

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Service of Word & Meal 10:30 AM

**INTRODUCTION**

*Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear, Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.*

*Today we commemorate Lawrence (258), deacon, whose martyrdom was one of the first to be observed by the church.*

**PRELUDE**

*"Wo soll ich fliehen hin"  
(Oh, where shall I flee?)*

JS Bach

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*"My Life Flows on in Endless Song"*

**ELW 763**

**CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,  
+ one God, the source of life, the word of salvation,  
the spirit of mercy.

C **Amen**

P Let us confess our sins to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God of compassion,

C **we confess that we have failed to bear witness that you desire to draw all people to yourself. In our hearts we have thought ill of those who differ from us, and our love of others has not been genuine. We have been caught up in the cares of the world. We have neglected opportunities to welcome the stranger, to feed the hungry, and to mend broken relationships. Forgive our sins, merciful God, that our hearts may burn with love for you and for those in need, and that our lives may witness to your never-failing love for your creation. Amen.**

P Brothers and sisters, buried with Christ by baptism into his death, your sins are forgiven. The death Christ died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

C **Amen.**

**GREETING**

P: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.  
The God who created the world and fills it with life be with you all.  
C: **And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

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*Assisting Minister leads; Congregation responds.*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**  
*Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:*



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**  
*Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:*

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

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# Glory to God

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

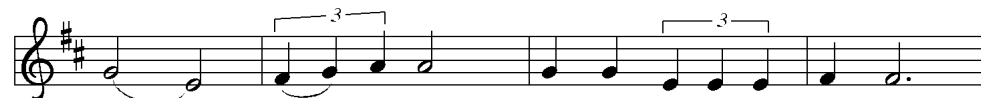
*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on

earth, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

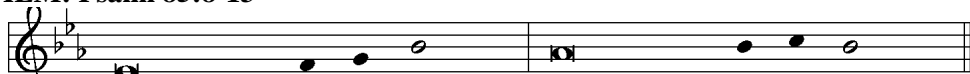
P: O God our defender,

**C: storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

## FIRST READING: 1 King 19:9-18

*At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"* <sup>10</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing there, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup>He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." <sup>15</sup>Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup>Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup>Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. <sup>18</sup>Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

## PSALM: Psalm 85:8-13



<sup>8</sup>I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;  
for you speak peace to your faithful people  
and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

<sup>9</sup>**Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

<sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

<sup>11</sup>**Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

<sup>12</sup>The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.

<sup>13</sup>Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.

**SECOND READING: Romans 10:5-15**

*Paul is discussing how we may attain the righteousness that leads to salvation. One way, he grants, would be to keep the law, but he has already shown that this is impossible. Then, he proclaims the good news about "righteousness that comes by faith."*

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." <sup>6</sup>But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup>or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). <sup>8</sup>But what does it say?

"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

<sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

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**Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le -  
lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 14:22-33**

*Matthew's Gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to these disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their fear and doubt.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

### **BLESSING OF STUDENTS & BACKPACKS**

### **THE SERMON**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

**ELW 325**

### **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYERS**

A: With the whole people of God in Jesus Christ, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence*

A: Divine Creator, you call your faithful people to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Guide us as we proclaim the joy of your gospel: that you are with us, even in the midst of trouble and fear. Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

A: Gracious Creator, ruler of the universe, from chaos you called forth the beauty of creation. Guide us to care for the earth so that the land may continue to yield its increase. Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

A: Almighty Creator, author of unity, your desire is for all humanity to live in peace. Give those in authority the ability to govern with care and justice. Stir the hearts of all people with your promise of peace. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

A: Merciful Creator, source of compassion, you care for the poor, orphans, unemployed, and homeless. Grant them your consolation. Healer of all and giver of care, grant strength to those who are sick, especially Wendell Strom. Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

A: Almighty Creator, protector of all life, you have blessed this congregation with many gifts. Lead us to use them with insight and creativity, caring for those in our midst, those around us and even throughout the world. Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

A: God our creator, you gather your people in congregations like boats scattered upon the seas. Bless the work of your people in the places you have set them. We pray especially for our companion congregations: New Gottland and Trinity in McPherson, Our Saviour in Mulvane, and St. Paul in Nevada, Mo. Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

*Here other prayers are offered*

A: Eternal Creator, our hope in years to come, throughout the ages you have blessed those who confessed you as the one true God. Bring us to eternal rest and everlasting peace with all your faithful servants including Lawrence whom we commemorate today. Hear us, O God,

**C: your mercy is great.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P: Share the peace of the risen Christ  
with those around you  
as we prepare to gather  
at our Lord's table

### THE OFFERING

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## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

*Offering Song*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the  
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the

prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## BLESSING OF VOCATION— TEACHERS & OTHER EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of all creation,

**C: all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P:: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

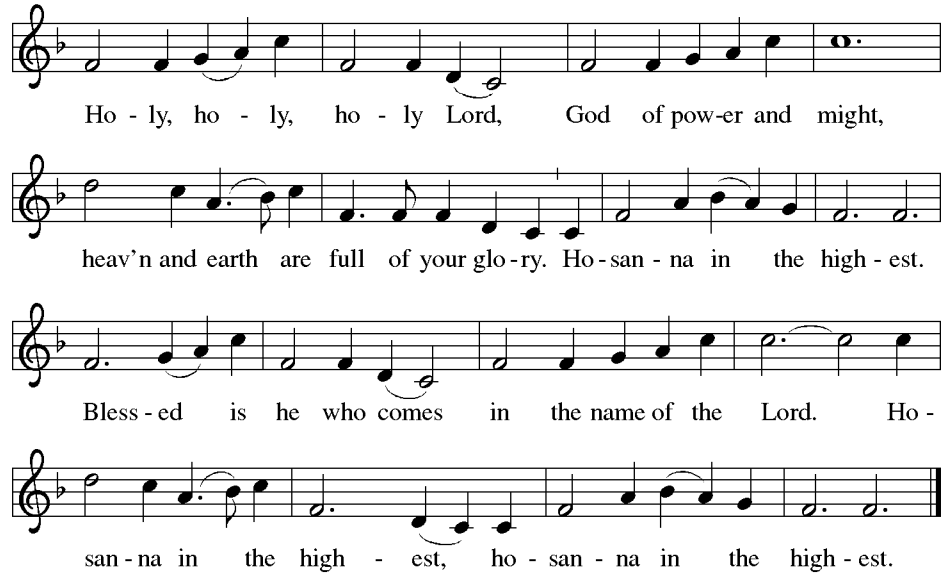
**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**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**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All good gifts come from God. Come with gratitude to this table of bounty.

### THE COMMUNION

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”*

**ELW 773**

*“Amazing Grace”*

**ELW 779**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

C: **Amen.**

## Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

A O God, our provider, you nourish us with holy food and drink, and you open our hearts to the needs of others. Refresh us with your Spirit, that our words and deeds may proclaim your creative and life-giving Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

**BENEDICTION**

P God gives rest to all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens  
Almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless, preserve, and keep you this day and forevermore.

C **Amen**

**SENDING HYMN**

*“Eternal Father Strong to Save”*

**ELW 756**

**DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Live the gospel.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*“Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist”*  
*(Now, Let us entreat the Holy Spirit)*

Buxtehude

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