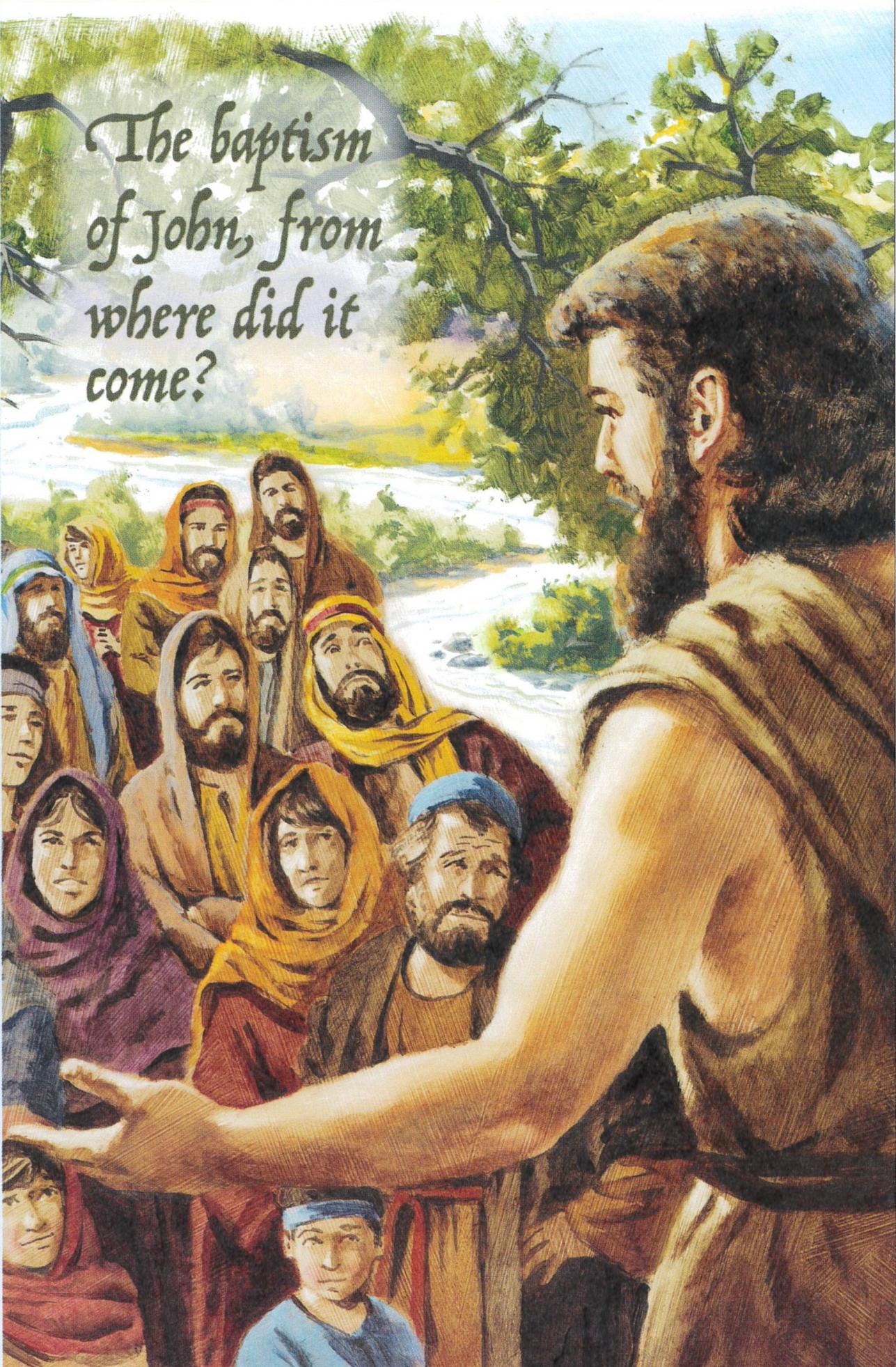


*The baptism
of John, from
where did it
come?*



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Our Mission Statement

Bring people into a living relationship with Jesus Christ by

† reaching up to God in worship and prayer,

† reaching in to be empowered by God's Word as members of His family &

† reaching out at every opportunity with the Gospel of Christ.

A Prayer before Worship

We are weak and sick, O Father, and the temptations of the flesh and the world are great and many. O Father, keep us, and let us not fall again into temptation and sin. Give us grace that we may remain steadfast and fight bravely to the end. Without your grace and help we can do nothing, Amen. (M. Luther, 1483-1546)

Large Print Bulletin and Children's Bulletin

Copies of today's bulletin are available in LARGE PRINT. Children's Activity Bulletins are also available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use either of these options.

Nursery/Cry Room

The nursery is available for families with young children ages 2 and under in Room 109. It will not be staffed until further notice. Or, if you prefer, Room 100 also is available as a cry room and/or a room for nursing mothers. Please ask an usher if you need assistance or directions.

