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SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Hymn ----- Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

CW 295

1. Dearest Jesus, we are here, Gladly your command obeying;
With this child we now draw near In response to your own saying
That to you it shall be given As a child and heir of heaven.
2. Lord, your Word is clear and plain, And we will obey it duly:
“He who is not born again, Heart and life renewing truly,
Born of water and the Spirit, Can my kingdom not inherit.”
3. Therefore we have come to you, In our arms this infant bearing.
Here we shall forgiveness view. May this child, your mercy sharing,
In your arms be shielded ever, Yours on earth and yours forever.
4. Gracious Head, your member own; Shepherd, take your lamb and feed it;
Prince of Peace, make here your throne; Way of Life, to heaven lead it.
Precious Vine, let nothing sever From your side this branch forever.
5. Now into your heart we pour Prayers that from our hearts proceeded.
Our petitions heav’nward soar; May our warm desires be heeded!
Write the name we now have given; Write it in the book of heaven!

Stand.

- M: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: “Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin by giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:

C: **Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow 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.**

M: As baptized children of God we confess our sins:

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.**

The Rite of Baptism continues at the font. (CW p. 13)

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O Lord, Our Lord

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef. The key signature consists of two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) in the third, fourth, and sixth staves. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The score concludes with a double bar line and a key signature change to two flats (Bb and Eb) in the final staff.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and
ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Lord, in your mercy, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Be seated.

THE WORD

First Lesson ----- Proverbs 25:6–14

Do not honor yourself in a king's presence.
Do not stand in a place reserved for great people,
because it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than for you to be humiliated before a ruler
whom your eyes have seen.

Do not be in a hurry to go to court.
Otherwise, what will you do afterward,
when your neighbor humiliates you?
Argue your case with your neighbor,
but do not reveal someone else's secret.
If you do, the person who hears it will shame you,
and your bad reputation will never leave you.

A word spoken at the right time
is like golden apples in silver settings.
To ears that listen, a wise person's correction
is like a gold ring or like jewelry made of
pure gold.
To those who send him, a trustworthy messenger
is like cooling snow on a warm day during
harvest.
He refreshes his masters' spirits.
A person who brags about a gift that is never
given
is like clouds and wind that bring no rain.

Psalm of the Day ----- Psalm 143

CW p.118

Refrain

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

O LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy;
in your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

Do not bring your servant into judgment,
for no one living is righteous before you.

My spirit grows faint within me;
my heart within me is dismayed.

Refrain

Answer me quickly, O LORD;
do not hide your face from me.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,*
for I have put my trust in you.

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;*
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

**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.**

Refrain

Second Lesson ----- Ephesians 4:1-6

As a prisoner in the Lord, therefore, I urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. Live with all humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love.

the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in the one hope of your calling. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in us all.

Make every effort to maintain the unity of

Verse of the Day

1 Peter 5:6

M: Alleluia. Humble yourselves under God's powerful hand so that he may lift



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!

Stand.

Gospel ----- Luke 14:1-11

One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely.

Right in front of him was a man who was suffering from swelling of his body. Jesus addressed the legal experts and Pharisees, saying, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?”

But they were silent. So he took hold of the man, healed him, and let him go. He said to them, “Which of you, if your son or an ox would fall into a well on a Sabbath day, would not immediately pull him out?”

And they could not reply to these things.

When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a

wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him. The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, ‘Give this man your place.’ Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place.

“But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you, ‘Friend, move up to a higher place.’ Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you.

“Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- Son of God, Eternal Savior

CW 492

1. Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Honors all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity; Heal our wrongs and help our need.
2. Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion; Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst for pleasure; Stem our selfish greed for gain.
3. Bind us all as one together In your Church's sacred fold,
Weak and healthy, poor and wealthy, Sad and joyful, young and old.
Is there want or pain or sorrow? Make us all the burden share.
Are there spirits crushed and broken?
Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.
4. As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

Sermon ----- Luke 14:1-11

The Law Is Fulfilled with Humble, Selfless Love

Stand.

