



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 | 1:30pm

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

To participate in the service, follow along in this service folder. Lutheran worship is specifically designed to include the participation of the people. We are not here to be an audience, we are here to speak and sing the Word of God to each other.

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B, **A**, **L** Spoken by the Bishop, Assisting Minister, or Lector respectively.

C Spoken by the congregation.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Bishop.....The Rev. John Bradosky
Assisting Minister & ChaplainThe Rev. Ken Hohag
Musical Worship Leader.....Missie Bonser

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The Lutheran Church is a liturgical church. Lutherans believe that the Gospel is not only good news that Jesus has saved sinners, but also a power God uses to create and strengthen faith in Jesus. Lutheran worship places the Gospel as the central focus in an order of service called the liturgy. In message and meal (Holy Communion), in specially selected Bible readings and in carefully crafted songs, prayers and confessions, the liturgy points to Jesus as the Savior of all.



GATHERING

♯ We gather together to worship the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

ENTRANCE HYMN

♯ The People stand to sing as they are able.

Praise to the Lord

Joachim Neander & Catherine Winkworth

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing,
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!

Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.

join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

DIALOG

- A** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe,
G for in your wisdom you have formed us.
- A** You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.
G We bless you and praise your name forever.
- A** You set free those who are bound.
G We bless you and praise your name forever.
- A** You raise up those whose courage falters.
G We bless you and praise your name forever.
- A** You provide for every need.
G Accept our grateful praises.
- A** You have called us from all peoples.
G We rejoice and bless your name forever.
- A** You bless your people with peace.
G We bless you and praise your loving grace.
- A** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,
G for in your wisdom you have formed us.

APOSTLES' CREED

A God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

SONG

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death - this is the pow'r of Christ in

4
 song; This cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
 slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -

7
 fier - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones He came to save. Till on that cross as Je - sus
 grave He rose a - gain! And as He stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

10
 peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
 died, the wrath of God was sa - tis - fied; for ev - ery
 ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 man, can e - ver pluck me from His hand; Till He re -

13
 ter, my all in all - here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on Him was laid - here in the death of Christ I live.
 His and He is mine - bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home - here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

A Let us pray:

Almighty God, your desire is for all to know your son Jesus Christ as the way of salvation. Help us to grow in love for one another and to come to know you more deeply. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may become more perfect witnesses of your love in the sight of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

¶ The People sit.



THE WORD

¶ We proclaim and respond to the Word of God

LESSON

ACTS 1:1-11

¹ In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, ² until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

⁴ And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” ⁷ He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and

you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,¹¹ and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

PSALM 139:1-12

Refrain

Jennie Lee Riddle



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the _ Lord God _ Al - might - y.



Who was _ and is _ and is _ to come; _



With all cre - a - tion I _ sing praise to the King of kings; _



You are my ev - 'ry - thing _ and I will a - dore You. _____

¹ Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

² For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.

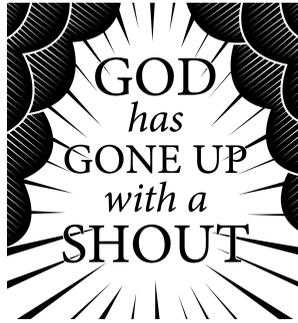
³ He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

⁴ He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. *Refrain*

⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! *Refrain*



GOSPEL

LUKE 24:44-53

¶ *The People stand as they are able.*

B The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter twenty-four.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷ and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ And he led them out as far as Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he blessed them, he parted from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, ⁵³ and were continually in the temple blessing God.

B The Gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

THE REV. JOHN BRADOSKY
Bishop of the North American Lutheran Church

¶ *The People sit.*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

♩ The People stand to sing as they are able.

Rise Up, O Saints of God!

Norman O. Forness & William H. Walter



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! His king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod



Christ rose tri - umphant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, his word of hope pro - claim. *(Refrain)*
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give just - ice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain. *(Refrain)*
 and quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God. *(Refrain)*



Refrain

*William Pierson Merrill, William Henry Walter,
 Buddy Owens & Bill Batstone*



3 Rise up, the Lord _ is call - ing! Rise up, this is _ the day; _



Rise up, and seize _ the mo - ment, Rise up, _ O saints _ of God! _____

PRAYER

A Let us pray:

God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and raising them to new life through the Sacrament of Baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us all, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

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.

HYMN

Lift High the Cross

*George W. Kitchin, Michael R. Newholt
& Matthew Merker*

Intro: Worship Team

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!



SENDING

✠ *We go forth in God's name with his blessing and commission*

BENEDICTION

- B** 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 give you peace.
In the Name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

NOTES ON THE LITURGY

Apostles' Creed: *Through the creed, the congregation unites in one voice to speak a summary of the Christian faith just preached. The creeds signify our allegiance to Christian doctrine and unite us with Christians who have lived over 2,000 years. (1 Timothy 3:16, 6:12; Matthew 10:32-33)*

Prayer of the Day: *The Prayer of the Day is a short general prayer that makes a request of God based on the theme of the day. It is a 5-part prayer: 1) address, 2) basis for the petition, 3) the petition, 4) reason for the petition, 5) conclusion of praise to God. (Jude 1:25)*

Lesson: *Acts 2 says that the early Church was devoted to the teachings of the apostles, and so is the Church today by regular public reading of their acts and letters. (Acts 2:42; Ephesians 4:11)*

Gospel: *The final reading of the day comes from the life and teachings of Christ, as recorded by the four evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Because Christ is with us in the Gospel reading, we stand to honor his presence. The Gospel reading establishes the theme for day and is usually noticeable in the prayers, sermon, and other parts of the service that are "proper" or specific to this particular Sunday. (John 6:63)*

Sermon: *As the prophets, apostles and even Jesus himself did, the pastor speaks on behalf of God bringing his Word to shepherd his people. (1 Corinthians 1:23; 2 Timothy 4:1)*

Hymn of the Day: *The only Lutheran addition to the historic Mass, this hymn is usually doctrinal in nature, teaching the theme of the day by placing it on our lips. (Colossians 3:16; Psalm 78:4)*

Lord's Prayer: *The Lord's Prayer, given by Christ himself, is wonderfully appropriate as we approach his Supper. (Mark 11:9-10)*

Benediction: *The blessing spoken by the pastor is the Aaronic Benediction, the blessing God first gave to Aaron and the other priests to speak to the people of Israel. Jesus Christ, our High Priest, has come to us in a special way through this Holy Meal. The blessing is God's promise that Christ will go with us as we leave the church and return to the world to serve him. (Numbers 6:23-27)*



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