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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 FOUR +

544 O Love, How Deep

LSB 544

- 1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
Beyond all thought and fantasy,
That God, the Son of God, should take
Our mortal form for mortals' sake!
- 2 He sent no angel to our race,
Of higher or of lower place,
But wore the robe of human frame,
And to this world Himself He came.
- 3 For us baptized, for us He bore
His holy fast and hungered sore;
For us temptation sharp He knew;
For us the tempter overthrew.
- 4 For us He prayed; for us He taught;
For us His daily works He wrought,
By words and signs and actions thus
Still seeking not Himself but us.
- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,
For us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
He bore the shameful cross and death;
For us He gave His dying breath.

6 For us He rose from death again;
For us He went on high to reign;
For us He sent His Spirit here
To guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

△ 7 All glory to our Lord and God
For love so deep, so high, so broad;
The Trinity whom we adore
Forever and forevermore.

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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

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

Exhortation

LSB 203

- 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.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

- C** **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

Psalm 34:4–8; antiphon: v. 1

P I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C **I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

P Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

C **This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

P The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,
and delivers them.

C **Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in 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.**

P I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Kyrie

C **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

C To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You, Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—

For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
“Amen!” our glad reply.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what You want done; 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

Job 38:4–18

[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

It is changed like clay under the seal,

and its features stand out like a garment.

From the wicked their light is withheld,

and their uplifted arm is broken.

“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,

or walked in the recesses of the deep?

Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P I love you,
O LORD, my strength.

C **The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

P I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised,
and I am saved from my enemies.

C **The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;**

P the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

C **In my distress I called upon the LORD;
to my God I cried for help.
From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.**

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

Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) or ““Who will descend into the abyss?”” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

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

Please stand

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 205

- C** Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, “It is a ghost!” and they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, “Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.”

And Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, “Lord, save me.” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” And

when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.

Please be seated

717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

LSB 717

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.

- 2 O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
And hushed their raging at Thy word,
Who walkedst on the foaming deep
And calm amid its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.
- 3 Most Holy Spirit, who didst brood
Upon the chaos dark and rude,
And bid its angry tumult cease,
And give, for wild confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For those in peril on the sea.
- 4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
Our people shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad praise from air and land and sea.

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Sermon

Vicar Tim Benzinger

Christ is with us through our storms and trials

Please stand

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.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A** 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 $\text{\tfrac{X}{+}}$ give you peace.
C **Amen.**

722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

LSB 722

- 1 Lord, take my hand and lead me
Upon life's way;
Direct, protect, and feed me
From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor
I go astray;
So take my hand, O Savior,
And lead the way.

- 2 Lord, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages,
Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding,
I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding,
In peace I go.

3 Lord, when the shadows lengthen
And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen
My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me,
O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me
Unto the end.

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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.

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.

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%202020-37%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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