Nicene Creed

- 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. 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 worshiped 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.

Be seated.

Offering

Stand.

Prayer of the Church

*The minister calls for the petitions and the congregation prays with “**Lord, have mercy.**”*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For a humble faith; for joy in the mercy of God, who has raised up the poor and undeserving and given us a place at His table; and for the work of the Spirit to bring us to repentance and keep us from thinking more highly of ourselves than we ought, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the preaching of the Word, that through pastors, missionaries, church workers and the priesthood of all believers, many would hear the gracious invitation of our Lord to repent and believe and receive it with joyful faith, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

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of the Gospel here and around the world.

- M: For each of us as God's children by Baptism; for our calling to love Him above all and to love our neighbors as ourselves; and for our vocations as husbands, wives, parents and children, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For all those mired in disputes in our nation, that God would grant wisdom and a desire for justice, godliness and the common good, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For those humbled by the troubles of this life, [*especially _____*,] that God would lift them up and strengthen them again to serve Him as He calls, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For faith to cherish the honor of receiving our Lord's Supper and to spurn all the small and fleeting honors of this world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: For those baptized into the one Holy Christian Church, that in their many vocations they may be united in service to the world and jubilant praise of God, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
- M: Heavenly Father, we give You thanks that through the Holy Word You have called us to Your great Supper. Enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that we may not hear Your Word without fruit, but prepare ourselves rightly for Your kingdom and not allow ourselves to be hindered by any worldly care; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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 body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

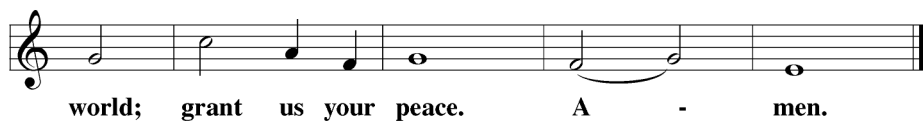
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei



Be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

In Holy Communion we believe that Jesus gives us his own body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of our sins. We ask that, in keeping with God's Word, only confirmed members who are in confessional unity with our church (WELS and ELS) would come forward to receive this sacrament. If you have any questions or are interested in communicant membership, please speak with the pastor.

During the distribution, the congregation sings the following hymns:

Hymn ----- Salvation unto Us Has Come

CW 390

1. **Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom; They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is the one Redeemer.**
2. **What God does in his law demand And none to him can render,
Brings wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the law requires,
And lost is our condition.**
3. **It is a false, misleading dream That God his law has given
That sinners can themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
The law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.**
4. **Yet as the law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.**

5. Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.
6. All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace-All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!

Hymn ----- O Lord, We Praise You

CW 317

1. O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and adore you,
In thanksgiving bow before you.
Here with your body and your blood you nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish. O Lord, have mercy!
May your body, Lord, born of Mary,
That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And your blood for us plead
In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
2. Your holy body into death was given,
Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to you could bind us;
May this feast of that remind us! O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, your love and kindness did move you;
Let your supper move us to love you.
All our debt you have paid;
Peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mercy!

3. May God bestow on us his grace and favor
To please him with our behavior
And live together here in love and union,
Cherishing our blest communion. O Lord, have mercy!
Let not your good Spirit forsake us;
Grant that heav'nly-minded he make us.
Give your Church, Lord, to see
Days of peace and unity. O Lord, have mercy!

THANKSGIVING

Stand.

Thank the Lord



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!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Blessing

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



Be seated.

Hymn ----- With the Lord Begin Your Task

CW 478

1. With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For his aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And, when day is ended,
In his name then close your eyes; Be to him commended.

2. Let each day begin with prayer, Praise and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might, With his presence cheer you.
3. With your Savior at your side Foes need not alarm you;
In his promises confide And no ill can harm you.
All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master,
Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.
4. If your task is thus begun With the Savior's blessing,
Safely then your course will run, Naught your soul distressing.
Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander;
You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.