Access Services Online

If you would like to see a service that you missed or would just like to see it again, please visit our website at planolutheran.com/resources/bulletins-and-services for past videos and bulletins.

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM (12:30 PM masked only)

Service of Prayer and Preaching – *LSB 260*

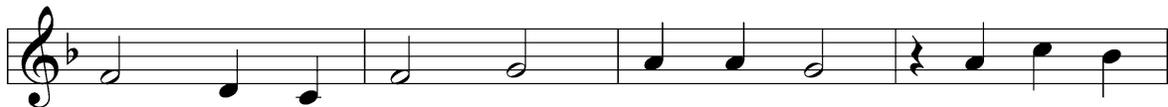
Prelude

Stand

Entrance Hymn

“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

LSB 812



1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels
2 “Wor - thy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “To be ex -
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the



round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand
alt - ed thus!” “Wor - thy the Lamb,” our
pow’r di - vine; And bless - ings more than
sa - cred name Of Him who sits up -



are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
lips re - ply, “For He was slain for us!”
we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.
on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

Opening Versicles

LSB 260

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

P Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

P Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

P Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

Psalm 84:10, 25:4, John 17:17

- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalm 113:3

- C** 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.

Old Testament Canticle

Isaiah 12:2b-6; LSB 261

Refrain

C The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,
make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -
claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."
Refrain
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done



glo - rious-ly; let this be made known in all the



earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -



hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the



Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.



Refrain

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and



He has be - come my sal - va - tion.



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son



and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will



be for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



The Lord God is my strength and my song, and
He has become my sal - va - tion.

Sit

+++Readings from Holy Scripture+++

Old Testament

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

P A reading from Ezekiel, the eighteenth chapter.

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 25:1–10; antiphon: v. 4



To you, | O LORD,*
I lift | up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;*
let not my enemies exult | over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;*
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | vation;*
for you I wait all the | day long.

Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,*
for they have been | from of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;*
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, | O LORD!

Good and upright | is the LORD;*
therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

He leads the humble in | what is right,*
and teaches the humble | his way.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and | faithfulness,*
for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.

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.

Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;*
teach me | your paths.

Epistle

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

P A reading from Philippians, the second chapter.

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from

rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand



Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Responsory

Psalm 119:89, 26:8, Luke 11:28; LSB 263

- P** Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
P Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.
P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

+++Catechism+++

Ten Commandments

Exodus 20:2-17; LSB 264

- C** You shall have no other gods.
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Honor your father and your mother.
You shall not murder.
You shall not commit adultery.
You shall not steal.
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- 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.

Sit

Hymn of the Day

“Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word”

LSB 655



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

Sermon

(Ordinarily, this is the time to collect our offerings. As we are forgoing passing a plate, baskets have been placed at the rear of the sanctuary. You may also mail your offerings or contribute online from our website's "Giving" link.)

Stand

Prayer

LSB 265

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**

- P** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the sick and dying, and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Collect of the Day

- P** Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Collect for the Word

- P** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

LSB 266

- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

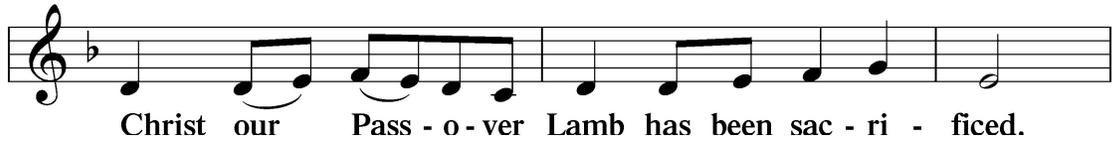
New Testament Canticle

1 Corinthians 15:20a, 5-7b, Romans 6:9-11

Refrain

C Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.

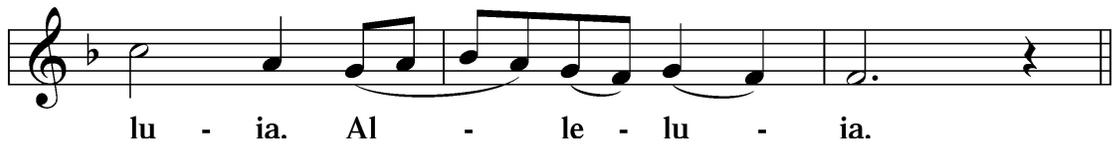


Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

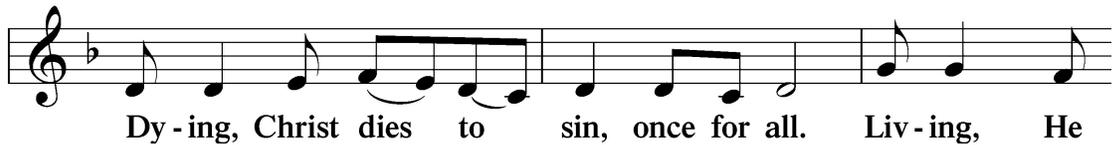
Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

