

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

Pekin, Illinois  
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## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN #354 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

### OPENING VERSES

O Lord, open Thou my lips.

**And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

**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.**

**Hallelujah.**

PSALM 27:1-9

The LORD is my light and my salvation;

Whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the strength of my life;

Of whom shall I be afraid?

**When the wicked came against me**

**To eat up my flesh,**

**My enemies and foes,**

**They stumbled and fell.**

Though an army may encamp against me,

My heart shall not fear;

Though war may rise against me,

In this I will be confident.

**One thing I have desired of the LORD,**

**That will I seek:**

**That I may dwell in the house of the LORD**

**All the days of my life,**

**To behold the beauty of the LORD,**

**And to inquire in His temple.**

For in the time of trouble

He shall hide me in His pavilion;

In the secret place of His tabernacle

He shall hide me;

He shall set me high upon a rock.

**And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me;  
Therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle;  
I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.**

Hear O Lord, when I cry with my voice!

Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

**When You said, "Seek My face,"**

**My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek."**

Do not hide Your face from me;

Do not turn Your servant away in anger;

You have been my help;

Do not leave me nor forsake me,

O God of my salvation.

**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.**

**Hallelujah.**

### **+ The Catechism Review – The Apostles' Creed**

*What is The Second Article?*

**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.**

*What does this mean?* **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

### **Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:1–4**

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought in to contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep  
darkness,  
on them has light shined.

<sup>3</sup> You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the  
spoil.

<sup>4</sup> For the yoke of his burden,  
and the staff for his shoulder,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of  
Midian.

## **GSLs Children: “Rejoice in the Lord Always” (10:30)**

### **Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10–18**

<sup>10</sup>I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each one of you says, “I follow Paul,” or “I follow Apollos,” or “I follow Cephas,” or “I follow Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

<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.

### **Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12–25**

<sup>12</sup>When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. <sup>13</sup>And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup> “The land of Zebulun and the land of  
Naphtali,  
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan,  
Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup> the people dwelling in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those dwelling in the region and  
shadow of death,  
on them a light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

<sup>18</sup>While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And

he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. <sup>24</sup>So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. <sup>25</sup>And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

SERMON HYMN: #178 "We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died"

SERMON: "The Word of the Cross" 1 Corinthians 1:17-18

- I. It is foolishness to those who are perishing.
- II. It is the power of God to those who are being saved.

OFFERING

HYMN #381 "I Know My Faith is Founded"

THE KYRIE:

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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.**

THE SALUTATION:

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

## SPECIAL PETITIONS:

### COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR GRACE: (8:00 & 10:30)

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PEACE: (7:00)

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**Amen.**

### THE BENEDICAMUS:

Bless we the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE BENEDICTION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

**Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN #376 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"