

# ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH (LC-MS)

Pekin, Illinois

*January 12, 2020*

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN #131 "The Star Proclaims the King Is Here"

### INVOCATION AND VERSES

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**Amen.**

Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

### CONFESSION OF SINS AND PRONOUNCEMENT OF GRACE

Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will, and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that, by Thy grace, we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us, and hath given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God, and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

**Amen.**

INTROIT *Ps. 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Is. 42:1a*

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

**I will tell of the decree:**

**The LORD said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

**You shall break them with a rod of iron  
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”**

Now therefore, O kings, be wise;  
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

**Serve the LORD with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling,**

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.

**Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River You proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized in His name faithful in their calling as Your children and inheritors with Him of everlasting life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CATECHISM REVIEW - **The Apostles’ Creed**

*What is The First Article?*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

*What does this mean?* **I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home,**

wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil.

All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1–9

- <sup>1</sup> Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the  
nations.
- <sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his  
voice,  
or make it heard in the street;
- <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not  
quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- <sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the  
earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.
- <sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched  
them out,  
who spread out the earth and what  
comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:
- <sup>6</sup> “I am the LORD; I have called you in  
righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep

you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the  
people,  
a light for the nations,  
<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the  
dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in  
darkness.  
<sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to carved idols.  
<sup>9</sup> Behold, the former things have come to  
pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth  
I tell you of them.”

### **Epistle: Romans 6:1–11**

<sup>1</sup>What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?  
<sup>2</sup>By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup>Do you not know that  
all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his  
death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that,  
just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might  
walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup>For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be  
united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup>We know that our old self was cruci-  
fied with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that  
we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup>For one who has died has been set  
free from sin. <sup>8</sup>Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live  
with him. <sup>9</sup>We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup>For the death he died he died to sin,  
once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup>So you also must consider  
yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

## **Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13–17**

<sup>13</sup>Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost, The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN LSB #405 “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” (*on back page*)

SERMON: **“Beloved Sons of God, with Whom He Is Well Pleased” Matthew 3:16-17**

- I. God the Father declared Jesus His beloved Son, with whom He is well pleased.
- II. Jesus has made us beloved sons of God, with whom He is well pleased.
- III. Let us walk in newness of life as the beloved sons of God.

## THE OFFERTORY

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

## THE OFFERING

## INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS (10:30 a.m.)

### THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### THE 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.**

HYMN #301 "He that Believes and is Baptized"

#### THE COLLECT FOR THE WORD

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Thy holy Word we may embrace, and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou has given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end.

**Amen.**

#### THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

**Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #391 "Blessed Are the Sons of God"

#### DAILY READING:

**January 12:** Ezek. 34:1–24; Rom. 3:19–31; **13:** Ezek. 36:13–28; Rom. 4:1–25; **14:** Ezek. 36:33–37:14; Rom. 5:1–21; **15:** Ezek. 37:15–28; Rom. 6:1–23; **16:** Ezek. 38:1–23; Rom. 7:1–20; **17:** Ezek. 39:1–10, 17–29; Rom. 7:21–8:17; **18:** Ezek. 40:1–4; 43:1–12; Rom. 8:18–39.

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