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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.

Processional Hymn: All People That on Earth Do Dwell pg 17

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.

Hymn of Praise: Let All Together Praise Our God

Let all together praise our God Before his glorious throne; Today he opens heav'n again To

Give us his own Son, To give us his own Son

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with Your glory. We ask 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: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

After the reading the congregation responds as follows.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62

¹For God alone my soul in | silence waits;* from him comes | my salvation.

²He alone is my rock and | my salvation,* my stronghold, so that I shall not be | greatly shaken.

³How long will you assail me to crush me, all of | you together,*

as if you were a leaning fence, a | toppling wall?

⁴They seek only to bring me down from my | place of honor;* lies are their | chief delight.

⁵They bless | with their lips,* but in their | hearts they curse.

⁶For God alone my soul in | silence waits;* truly, my hope | is in him.

⁷He alone is my rock and | my salvation,* my stronghold, so that I shall | not be shaken.

⁸In God is my safety | and my honor;*

God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

⁹Put your trust in him al- | ways, O people,* pour out your hearts before him, for God | is our refuge.

¹⁰Those of high degree are but a | fleeting breath,* even those of low estate can- | not be trusted.

¹¹On the scales they are lighter | than a breath,* all of | them together.

¹²Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;* though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.

¹³God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,* that power be- | longs to God.

¹⁴Steadfast love is | yours, O Lord,*
for you repay everyone according | to his deeds.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 [32-35]

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away. [³²I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. ³³But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, ³⁴and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. ³⁵I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.]

Please stand if you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(John 6:68)



P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the first chapter.

C:



Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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:

My Life Flows on in Endless Song Pg 18

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.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERING

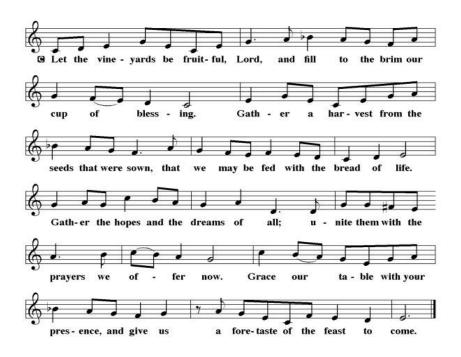
Anthem

Please stand if you are able.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

(Matthew 20:1-16;Isaiah 27:2; Romans 8:23)



OFFERTORY PRAYER:

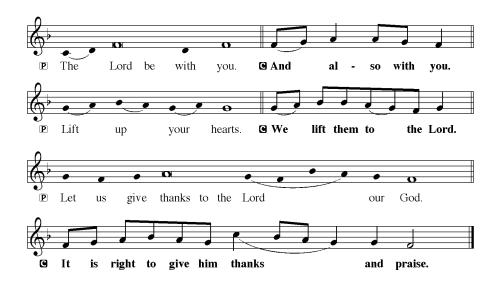
(Proverbs 3:9; Romans 15:26-27; 2nd Corinthians 9:6-7)

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.

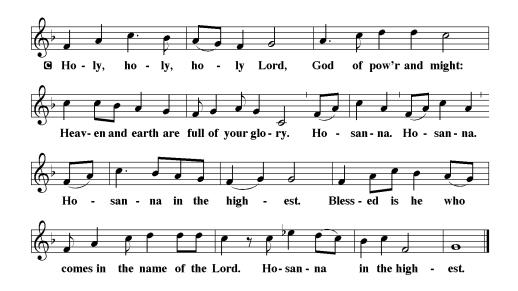
DIALOGUE — THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:



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.

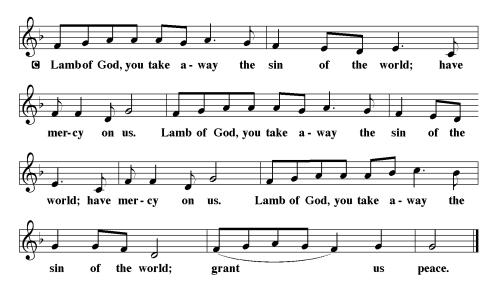
DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:

As directed by the Ushers.

Hymns during Distribution:

(John 1:29)

Lamb of God



Communion Hymn #2 on the next page

The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877 Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table



Text: Friedrich C. Heyder, 1677–1754; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941, alt. Music: ICH STERBE TÄGLICH, manuscript, Municipal Library, Leipzig, 1756

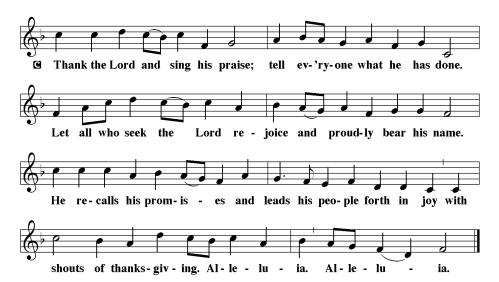
POST-COMMUNION BLESSING:

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: Savior Like a Shephard Lead Us pg 19

SENDING: (Luke 7:50)

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

My Life Flows On in Endless Song



Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

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Pastor: The Reverend Mark A. Metze

Music Director: Emma Baker

Prayer List

<u>Grief & Comfort:</u> the family and friends of Arnold Heckendorn

<u>Health & Healing:</u> Bruce Bathgate, Norene Petrick, Stephanie Gigliotti's brother Karl, Fran Watkins, Eleanor Heckendorn, Gary Morey, Tom Jett, Audrey Gilbert, Malinda Ruokonen, Connie Crupi, Nathan and Pastor Jordan Long.

<u>Homebound</u>: Carolyn Buddemeier, Jean Clarke, Henrietta Conlin, Alice Johnson, & Betty Strohl.

Military Deployed & Their Families: LCDR Brennin Colegrove

NALC Atlantic Mission Region Congregation of the Week: Emanuel Lutheran Church, Elmer, NJ

Youth Sponsored Children: Joseph and Muluken.

Luther Link News

That is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

Romans 1:12

Has God ever granted you safety during a dangerous time? Has your belief in Christ given you hope amidst struggle, illness, or strife? If you have a story to tell about your faith in Christ, we want to hear it! Please submit to Church@annapolislutheran.org to be considered for publication in our monthly newsletter, the *Luther Link*.

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 Church@annapolislutheran.org and we will update your information.

Congregation Meeting

The next Congregational Meeting will be **Sunday, February 14th** immediately after the 10am service. The agenda is committee reports and election of new council members. Kathy Ogle, Suzanne Smith and Tom Bennett are running for re-election. Mike Heuer is running for his first term.

Crafters Group

The crafting/Bible journaling group will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of January at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary kitchen. The next meeting is January 26th.

Red Cross Blood Drive on site February 5th

As a community outreach, the Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive on our property on Friday February 5th from 12pm to 6pm. Please register@redcrossblood.org and follow the link for times at our location.



Youth Ministry Calendar

February 6th—Ski Trip to White Tail. Come for the day of fun!

April—Orphan Grain Train Project More details to follow soon.



May 15th—Youth Picnic at Quiet Waters Park