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Anchored in Scripture...Sharing Life in Christ

Welcome to worship! A special welcome to any visitors worshipping here this morning. So that we connect and keep in touch with our visitors, we have "connect cards". Please ask an Usher for assistance. May God bless all of us as we hear God's word read, proclaimed, and offered in Holy Communion! May we offer our own praise and thanksgiving to God with honest and joyful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord!

Welcome to the Lord's Table: As Lutheran Christians we believe in the real presence of Jesus offered in Holy Communion (The Eucharist). We invite all baptized Christians who confess their sin before God, affirm Jesus' presence in this meal, and rejoice in God's forgiveness offered to us to receive Holy Communion. If you do not usually commune or are awaiting instruction in the meaning of this sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing.

If you have food, water, or drinks, please leave them in the foyer on the table provided.

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

### Order of Service

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### **Prelude**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

(1 John 1:6-10;Proverbs 28:13; Psalm 55:22)

Please stand if you are able.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us, but if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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## **Processional Hymn:**

#### APOSTOLIC GREETING

(2nd Corinthians 13:14)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.



## Prayer of the Day

**P:** The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

#### READINGS

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

<sup>1</sup>God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup> "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.<sup>3</sup> You shall have no other gods before me. 4 You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup> You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. 8 Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup>but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal.

## First Reading (continued)

<sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

## After the reading the congregation responds as follows.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm 19

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,\* and the firmament | shows his handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale | to another,\* and one night imparts knowledge | to another.

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,\* and their voices | are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>Their sound has gone out in- | to all lands,\* and their message to the ends | of the world.

<sup>5</sup>In the deep has he set a pavilion | for the sun;\* it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.

<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again;\*
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.

<sup>7</sup>The law of the Lord is perfect and re- | vives the soul;\* the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom | to the innocent.

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the Lord are just and re- | joice the heart;\* the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and en- | dures forever;\* the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous | altogether.

## Psalm 19 (continued)

More to be desired are they than gold,
 more than | much fine gold,\*
 sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.
 By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,\*
 and in keeping them there is | great reward.
 Who can tell how often | he offends?\*

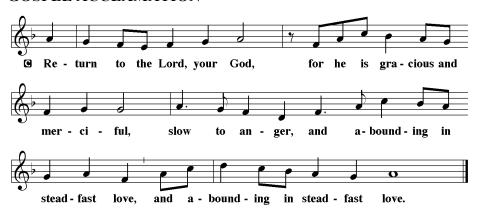
12Who can tell how often | he offends? cleanse me from my | secret faults.

# Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

<sup>18</sup>For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. <sup>26</sup>For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>so that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

## Please stand if you are able.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

#### C:



# Holy Gospel: John 2:13-22 [23-25]

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. <sup>15</sup>And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking about the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. [23] Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. <sup>24</sup>But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people 25 and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.]

### After the Gospel reading, the Pastor says "The Gospel of the Lord".

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord

C:



#### **SERMON**

Rev. Mark Metze

Hymn of the Day:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus Pg 19

#### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-3) 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. (John 1:14)

He descended into hell.\*

On the third day he rose again. (Luke 24:6-7)

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. (Mark 16:19)

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

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The Assisting Minister leads the prayers and the congregation responds.

A: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

#### **OFFERING**

#### Anthem

Please stand if you are able.



(Matthew 20:1-16;Isaiah 27:2;

#### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

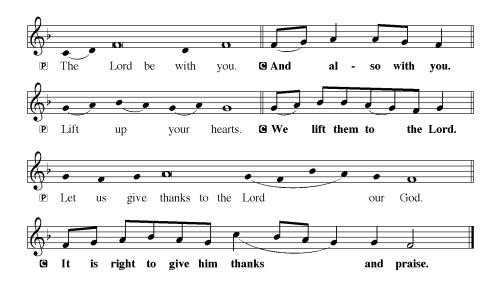
(Proverbs 3:9; Romans 15:26-27; 2nd Corinthians 9:6-7)

The Assisting Minister leads the prayer and the congregation responds.

A: Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

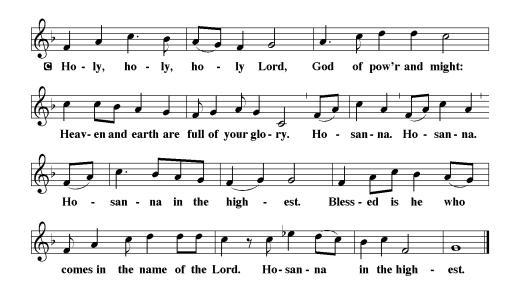
#### **DIALOGUE — THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**



#### **PREFACE**

The Preface is led by the Pastor.

**SANCTUS:** (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)



#### **PRAYER**

The Pastor begins with "Blessed are you..."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

#### PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS:

(Matthew 15:27; Galatians 2:20)

- P: We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies.
- C: We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, to abide in the body and blood of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Pastor begins with "In the night..."

#### LORD'S PRAYER:

(Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:24)

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.

#### **HOLY COMMUNION:**

All baptized Christians are welcome to come forward for communion. Others may come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms to identify that you wish to be blessed.

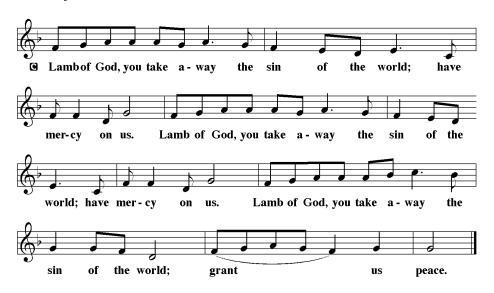
## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

As directed by the Ushers.

