOSPEL

Mark 16:14-20

The Lord Jesus commissions his Church and ascends on high to shower it with gifts.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

*Augsburg Confession—Article V—The Ministry*²

- M** So that we may obtain the faith, the ministry of teaching the gospel and administering the sacraments was instituted.
- C** **Through the Word and the sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given.**
- M** He works faith, when and where it pleases God, in those who hear the good news that God justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.
- C** **This happens not through our own merits, but for Christ's sake.**

*Augsburg Confession—Article VII—The Church*³

- M** Our churches teach that one holy Church is to remain forever.
- C** **The Church is the congregation of saints in which the Gospel is purely taught and the sacraments are correctly administered.**
- M** For the true unity of the Church it is enough to agree about the doctrine of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments.
- C** **It is not necessary that human traditions, that is, rites or ceremonies instituted by men, should be the same everywhere. As Paul says, "One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all."**

² How can what Christ did for us 2,000 years ago have any effect today? Some imagined they would experience the Holy Spirit by their own reflections, through nature, or by ecstatic religious experience. The comforting truth is that the Holy Spirit works through objective, external, sure, and certain means of grace, through which we receive justification by grace and through faith alone.

³ This article of faith has been called the "Magna Carta" of the Lutheran Church and defines the church with eloquent simplicity. Church fellowship is common participation in the saving treasures of the Church: Christ's gifts, his gospel, and his sacraments. Not any "gospel" will do, but only that gospel which is purely taught alongside correctly administered sacraments.

HYMN

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 3 Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold
 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,



All who their faith before the world confessed,
 You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight
 Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
 We feebly struggle; they in glory shine,
 Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,



Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 And in the darkness dread their one true light.
 And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
 Yet all are one with in your grand design.
 And hearts are brave again and arms are strong.



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

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON

Revelation 14:6-7

Can you still hear it?

⁶ Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷ He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

ANTHEM

By Faith

Sung by the Adult Choir

OFFERING

This is a moment in our worship when God's people respond to Jesus' good news with gifts to support his saving work. Today's offering will go to support the ministry of the Mission Expansion Fund of the San Diego Circuit.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Stand

M Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

M Lord God, heavenly Father, you are our mighty fortress. In you we find our strength, our protection and our peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through the shield of faith, protect us from the flaming arrows of the evil one, knowing that with the sword of the Word of God the gates of hell cannot prevail against us. Now, we pray, help us in our every need. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M The old evil foe has sworn to harm us, to deceive us and to lead us away from you, O Lord. His attacks are strong from without, his inroads into the Church are often subtle. We cannot fight him or resist him in our own strength. We cannot conquer him with our good works or with our own power. On earth is not his equal. We praise you for sending Jesus,

who fights for us. Through his holy cross, Jesus has forever conquered Satan, toppling his kingdom of darkness and setting us free. Protect your Church, purchased by the blood of Jesus, from Satan's attacks. Continue to raise up faithful ministers, warriors in your Kingdom, who proclaim Jesus and his cross as our only hope and joy. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M All have sinned and fallen short of your glory, O Lord. Good works could not avert our doom. But as your strong Word cleaved the darkness with light at your creation, it also pronounces us righteous at the baptismal font. It is there where you made us your own, granted us faith and clothed us with your robe of righteousness. Cause us to return to our baptism each day through the confession of our sins, holding firmly to your promise that we are justified by faith apart from works of the law. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M O Dayspring from on high, splendor of light everlasting, in your love for us you came into this world, swallowed by the eternal night of sin and death, as the Light of light. Through your Church, continue to shine the gospel into this present darkness. Remove all that would obscure your light from us: the temptation to turn your gift into an earned wage, the urge of trusting the false light from within instead of the true light from above, and the despair of unbelief that comprehends neither light nor hope. Send out your light and your truth in your Church, and let them bring us to your holy hill. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M Lord, you have charged your Church with the work of angels, to proclaim your eternal gospel to all who dwell on earth, to sing good news to every people, tribe, language and nation. Let your Word not come back to you empty, but accomplish that which you desire, leading forth in joy all who trust in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M O Bread of life from heaven, you have given us life. Your truth has set us free. As we feast upon your body and blood, we rejoice in the freedom of sonship that comes through the forgiveness of sins. Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

M All honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages.

C **Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT

The churches of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) practice close communion. We ask, therefore, that only members of WELS congregations and of our fellowship partake of the Lord's Supper.

