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Pastor is *not* part of the prayer chain)

A personal prayer before worship: I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen. (*Luther's Morning Prayer, M. Luther*)

+ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE +

901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessèd is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!

- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

- 4 Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.

5 Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

Please stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

LSB 184

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 184

- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved**

Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

LSB 185

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

- P** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.
- C** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- P** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
- C** But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- P** Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!
Praise your God, O Zion!
- 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** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Gloria Patri

LSB 186

- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie

LSB 186

- C** Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

- P** Glory be to God on high:
- C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving. In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving-kindness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6–8

Thus says the LORD:

“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—
these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”

The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 67; antiphon: v. 5

P May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

C that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.

P Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

C Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

- P** Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
- C** **The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.**
- P** God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!
- 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.**

Epistle

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .

Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .

As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 190

- C** **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21–28

P The Holy Gospel according to **St. Matthew**, the **fifteenth** chapter.

C **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.” But he did not answer her a word. And his disciples came and begged him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” And he answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.**

**And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

615 When in the Hour of Deepest Need

LSB 615

- 1 When in the hour of deepest need
We know not where to look for aid;
When days and nights of anxious thought
No help or counsel yet have brought,
- 2 Then is our comfort this alone
That we may meet before Your throne;
To You, O faithful God, we cry
For rescue in our misery.
- 3 For You have promised, Lord, to heed
Your children's cries in time of need
Through Him whose name alone is great,
Our Savior and our advocate.
- 4 And so we come, O God, today
And all our woes before You lay;
For sorely tried, cast down, we stand,
Perplexed by fears on ev'ry hand.

5 O from our sins, Lord, turn Your face;
Absolve us through Your boundless grace.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill.

6 So we with all our hearts each day
To You our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to Your Word,
And now and ever praise You, Lord.

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Sermon

Pastor Phil Rittner

Please stand

Offertory

LSB 192

**☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit
from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free
spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**☐ 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.**

Salutation

LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB 770

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor is *not* part of the prayer chain. Please contact Pastor directly so he can care for your spiritual needs.

Prayers - Please remember in your daily prayers our Members in Nursing Homes and those at home: John & Lois Duffy, Linda Hobkirk, Gene & Janice Klopfenstein, Dortha Marsh, Maxine Lott, Bill Niedermeyer, Tim & Sandra Rueger, John Myers, Willie & Karen Scheumann, Jeannine Slavicek, Jack & Joanne Lane, Shane Hoffman, Ralph & Barbara Keiper, and Lynn Kyler.

Those serving our Country in the Armed Forces: Jason & Ashley Weatherly.

The Lord's Supper is available for anyone who wants to partake after the worship service this morning. You may also call pastor to schedule private communion if you desire.

Thursday evening Bible Study at 7 pm in the gym. Masks and social distancing observed.

Fort Wayne LWML Three Zone Rally will be held on Saturday, September 19, 2020, with the program beginning at 9:00 am at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 3705 S. Anthony Blvd., Fort Wayne. Registration and Breakfast 8:30am. Registration Fee \$6.00. The theme for the rally is **“Sing to the Lord, Bless His Name” Psalm 96:2**. The speaker will be Ms. Natalie Reynolds, who serves as a Music & Art Teacher at Lutheran South Unity School, Fort Wayne. There will be a monetary ingathering for musical instrument purchase & maintenance of LSUS Music Program. Nursery service will be provided. If you plan to attend, please contact your society or church secretary before Sept. 11th.

Zion's Garage Sale has been POSTPONED. You many still bring in items for the event. Stay tuned for updates on when it will be. Looking at possibly later in the fall or spring of 2021.

Please see the information we have received from the Indiana District LC-MS regarding the wearing of face masks during worship.

Dear Brother Pastors in the Indiana District,
Re: Wearing Face Coverings in Worship

Please find below the link to Governor Holcomb's newest executive order (EO) requiring face coverings. Note carefully that this new order does NOT change the restrictions of recent practice in Indiana - namely, a pastor need only wear a face covering during the distribution of Christ's body and blood when the mandated distancing cannot be kept. Otherwise, so long as we are all following current law regarding distancing and sanitizing, neither pastors nor parishioners are required to wear face coverings during the service. Concerning when your worship service begins or ends, it is your discretion whether entering and exiting the church building is considered part of "attending" your worship service. Some congregations currently require wearing masks to enter and exit the church building, while others do not require masks to be worn upon entry or exit as this would be considered part of "attending...a religious service." Note that if your congregation is in a county or city that has tighter restrictions than Governor Holcomb's EO, these supersede the state restrictions. Congregations in Kentucky currently have nearly identical restrictions (Governor Beshear's EO does not specify churches, but he has recently encouraged congregations to "worship" remotely.). However Governor Beshear is due to issue a new EO, likely today (7/27). Kentucky pastors, carefully consider and obey any EO, unless such an EO clearly demands that we disobey God...and telephone me if you think it does make such a demand. Indiana pastors, the following from Governor Holcomb's EO specifically applies to what has just been outlined (for those of you with schools, you may also find specific interest in section 6 of Governor Holcomb's EO):

Here is the link to the order:

<https://www.in.gov/gov/files/Executive%20Order%2020-37%20Face%20Covering%20Requirement.pdf>

Be considerate and loving to those who are conscience-bound to be on either side of mask-wearing practice.

Blessings to all as we strive to faithfully distribute and receive Christ's gifts.

In Him,

Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege
President, Indiana District

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood...be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

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