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THE COMMON SERVICE

Stand.

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



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

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.

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth

ELH stz. 3-4 (CW 100)

3. “Yea, Father, yea, most willingly
I’ll bear what Thou commandest;
My will conforms to Thy decree,
I do what Thou demandest.”
O wondrous Love, what hast Thou done!
The Father offers up His Son;
The Son, content, descendeth!
O Love, how strong Thou art to save!
Thou layest Him within the grave
Whose might the boulders rendeth.
4. Upon the cross Thou off’rest Him,
Nails, spear, deep wounds bestowing;
Thou slaught’rest Him e’en as a lamb,
His soul and veins are flowing;
From veins it is the crimson flood
Of His most holy, precious blood,
From soul His mighty sighing.
O dearest Lamb, what shall I do
To show Thee my devotion true
For such great good supplying?

Prayer of the Day

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ 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 ----- Genesis 32:22–32

He got up that night and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and he also sent his possessions across. Jacob was left alone, and he wrestled with a man there until daybreak. When the man saw that he could not defeat him, he touched the socket of his thigh, and the socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated as he wrestled. The man said, "Let me go. It's daybreak."

Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

Then he said to him, "What is your name?"

He said, "Jacob."

Then he said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have fought with God and with men, and you have won."

Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name."

He said, "Why do you ask what my name is?" Then he blessed him there. Jacob named the place Peniel, because he said, "I have seen God face-to-face, and my life has been spared." The sun rose as he crossed over at Peniel, and he was limping because of his thigh. For that reason, to this day the people of Israel do not eat the tendon of the hip that is on the socket of the thigh, because God touched the socket of Jacob's thigh on the tendon of the hip.

Refrain

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;*
in you I trust, O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,*
for they are from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;*
according to your love remember me,
for you are good, O LORD.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gracious to me,*
for I am lonely and afflicted.

Look upon my affliction and my distress*
and take away all my sins.

Guard my life and rescue me,*
for I take refuge in you.

**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 ----- 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7

Therefore, beyond this, brothers, just as you received instruction from us about how you are to walk so as to please God (as indeed you are doing),

we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus that you do so even more. To be sure, you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. Indeed,

this is God's will: that you be sanctified, namely, that you keep yourselves away from sexual immorality. He wants each of you to learn to obtain a wife for yourself in a way that is holy and honorable, not in lustful passion like the heathen, who do not know God. No one is to overstep and take

advantage of his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, just as we said previously and solemnly testified to it. For God did not call us for uncleanness, but in sanctification.

Verse of the Day

Hebrews 4:16

M: Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Stand.

Gospel ----- **Matthew 15:21-28**

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

Jesus left that place and withdrew into the region of Tyre and Sidon. There a Canaanite woman from that territory came and kept crying out, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! A demon is severely tormenting my daughter!"

But he did not answer her a word.

His disciples came and pleaded, "Send her away, because she keeps crying out after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But she came and knelt in front of him, say-

ing, "Lord, help me."

He answered her, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to their little dogs."

"Yes, Lord," she said, "yet their little dogs also eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, your faith is great! It will be done for you, just as you desire." And her daughter was healed at that very hour.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated.

Hymn of the Day ----- When in the Hour of Utmost Need

CW 413

1. When in the hour of utmost need
We know not where to look for aid,
When days and nights of anxious thought
Nor help nor 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.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill,
5. So that with all our hearts we may
To you our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to your Word
And now and ever praise you, Lord.

Sermon ----- Matthew 15:21-28

Insist on His Mercy

Stand.

Creedal Hymn ----- We All Believe In One True God

CW 271

1. We all believe in one true God, Who created earth and heaven,
The Father, who to us in love Has the right of children given.
He in soul and body feeds us; All we need his hand provides us.
He through snares and perils leads us, Watching that no harm betides us.
He cares for us by day and night; All things are governed by his might.
2. We all believe in Jesus Christ, His own Son, our Lord, possessing
An equal Godhead, throne and might, Source of ev'ry grace and blessing,
Born of Mary, virgin mother, By the power of the Spirit,
Made true man, our elder brother, That the lost might life inherit,
Was crucified by sinful men And raised by God to life again.
3. We all confess the Holy Ghost, Who, sweet hope and comfort giving,
Now with the Father and the Son In eternal light is living,
Who the Church, his own creation, Keeps in unity of spirit;
Here forgiveness and salvation Daily come through Jesus' merit.
All flesh shall rise, and we shall be In bliss with God eternally.

Be seated.