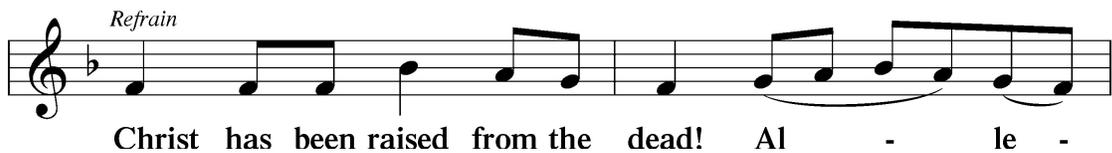


lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

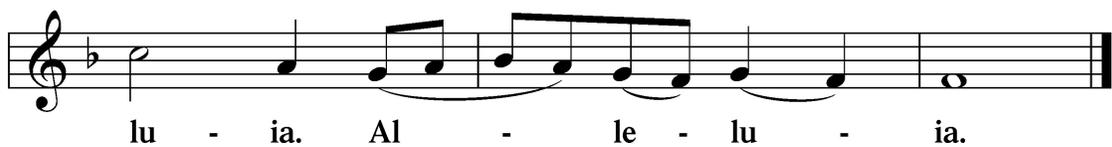


sin and a - live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

Refrain



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Blessing

Psalm 103:1; LSB 267

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

“O Jesus, King Most Wonderful”

LSB 554 sts. 1, 3–5



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful!
3 O Je - sus, light of all be - low,
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess Your name,
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless,



O Con - quer - or re - nowned! O Source of peace in -
The fount of life and fire, Sur - pass - ing all the
For - ev - er You a - dore, And, seek - ing You, it -
May we love You a - lone And ev - er in our



ef - fa - ble, In whom all joys are found:
joys we know, All that we can de - sire:
self in - flame To seek You more and more!
lives ex - press The im - age of Your own!

Sit

Announcements

Dismissal

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude

An offering may be placed in the basket as you exit.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class

Regular classes have been canceled until further notice. There is an online Adult Bible study over 1 John Wednesday evenings at 7 pm. Please watch your email for how to participate using Zoom.

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

The Lord God Almighty never views death as a solution or even a necessary evil. “For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord God” (Ezekiel 18:32). This certainly includes—and plainly prohibits—abortions and physician-assisted suicides. What alternative do we have in the face of surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses? “Count others more significant than yourselves” (Philippians 2:3b)—the way God Himself regards you.

This week on KFUF.org

Continue studying the book of Proverbs on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in the book of 1 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and spend a moment with KFUF Radio on topics in faith, family, scripture, creation, and a little fun on KFUF Midday Moments at 12:00 p.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuf.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

Salvation Outline

The following seven points summarize the basic information about the human condition and God’s saving grace. You may want to memorize these points so that you may share them with someone who does not yet believe in Jesus as his or her Savior.

1. *God loves you!* “For God so loved the world, that he gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (**John 3:16**).
2. *You are a sinner.* “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (**Rom. 3:23**).
3. *God punishes sin.* “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (**Rom. 6:23**).
4. *Jesus took our punishment.* “But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (**Rom. 5:8**).
5. *Jesus rose from the dead.* “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures” (**1 Cor. 15:3–4**).
6. *Jesus offers forgiveness of sins and eternal life to those who believe in Him.* “Then he brought them out and said, ‘Sirs, what must I do to be saved?’ And they said, ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household’” (**Acts 16:30–31**).
7. *Salvation is free—a gift from God.* “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (**Eph. 2:8–9**).

Serving Our Worship Today:

Pastor: Rev. Joel Shaltanis
Organist: Victoria Frinsko
Altar Guild: Nevelle Vess, Lynda Abbott, Charis Bennett, and Laurie George
Elder: Mark Ziegelbein

This Week at Lord of Life-Today, Sept. 27

8:00 am Worship Service
9:30 am Worship Service
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Masked Worship Service

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 pm Adult Bible Study

Friday, October 2

9:00 am Comfort Makers

Saturday, September 30

7:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast

Next Sunday's Readings October 4, 2020

Old Testament: Isaiah 5:1-7
Epistle: Philippians 3:4b-14
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46



The flower arrangements on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God by Winona Parish in celebration of Jerry's birthday; and by the elders.



Pentecost

About the Cover: Jesus revealed what was most important to the chief priests and elders. They cared more about their own places of authority than the truth. How different is Jesus! He taught with all authority yet was willing to die for the sake of the truth. He was vindicated and raised again on the third day in order to give forgiveness and life to all who are in Him.