



LBW - Lutheran Book of Worship
 WOV - With One Voice
 CH - Celebration Hymnal

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Prelude
 Welcome

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness:

Apostolic Greeting
 Admonition: Almighty God...Amen.

P: Most merciful God

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

Entrance Hymn: *Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray* **LBW # 443**

*1. Rise, my soul to watch and pray; From your sleep awaken;
 Be not by the evil day Unawares o'er taken
 Satan's prey oft are they Who secure are sleeping
 And no watch are keeping.*

*2. Watch against the world that frowns Darkly to dismay you;
 Watch when it your wishes crowns, Smiling to betray you.
 Watch and see, you are free From false friends who charm you
 While they seek to harm you.*

*3. Watch against yourself, my soul, Lest with grace you trifle;
 Let not self your thoughts control Nor God's mercy stifle.
 Pride and sin lurk within, All your hopes to shatter;
 Heed not when they flatter.*

*4. But while watching, also pray To the Lord unceasing.
 God alone can make you free, Strength and faith increasing.
 So that still mind and will Heartfelt praises tender
 And true service render.*

Greeting

Kyrie: **P:** In Peace... **C:** Lord have mercy...

Hymn of Praise: **Congregation sings:**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb, who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation

Prayer of the Day: **Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Verse: **Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon

Sermon Hymn: **Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace** **LBW # 419**

*1. Lord of all nations, grant me grace To love all people, ev'ry race;
 And in each person may I see My kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.*

*2. Break down the wall that would divide Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
 My neighbor's good let me pursue; Let Christian love bind warm and true.*

3. *Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred By loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do Will crucify my Lord anew.*

4. *Give me thy courage, Lord, to speak Whenever strong oppress the weak.
Should I myself the victim be, Help me forgive, rememb'ring thee.*

5. *With thine own love may I be filled And by thy Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, where'er I be, May be divinely touched by thee.*

Nicene Creed:

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.

Prayer of the Church

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you. **C:** **And also with you.**

P: Merciful Father, **C:** **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us- our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Sanctus (Holy, Holy, Holy)

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

The Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Note to our guests: *As your church's tradition and your conscience may allow, we welcome all who are baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and who believe in the real presence of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine to participate in the celebration of Holy Communion.*

The Distribution

Blessed Assurance **WOV # 699**

*1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood. (Refrain)*

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior all the day long:
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

*2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)*

*3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)*

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us **WOV # 666**

*1. Great God, your love has called us here as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear, though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.*

*2. We come with self-inflicted pains of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bounded by inner chains, by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined yet seeking hope for humankind.*

*3. Great God, in Christ you call our name and then receive us as your own
not through some merit, right or claim but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat and find you kneeling at our feet.*

*4. Then take the towel, and break the bread, and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed and show how grandly love intends
to work till all creation sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.*

*5. Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty to turn from guilt and dull despair,
and offer all that faith can do while love is making all things new.*

***Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup* WOV # 706**

Refrain: Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the goodness of God.

Bread of Life, cup of love, we rejoice in your presence.

*1. I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
in my God I glory forever; listen and rejoice! (Refrain)*

*2. Look upon the Lord, be radiant, never turn away.
God will save in ev'ry affliction, hear us when we pray. (Refrain)*

*3. Angels fold their wings around us, guard through good and ill.
Those who seek the Lord will lack nothing; taste, and have your fill. (Refrain)*

*4. Saints of God, bow down and worship, bless the holy name.
Rise to tell God's greatness forever, wondrous deeds proclaim!*

The Post-Communion Canticle: **Congregation sings:**

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Post-Communion Prayer

The Benediction and Amen

Announcements

Closing Hymn:

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

LBW # 551

*1. Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, Praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.*

*2. All thy works with joy surround thee, Earth and heav'n reflect thy rays.
Stars and angels sing around thee, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea.
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in thee.*

*3. Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, All who live in love are thine;
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the joy divine!*

Chimes and Postlude

Welcome... in the name of Jesus. May our time together be blessed and may we become blessings to one other.

Instructions for Holy Communion...As we serve Holy Communion today, we will do so with each household being ushered up separately and the next household (individual, couple or family) waiting in the pew until the previous one has left the chancel area. Pastor will sanitize her hands between each group and will be the only person who prepares, serves and cleans up the vessels and the elements. After the consecration at the altar, Pastor will move to the middle of the nave where you will see three tables. The middle one will have a large plate with the bread/host. The side tables will have trays with wine. When your household comes up to commune, Pastor will say: "The body and blood of Christ given and shed for you". Pastor Z then will give you a wafer from the large plate in such manner that does not touch other wafers displayed on the plate. Then you will be asked to take a cup of wine from the tray. The glasses will be arranged in one of three ways: singular, two together or a small cluster. Take them according to your household so you eliminate the touching of glasses that will be used by other groups. As you return to your seat, place your empty glass on a plate that is in front of the first pew on both sides of the aisle.

Congratulations...to our young people taking their First Communion this morning. The group includes Kaylee Haxton, Lane Mayer, Olivia Putz, and Madelynn Rosenberg. We recognize this important step in their faith journey.

Tomorrow is Labor Day...the church building and offices will be closed.

Thank You...to those who helped at the Borchardt Work-Athon, your selfless act of kindness was truly a labor of love. Also, thanks to those who sent them donations as this was equally as helpful in this time of need. God Bless You All! -Mari and Mike Momberg

Next Sunday...September 13th, will be Rally Sunday. Join us in the Grafton Park for our worship service and to "kick-off" our Sunday School year. Due to COVID19 restrictions, we will not be able to participate in games or a luncheon, but will install our Sunday School teachers and give the students a chance to meet with teachers and receive a goodie-bag. The service will be led by a small band. Please bring a chair and wear a mask. See you there!

Church Council...will meet on Tuesday, September 8th at 7 p.m.

Confirmation...will meet Wednesday, September 9th at 4:30 p.m.

New Bible Study...will begin on Thursday, September 10th at 9:30 a.m. The title is The Rapture Racket and will involve discussion and short videos based on the ever exciting and controversial theme of the rapture.

August Offering...for the General Fund is \$10,814 from Sunday offerings and \$985.74 from e-giving. Thank you for your continued support.