Rite of Confirmation

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 new and contrite hearts, that we may receive God's absolution while lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretched estate, yet in the confi-

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dence that He disdains nothing He has made and forgives the sins of those who are penitent, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the Church and all pastors in Christ, especially Mark Schroeder, our Synod president; Dennis Klatt, our district president; and our pastor; for this and every congregation; and for faith to cling to Him in adversity, boldness to oppose the devil and resist the flesh, and compassion to serve one another in love, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For hearts eager to overcome brotherly strife among us, that after the example of Jacob with Esau, we would make peace with one another through persistent prayer and humility, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our leaders, especially Donald Trump, our president; Michael Kehoe, our governor; and all congressmen, judges and civil servants, that God would grant them steadfastness and wisdom; and for peace between nations and a spirit of humility and concord among our citizens, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For all who await the healing of the Lord, [*especially _____,*] that God would hear their cries and grant healing in His appointed season, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For all who commune, that God would receive us in His mercy and enable us to make the good confession, both of our sin and of Him, our only Savior; and that, though it is not right to give the children's bread to dogs, He would lead us to approach Him in faith to eat from our Master's table, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For self-control to flee all immorality, that we might show a godly witness in this world and adorn the Gospel with a holy life, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, inasmuch as the adversary continually afflicts us and as a roaring lion walks about, seeking to devour us: We implore You for

the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, to help us by the grace of the Holy Spirit and to strengthen our hearts by Your Word, that our enemy may not prevail over us, but that we may evermore abide in Your grace and be preserved unto everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the 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 un - 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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Sanctus



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -



na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O Christ, Lamb of God

Agnus Dei

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 take a-way the sin of the world;

grant us your peace. A - men.

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 hymn:

Hymn ----- O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

CW 105

1. O sacred head, now wounded, With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded, With thorns your only crown,
O sacred head, no glory Now from your face does shine;
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call you mine.
2. Men mock and taunt and jeer you, They smite your countenance,
Though mighty worlds shall fear you And flee before your glance.
How pale you are with anguish, With sore abuse and scorn!
Your eyes with pain now languish That once were bright as morn!
3. Now from your cheeks has vanished Their color, once so fair;
From your red lips is banished The splendor that was there.
Grim death with cruel rigor Has robbed you of your life;
Thus you have lost your vigor, Your strength, in this sad strife.
4. My burden in your passion, Lord, you have borne for me,
For it was my transgression, My shame, on Calvary.
I cast me down before you; Wrath is my rightful lot.
Have mercy, I implore you; Redeemer, spurn me not!
5. What language shall I borrow To thank you, dearest Friend,
For this, your dying sorrow, Your pity without end?
Oh, make me yours forever, And keep me strong and true;
Lord, let me never, never Outlive my love for you.

6. My Savior, then be near me When death is at my door,
And let your presence cheer me; Forsake me nevermore!
When soul and body languish, Oh, leave me not alone,
But take away my anguish By virtue of your own!
7. Lord, be my consolation, My shield when I must die;
Remind me of your passion When my last hour draws nigh.
My eyes will then behold you, Upon your cross will dwell;
My heart will then enfold you—Who dies in faith dies well!

Hymn ----- Lord Jesus Christ, You Set Us Free

CW 123

1. Lord Jesus Christ, you set us free—Accept our thanks eternally!
Forgiven through your precious blood, We now are reconciled to God.
2. By virtue of the wounds you bore, True God and Man, our hope restore.
Give courage when we yield our breath; Deliver us from hell and death.
3. Defend us, Lord, from sin and shame; Help us by your almighty name
To bear our crosses patiently, Consoled by your great agony.
4. For thus the certainty we gain That you will always true remain
And not forsake us in our strife But lead us out of death to life.

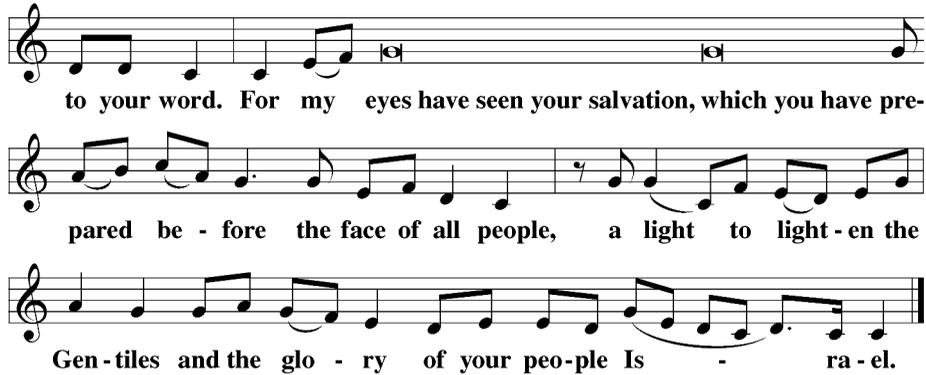
After the distribution is finished the congregation stands and sings:

Song of Simeon

Nunc Dimittis

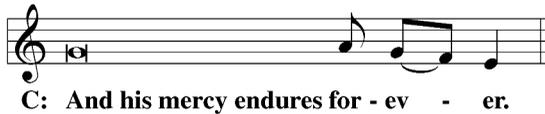


C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing



to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

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: A - men.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Be seated.

Hymn ----- Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

CW 108

1. Jesus, Refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above,
Oh, how oft your eyes, offended, Gaze upon a sinner's fall!
Yet, upon the cross extended, You endured the pain of all.
2. Dare we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
As we see you wounded, bleeding, See your thorn-encircled brow?
Since your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest,
Only what your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.
3. Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for you!
May our eyes be ever turning To behold your cross anew,
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified!



MVLIER CANANÆA.

8. *Vota precesque CANANÆÆ pius audit Iesus:
Fitque fide matris filia salua suæ.*

"The Canaanite Woman" by Jan Collaert, 1597, after Maarten de Vos