# **Hymns during Distribution:**

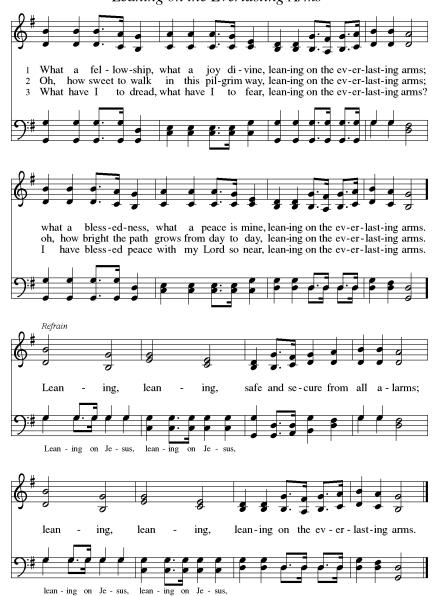
(John 1:29)

# Lamb of God



# Communion Hymn #2 on the next page

# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839-1919

Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858-1924

# Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling



Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847–1909 Music: THOMPSON, Will L. Thompson

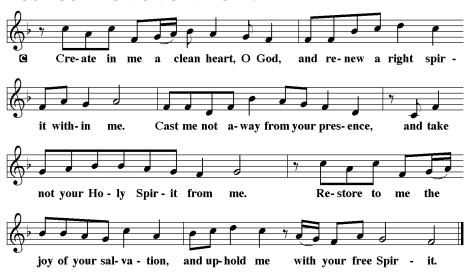
#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:**

Please stand if you are able

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

C: Amen.

#### **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:**



#### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:**

A: Let us pray.

The Assisting Minister leads the prayer and the congregation responds

C: Amen

**BLESSING:** 

(Numbers 6:22-27)

P: 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.

C: Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** 

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me pg 20

**SENDING:** 

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE** 

# O Master, Let Me Walk with You



Text: Washington Gladden, 1836–1918, alt. Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825–1898

#### What a Friend We Have in Jesus



Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886 Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

# Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

#### ANNAPOLIS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

# Anchored in Scripture ... Sharing Life in Christ

Pastor: The Reverend Mark A. Metze

Music Director: Emma Baker

## **Prayer List**

<u>Health & Healing:</u> Bryan Andrew, Betsy Beals, Connie Crupi, Ron Hamm, Tom Jett, Gary Morey, Norene Petrick, Stephanie Gigliotti's brother Karl, Kim, Nathan, Margie and Tom, Bishop Jordan Long, and Jim Reece.

<u>Homebound</u>: Carolyn Buddemeier, Jean Clarke, Henrietta Conlin, Alice Johnson, Betty Strohl, and Eleanor Heckendorn

Military Deployed & Their Families: LCDR Brennin Colegrove

NALC Atlantic Mission Region Congregation of the Week: Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Abington, PA

Youth Sponsored Children: Joseph and Muluken

# Lenten Vespers and Book Club

Lenten Vespers will continue this week on Wednesday evening at 7pm in the sanctuary. After the Vespers service you are invited to join in on a study of "Authentic Christianity" by Gene Veith Jr. and A. Trevor Sutton. The book explores what it means to be the church in amidst the challenges of modern times. Please contact Judy White (jafwhite@comcast.net) or Laurie Jones (lajones@aacps.org). You can find the book on Amazon.

# Congregation Directory

Preparation has begun for a 2021 Directory. Please send to the church office a recent photo of your family you may have taken over the holidays and would like to have included in the Directory. If you are new to the church or have moved, or changed any of your information, (email or phone numbers) please send your information to the Church office at <a href="Church@annapolislutheran.org">Church@annapolislutheran.org</a> and we will update your information. The directory will be published in May, information is needed now.

# Quilter's Group

The quilters will be providing Quilts to Cameroon. The group is also providing Quilts to the NALC Disaster Response Group. This group continues to mission to those in need.

## Vaccine Pre-register

To pre-register to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, Please visit accounty.org/covidvax for more information.

## Youth Activities

Please save the date of April 24th, for the Youth Service Project at Orphan Grain Train. Any question regarding youth group or you want to join please send an email to <a href="mailto:youthdirector@annapolislutheran.org">youthdirector@annapolislutheran.org</a>.

# Church Anniversary

The 10 year anniversary of the church is approaching. Please watch for details very soon.

## Help needed!

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

AELC is actively looking for volunteers to serve as the Christian Education Ministry Chairperson and Media Team member. Please see the information below:

## **Christian Education Ministry Chairperson**

#### Overview:

Work with Pastor Mark on determining curriculum, personnel, and the philosophy of Christian Education at AELC.

# Responsibilities:

- 1. Assist the Pastor in determining the overall philosophy of Christian education, including elementary school, first communion (5th grade), middle school (confirmation), high school and adult forum.
- 2. Provide Christian Education budget information to the AELC treasurer annually.
- 3. Find the appropriate number of volunteers to teach classes.
- 4. Assist volunteers with classroom and curriculum needs and work with the church secretary to order the needed items.
- 5. Be ready to fill in for a teacher when needed.
- 6. Report monthly to council (via council representative or as council member.)

## Media team/publicity team member

- 1) Assist with recording worship for our YouTube channel.
- 2) Assist with editing and publishing worship and any other promotional content as directed by the church council or Pastor Mark.