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 preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has 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.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 \dagger 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 \dagger 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."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



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



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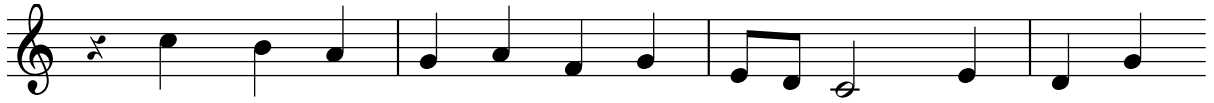
Holy Communion is served by continuous distribution. At the direction of the ushers, approach the minister serving the host, pause, and receive the body of the Lord. Move to the minister serving the chalice, pause, and receive the blood of the Lord. Communicants may assist the minister with the chalice and say "Amen" after receiving each of the elements. Worshipers may alternatively take an individual cup from the assisting minister. The blessing follows the distribution.



Martin Luther stands firm as a faithful witness to God's Word at the Diet of Worms on April 18, 1521.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

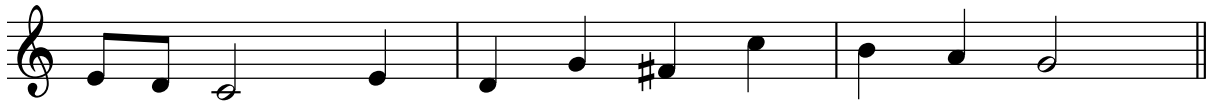
I Come, O Savior, to Your Table



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, For weak and
 2 Oh, grant that I in man - ner wor - thy May now trust
 3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I
 4 Oh, let me loathe all sin for - ev - er As death and



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a - lone are
 sole - ly in your Word, And, con - scious of the sins be -
 have a sin - ful heart, Yet you your lamb will ban - ish
 poi - son to my soul, That I through will - ful sin - ning



a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 fore me, Look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
 nev - er, Nor will your faith - ful - ness de - part.
 nev - er May see your judg - ment take its toll!

Refrain



Lord, may your bod - y and your blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

5 Your heart is filled with fervent yearning
 That sinners may salvation see
 Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning;
 So let me, too, come trustingly.

Refrain

6 Weary am I and heavy laden;
 With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
 Receive me graciously and gladden
 My heart, for I am now your guest.

Refrain

7 You here will find a heart most lowly
That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely
Your merit pleads, as it is right.

Refrain

8 By faith I call your holy table
The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able
To know the heart of God above.

Refrain

9 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.

Refrain

10 This feast is manna, wealth abounding
Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,
To angels joy, to hell confounding,
And life for me in death's dark hour.

Refrain

11 Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Your blood, which you for me have shed—
These are my life and strength forever;
By them my hungry soul is fed.

Refrain

12 With you, Lord, I am now united;
I live in you and you in me.
No sorrow fills my soul; delighted,
It finds its peace on Calvary.

Refrain

13 Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is near, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise.

Refrain

14 Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer,
For he who is of death the master
With help and strength is always near.

Refrain

15 My heart has now become your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally.

Refrain

Following the distribution the minister says:

M The true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you
in the true faith to life everlasting.

C Amen.

Stand

PRAYER & BLESSING

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.

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.



*Martin Luther translates the New Testament
from Greek into German at Wartburg
Castle in Eisenach.*

CLOSING HYMN

In Peace and Joy I Now Depart



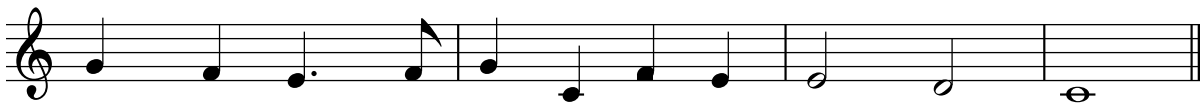
- 1 In peace and joy I
- 2 Christ Je - sus brought this
- 3 You sent the peo - ple
- 4 Christ is the hope and



now de - part As my Lord wills it. Se - rene and
 gift to me, My faith - ful Sav - ior, Whom you have
 of the earth Their great sal - va - tion; Your in - vi -
 sav - ing light Of those in blind - ness; He guides and



qui - et is my heart; Glad - ness fills it. This the Lord has
 made my eyes to see By your fav - or. Now I know he
 ta - tion sum - mons forth Ev - 'ry na - tion By your ho - ly,
 com - forts those in night By his kind - ness. He is Is - rael's



prom - ised me That death is but a slum - ber.
 is my life, My friend when I am dy - ing.
 pre - cious Word, In ev - 'ry place re - sound - ing.
 right - eous - ness, Their joy, re - ward, and glo - ry.

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