

**Today's Theme for Worship: False Security Is Crushed by Faithful Presence.** We are tempted to believe that evidence of God's presence is found in outward circumstances. God constantly reminds us where he intends to be found—in the gospel. He makes himself present in Word and sacraments.

**Order of Service: Service of Word and Sacrament**

**Opening Hymn 404 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing**

- 1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing  
in your holy wounds I find,  
ev'ry hour that I am feeling  
pains of body and of mind.  
Should some evil thought within  
tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,  
show the peril, and from sinning  
keep me ere its first beginning.
- 2 Should some lust or sharp temptation  
fascinate my sinful mind,  
let me think about your passion,  
and new courage I shall find.  
Or should Satan press me hard,  
let me then be on my guard,  
saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"  
that the tempter flee confounded.
- 3 If the world my heart entices  
with the broad and easy road,  
with seductive, sinful vices,  
let me weigh the awful load  
you were willing to endure.  
Help me flee all thoughts impure,  
mastering each wild temptation,  
calm in prayer and meditation.
- 4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me  
by your wounds, Lord, is made whole;  
when I'm weak, your cross revives me,

granting new life to my soul.  
Yes, your comfort renders sweet  
ev'ry bitter cup I meet;  
for your all-atoning passion  
has procured my soul's salvation.

5 O my God, my rock and tower,  
grant that in your death I trust,  
knowing death has lost its power  
since you crushed it in the dust.  
Savior, let your agony  
ever help and comfort me;  
when I die be my protection,  
light and life and resurrection.

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## **Order of Service: Service of Word and Sacrament**

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Confession of Sins**

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts.  
Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed  
you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is  
good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry  
for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a  
sinner.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning  
sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive  
you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Lord, Have Mercy**

P: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear  
our prayer, O Lord.

**C: 🎵 Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to  
stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: 🎵 Christ, have mer-cy.**

P: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **♪ Lord, have mer-cy.**

P: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: **♪ A-men.**

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

### **♪ O Lord, Our Lord**

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.  
Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Father,  
you crown our life with your love.

You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;  
you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight.  
You did not spare your on-ly Son, but gave him up for us all.  
O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther,  
you came to live with us;  
you made your Fa-ther known;  
you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!  
O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us Pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **♪ Amen.**

### **First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15**

<sup>3</sup> Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. <sup>3</sup>So he said, “I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up.”

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, “Moses! Moses!”

Moses said, “I am here.”

<sup>5</sup>The LORD said, “Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” <sup>6</sup>He then said, “I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.”

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said, “I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>Now indeed, the Israelites’ cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, “Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

<sup>12</sup>So he said, “I will certainly be with you. This will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will serve God on this mountain.”

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to God, “If I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what should I say to them?”

<sup>14</sup>So God replied to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He also said, “You will say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you.”

<sup>15</sup>God also told Moses, “Say this to the Israelites: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is how I am to be remembered from generation to generation.’”

## Hymn of Praise 778 Father, We Praise You

- 1 Father, we praise you, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, standing now before you;  
singing, we offer prayer and meditation:  
thus we adore you.
- 2 Monarch of all things, fit us for your mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where your saints united  
joy without ending.
- 3 All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,  
Trinity blessed, send us your salvation;  
yours is the glory, gleaming and resounding  
through all creation.

## **Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup>They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things took place as examples to warn us not to desire evil things the way they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters like some of them—as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to celebrate wildly.” <sup>8</sup>And let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. <sup>9</sup>Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and so were being destroyed by the serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do not grumble, as some of them grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup>All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

<sup>12</sup>So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

### **Verse 2 Peter 3:9**

**P:** He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

## **Gospel Lesson: Luke 13:1-9**

At that time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>He answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered these things? <sup>3</sup>I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse sinners than all the people living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>I tell you, no. But unless you repent, you will all perish too.”

<sup>6</sup>He told them this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it, but he did not find any. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, ‘Look, for three years now I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and I have found none. Cut it down. Why even let it use up the soil?’ <sup>8</sup>But the gardener replied to him, ‘Sir, leave it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put fertilizer on it. <sup>9</sup>If it produces fruit next year, fine. But if not, then cut it down.’”

## **Hymn of the Day: 712 Delay Not! Delay Not**

- 1 Delay not! Delay not! O sinner, draw near!  
The waters of life are now flowing for you.  
No price is demanded, the Savior is here;  
redemption is purchased, God’s promise is true.

- 2 Delay not! Delay not, O sinner, to come,  
for mercy still lingers and calls you today.  
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;  
its message, unheeded, will soon pass away.
- 3 Delay not! Delay not! The Spirit of grace,  
long grieved and resisted, may take his sad flight  
and leave you in darkness to finish your race,  
to sink in the gloom of eternity's night.
- 4 Delay not! Delay not! Why longer abuse  
the love and compassion of Jesus, your God?  
A fountain is opened—how can you refuse?  
Come, wash and be cleansed in his pardoning blood.

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## Sermon

### 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 fully 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 Prayer

### Offering

You can give your offerings from your smartphone with the new **Vanco Mobile** app, which can be downloaded for free at Google Play or the App Store. You can also give at [holytrinitylutheranwyoing.com](http://holytrinitylutheranwyoing.com) by clicking the Offerings link at the top of the page. If you

have any questions about any of these options, please contact Dave Vogel at [financialsecretary@holytrinity-wels.net](mailto:financialsecretary@holytrinity-wels.net) or 616-808-6320.



## **Prayer of the Church**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Sacrament**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: 🎵 And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: 🎵 We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

P: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. When the time had fully come, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## ♪ **Holy, Holy, Holy**

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

You are my God, and I will ex-alt you.  
I will give you thanks, for you have be-come my sal-va-tion.  
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts.  
The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

## **Words of Institution**

P: 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.”

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ **A-men.**

## ♪ **O Christ, Lamb Of God**

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

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

O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace.

A-men.

## **Distribution Hymn: 653 Lord, to You I Make Confession**

1 Lord, to you I make confession:  
I have sinned and gone astray;  
I have multiplied transgression,  
chosen for myself my way.  
Led by you to see my errors,  
Lord, I tremble at your terrors.



2 Yet, though conscience' voice appall me,  
Father, I will seek your face.  
Though your child I dare not call me,  
yet receive me to your grace.  
Do not for my sins forsake me,  
do not let your wrath o'ertake me.

3 For your Son has suffered for me,  
giv'n himself to rescue me,  
died to save me and restore me,  
reconciled and set me free.  
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish  
these dark fears and soothe this anguish.

4 Lord, on you I cast my burden—  
sink it in the deepest sea!  
Let me know your gracious pardon,  
cleansing me from iniquity.  
Let your Spirit leave me never,  
make me only yours forever.

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## **Thank the Lord**

Thank the Lord and sing his praise.  
Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice  
And proud-ly bear his name.  
He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth  
in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing.

Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

## **Prayer**

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: A-men.**

## **Blessing**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

**C: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn: 923 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.
  
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.
  
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

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