

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting IV

10:30 AM

**INTRODUCTION**

*Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. We hear in these words an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share today.*

**PRELUDE**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*"Come Let Us Eat"*

**ELW 491**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity: the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Holy and gracious God,

C **we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you in love, so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

**GREETING**

P The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son, and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**      **Amazing Grace**

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Amazing Grace!-How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Ever-loving God,

C: **your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Proverb 9:1-6**

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. <sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. <sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, <sup>4</sup>“You that are simple, turn in here!” To those without sense she says, <sup>5</sup>“Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. <sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight.”

**PSALM: Psalm 34:9-14**

*(Read Responsively)*

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints <sup>1</sup>of the LORD,

for those who fear the <sup>1</sup>LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>**The lions are in want and <sup>1</sup>suffer hunger,**

**but those who seek the LORD lack nothing <sup>1</sup>that is good.**

<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and lis- <sup>1</sup>ten to me;

I will teach you reverence <sup>1</sup>for the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**Who among you takes plea- <sup>1</sup>sure in life**

**and desires long life to en- <sup>1</sup>joy prosperity?**

<sup>13</sup>Keep your <sup>1</sup>tongue from evil

and your lips from <sup>1</sup>lying words.

<sup>14</sup>**Turn from evil <sup>1</sup>and do good;**

**seek peace <sup>1</sup>and pursue it.**

**SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:15-20**

*Fully aware of this world's evil, Paul still finds much for which he is grateful. Here he describes the alternative quality of life available to those who have been reconciled with God and one another.*

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms

and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL**

P: The Holy Gospel, according to John, the sixth chapter.

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

#### **GOSPEL: John 6:51-58**

*In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of the eucharist.*

Jesus said, <sup>51</sup> "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

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

#### **CHILDREN'S TIME**

#### **THE SERMON**

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*"Lord of All Hopefulness"*

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#### **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 Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Let us pray for the work of God's word in our lives, for the call of wisdom, for discernment, for God's new creation and fresh surprises. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Let us pray for all lands and waterways, for our faithfulness as stewards of God's creation God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Let us pray for all nations, especially where people are impoverished or oppressed, for governments and leaders who work for justice and peace. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Let us pray for all who suffer: for the excluded, the homeless, refugees, prisoners; for those who grieve, who face death, who are sick, especially Karen Lundquist. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Let us pray for children and for young people, and for all who care for them, especially parents, daycare workers, foster parents, teachers, and counselors. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Let us pray for our Churchwide Assembly, for inspiration and celebration in the gathering, for peace and wisdom in the deliberations. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Let us pray for the ministry of all congregations, especially Advent in Olathe, Trinity in Otis, Hope in Rolla, and Joy Community Lutheran in O'Fallon. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other prayers are offered.*

A: Let us give thanks for the saints who have gone before us in the faith and now rest in the arms of God. God of mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Loving God, you hear us when we cry to you. We commend to your embrace all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ and by the power of your Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

### THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

### 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 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.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Holy God,

C: **you open the doors of heaven, giving us every generous and perfect gift from above.**

**Lift our eyes from the food that perishes, and nourish us now with the food that endures for eternal life, Jesus Christ our 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 our 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, saying:

**C: Holy Lord, Mighty God, Lord of All, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Lord, come, save your people.**

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth...we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

## **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.**

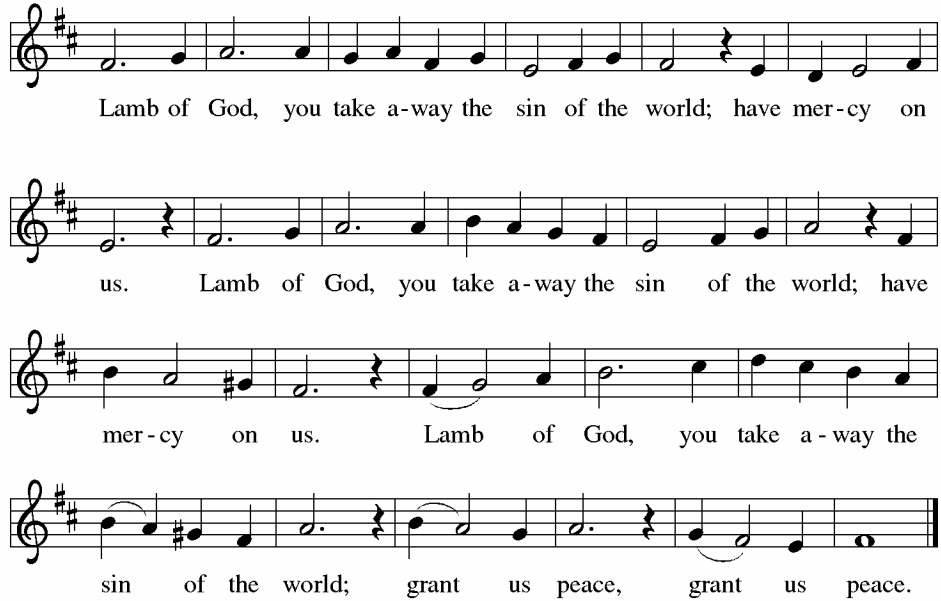
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**Forever and ever. Amen**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

### 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.

#### THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN “*Let Us Break Bread Together*”  
 “*Come to the Table*”

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#### COMMUNION BLESSING

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

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Gracious God, in this meal you have rained down the true bread from heaven, the body and blood of your beloved Son. So by this promise bring us to abide in him, and he in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

#### BENEDICTION

P Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

#### SENDING HYMN

“*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*”

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## **DISMISSAL**

A      Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C      **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

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