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The Service

In Our Worship Today ... we welcome Seminarian Garth Perry and his wife, Kristi. Garth is a Middler (2nd year student) at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary and will be sharing God's Word with us in Worship and Bible Study. Kristi is leading our singing from the organ and/or piano. We thank them and our Lord for their service today and pray that God continues to bless their preparation for congregation ministry.

918 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

CW 918

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, be present now;
our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with grace divine,
and let your truth within us shine.
- 2 Unseal our lips to sing your praise;
our souls to you in worship raise.
Make strong our faith; increase our light
that we may know your name aright

- 3 Until we join the hosts that cry,
 “O holy, holy Lord Most High!”
 And in the light of that blest place
 we then shall see you face to face.
- 4 All glory to the Father, Son,
 and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
 To you, O blessed Trinity,
 be praise throughout eternity!

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words,
and actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Declaration of Grace

CW 189

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, glory to God, and peace to his people on earth, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading

1 Peter 1:17–21

¹⁷Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Refrain

Forever I will sing the goodness of the LORD, the goodness of the LORD.

I will sing of the LORD's great love for- / ever;
with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through
all gener- / ations.

I will declare that your love stands firm for- / ever,
that you have established your faithfulness in / heav'n itself.
The heavens praise your / wonders, LORD,
your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the / holy ones.

Refrain

Who is like you, LORD God Al- / mighty?
You, LORD, are mighty, and your faithfulness sur- / rounds
you.

Blessed are those who have learned to ac- / claim you,
who walk in the light of your / presence, LORD.

They rejoice in your name / all day long;
they celebrate your / righteousness.

**Glory be to the Father and/ to the Son
and to the Holy/ Spirit,
as it was in the be-/ ginning,
is now, and will be forever./ Amen. *Refrain***

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us? Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 24:13–35

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?”

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

¹⁹“What things?” he asked.

“About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had

seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

²⁵He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

- 1 Take heart, O servants of the Lord,
 amid the cloudy journey;
 though shadows seem to shade his Word,
 they cannot hide his mercy.
 When providence is manifest
 in tempests of affliction,
 behind the storm is Jesus Christ,
 the sun of our salvation.

- 2 Serve not the dark desires within,
 nor wicked foes, nor tempters;
 their subtle lies would lure us in,
 but Christ our King will conquer.
 We firmly stand in Jesus' might
 against enticing evil:
 he dresses us in radiant light—
 the armor of his gospel.

- 3 We walk by faith and not by sight
 while living in this darkness,
 but grief will change into delight
 when Christ returns in brightness.

Let us take heart until we see
the risen Lamb of suff'ring;
then we before his throne will be
like him, forever shining!

409 Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

CW 409

- 1 Jesus, refuge of the weary,
blest Redeemer, whom we love,
fountain in life's desert dreary,
Savior from the world above,
often have your eyes, offended,
gazed upon the 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!

Sermon

Luke 24:13-35

Nicene Creed

**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 truly 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.

Offering

If you prefer to give online, the code at the right will take you to our Online Giving page. We invite our online givers to join in our offering with an "I Give Online" card in the pew racks.



Prayer of the Church

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.

Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. [Especially bless . . . *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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

Preface

CW 199

**The Lord be with you.
And also with you.**

**Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 200

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

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.”

Pax Domini

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Lamb of God

CW 202

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on
us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on
us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us, grant
us peace.

641 Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

CW 641

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide,
for round us falls the eventide,
nor let your Word, that heav’nly light,
for us be ever veiled in night.

- 2 In these last days of sore distress
grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
that pure we keep, till life is spent,
your holy Word and sacrament.
- 3 O God, how sin's dread works abound!
Throughout the earth no rest is found,
and falsehood's spirit wide has spread,
and error boldly rears its head.
- 4 Lord Jesus, help, your Church uphold,
for we are sluggish, thoughtless, cold.
O prosper well your Word of grace,
and spread its truth in ev'ry place.
- 5 O keep us in your Word, we pray;
the guile and rage of Satan stay.
Oh, may your mercy never cease;
give concord, patience, courage, peace.
- 6 A trusty weapon is your Word,
the Church's armor, shield, and sword.
O let us in its pow'r confide
that we may seek no other guide.

7 O grant that in your holy Word
we here may live and die, dear Lord;
and when our journey's ending here,
receive us into glory there.

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Post-Communion Prayer

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.

Amen.

Blessing

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.

Amen.

924 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CW 924 sts. 1–2, 4, 6

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
 among us with your grace
that Satan may not harm us
 nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
 among us with your Word
and thus now and hereafter
 true peace and joy afford.
- 4 Abide with richest blessings
 among us, bounteous Lord;
let us in grace and wisdom
 grow daily through your Word.

6 Abide, O faithful Savior,
among us with your love;
grant steadfastness and help us
to reach our home above.

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