

# First English Lutheran Church

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10:45 AM Communion Praise & Worship Service

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## AS WE GATHER

The Word of God calls us to a life of radical commitment to Jesus Christ, and it also equips us for the struggles and hardships that go along with such a commitment. The resurrection of Christ makes the difference in our lives. There is a transformation from sorrow to joy that is reflected in a new attitude and the way we live for God.

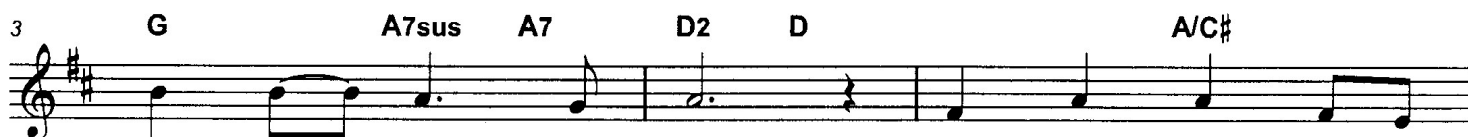
## PRESERVICE MUSIC - [Praise Team]

Come Let Us Worship  
Amazing Grace

## CALL TO WORSHIP SONG SET - As the Deer



1 As the deer pant - eth for the wa - ter, so my  
2 You're my friend and You are my broth - er e - ven  
3 I want You more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly



soul long - eth af - ter Thee. You a - lone are my  
though You are a King. I love You more than  
You can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the



heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship Thee.  
an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.  
real joy - giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.

9 **Bm Bm/A G D2/F# G Bm/F#**

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; To You a - lone may my

12 **Em F#sus F# D A/C#**

spir - it yield. You a - lone are my

15 **Bm D/A G A7sus D**

heart's de - sire, and I long to wor - ship Thee.

**AGPS #238 This is a Joyous, Happy Day**

This is a joyous, happy day; We celebrate Your gift of life.  
 Christ is with us, joy surrounds us. Christ takes our sin and sets us free;  
 He fills our lives with endless life. Christ is with us; Christ unites us.  
 Praise our Maker, Praise the Spirit, Praise Christ Jesus.

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**INVOCATION**

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

C: Amen.

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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,

*(Silence for self-examination)*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father,

**C: Most merciful God, 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 upon 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: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ

**C: Amen.**

### **PRAISE SONG SET - AGPS #203 Rejoice in the Lord Always**

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice.

Rejoice, rejoice, and again I say rejoice. *(repeat)*

### **AGPS #147 “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”**

Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Praising Thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,

Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,

Chanting bird, and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,

Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!

## **FIRST LESSON** - Isaiah 55:10-13

<sup>10</sup>“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. <sup>12</sup>“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. <sup>13</sup> Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

## **SECOND LESSON** - Romans 8:12-17

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. <sup>13</sup> For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

## VERSE - Spirit of the Living God

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Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

5

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

9

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use \_\_\_\_\_ me.

13

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

## HOLY GOSPEL - Matthew 13: 1-9, 8-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea.<sup>2</sup> And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach.<sup>3</sup> And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow.<sup>4</sup> And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.<sup>5</sup> Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil,<sup>6</sup> but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away.<sup>7</sup> Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.<sup>8</sup> Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some

<sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, <sup>21</sup> yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away.<sup>[a]</sup><sup>22</sup> As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

## **SERMON HYMN – AGPS #210 Shout for Joy, Loud & Long**

### **SERMON**

### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

## **OFFERING**

### **OFFERING SONG - AGPS #137 In You is Gladness**

In You is gladness Amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.  
By You are given The gifts of heaven,  
You the true Redeemer are.  
Our souls are waking; Our bonds are breaking,  
Who trusts You surely Has built securely  
And stands forever. Alleluia!  
Our hearts are pining To See Your shining,  
Dying or living To You are cleaving  
Now and forever. Alleluia!

If He is ours, We fear no powers,  
Not of earth or sin or death.  
He sees and blesses In worst distresses;  
He can change them with a breath.  
Wherefore the story Tell of His glory  
With hearts and voices; All heav'n rejoices  
In Him forever. Alleluia!  
We shout for gladness, Win over sadness,  
Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him  
Glad hymns forever. Alleluia!

## **PRAYERS**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said:

*“Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you.  
This do in remembrance of Me.”*

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying:

## **DISTRIBUTION SONGS**

### **LSB #628 Your Table I Approach**

Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.  
Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
A contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

### **LSB #507 Holy, Holy, Holy**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,  
Though the eye made blind by sin Thy glory may not see,  
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!



# Blessed Assurance

D G/D D

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! \_\_\_\_\_ O what a  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! \_\_\_\_\_ Vi - sions of  
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion - all is at rest, \_\_\_\_\_ I in my

3 A/E E A D G/D

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! \_\_\_\_\_ Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; \_\_\_\_\_ An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest; \_\_\_\_\_ Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

5 D G Em/G D/A A7 D

God, \_\_\_\_\_ born of His Spir - it, washed in His blood. \_\_\_\_\_ This is my  
 bove \_\_\_\_\_ ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. \_\_\_\_\_ This is my  
 bove, \_\_\_\_\_ filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. \_\_\_\_\_ This is my

7 G D G D/F# A/E

sto - ry, this is my song, \_\_\_\_\_ prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day

12 A A7 D G/D D G/D D D/F# A/E D

long; \_\_\_\_\_ This is my sto - ry, this is my song, \_\_\_\_\_ prais - ing my

5 G Em/G D/A A7 D

Sav - ior all the day long. \_\_\_\_\_

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING SONG: LSB #821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (vs. 1-3)**

Al-le-lu-ia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, His the throne;  
Al-le-lu-ia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood;  
“Jesus out of ev’ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood.”

Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received Him When the forty days were o’er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise: “I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to You from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth’s redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.

## **POSTLUDE**

† † †·**HOLY COMMUNION**·† † †

We ask our visitors to note that our Lutheran understanding of Holy Communion is different than that of most other churches. We have always believed that Christ's body and blood are present, in a very real way, in, with, and under the bread and wine ("*This is my body . . . This is my blood.*" Matt. 26:26,28). We also believe that this eating and drinking of Christ's body and blood forgives our sins and strengthens our faith.

By communing together we become united, not only in saving faith, but also in belief regarding the scriptural teachings of the Lord's Supper. Expressions of unity we feel should be honest. We love and respect other Christians who believe differently, and welcome all to worship with us. ***Because of our understanding of communion fellowship, we invite only members of First English Lutheran Church and those who are members of the Lutheran Church Missouri synod (LCMS) to commune here.***

If you are a member of the LCMS, please follow the four steps of preparation for Holy Communion, which are printed out on the white cards found in the rack on the pew in front of you. When you attend Holy Communion, please register by filling out one of the white cards and pass them to the inner aisle during the offering so that the ushers can collect it.

For those who prefer, the cup in the center of the communion tray is grape juice with a drop of wine. If you do not feel secure taking the individual cup from the tray, please hold out your hand to indicate your concern and the cup will be handed to you. Small children are invited to accompany their parents if they desire to receive a blessing from the Pastor.

† †·**VISITORS AND MEMBERS**·† †

Sometime during the service we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. [We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God, and encourage you to visit us again when possible.](#)