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THEN I SAW ANOTHER ANGEL FLYING OVERHEAD

AND HE SAID



WORSHIP

GOD

REVELATION 14:6-7

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School Choir Prelude

Make A Joyful Noise
The LCMS Lutheran School Theme

Opening Hymn

Thy Strong Word

LSB 578



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
5 Give us lips to sing Thy glo - ry, Tongues Thy



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
mer - cy to pro - claim, Throats that shout the



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
hope that fills us, Mouths to speak Thy ho - ly name.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
light which Thou dost send Fill our songs with



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ias, Al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Preschool Anthem

*The Introduction to Matins
We are in God's House Today*

Sit/Kneel for a time of private confession...

Confession and Absolution

P Lord Jesus Christ, I approach you in fear and trembling, for I am a sinner and dare not rely on my own worth but only on your goodness and mercy.

C **I am defiled by many sins in body and soul, and by my unguarded thoughts and words.** *(Matthew 15:11)*

P Gracious God of majesty and awe, I seek your protection and I look for your healing.

C **Poor troubled sinner that I am, I appeal to you, the fountain of all mercy.** *(Isaiah 12:3)*

P I cannot bear your judgment but I trust in your salvation.

C **I show my wounds to you and uncover my shame** *(Psalm 31:17)*. **I know my sins are many and great** *(Luke 7:47)*, **and they fill me with fear, but I hope in your mercies for they cannot be numbered** *(Luke 6:36)*. **For the depth of your compassion never ends** *(Lamentations 3:22)*. **Remember Lord, your creature whom you have redeemed with your blood.**

P From the precious blood and flowing wounds of our crucified Lord, the remission of sins and the washing away of guilt is now to you, for you, and with you through these words: I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P We pray together Luther's morning prayer...

C **I thank you, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself,**

my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 14:6–7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin. But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. Below the staff, the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the" are written. The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending with a double bar line. Below this staff, the lyrics "words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written.

C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] "From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force. For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

"But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Confession of the Church

Formula of Concord: Justification

P We believe that we cannot obtain forgiveness of sin and righteousness before God by our own merits, works, or satisfactions,

C **but that we receive forgiveness of sin and become righteous before God by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith.**

P Faith means to trust that we are received into favor for Christ's sake,

C **who suffered for our sins and who was raised again for our justification.**

P Therefore, we are justified by faith alone, not by works,

C **for this faith brings the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts and makes us willing and glad to do good works.**

P To God alone be glory,

C **for He has done all things well. Amen.**

Children's Message

~Children of all ages are welcome to the altar at this time~

Sermon Song

"I Am Forever Who I Am"

School Choir: Stanza 1

*Though mountains slide into the sea,
And waters rush where fields should be,
Though monuments and nations fall
Your holy city stands through all.
When nothing seems to stay the same,
You teach us your eternal name. Refrain*

Combined Choir: Stanza 2

*We buy and sell, we lose or gain;
Our fortunes shift like sun and rain.
Sustain our lives, reward our toil
With bread and honey, wine and oil
Save us and others from our greed;
You always give us what we need.*

Refrain

Chancel Choir: Stanza 3

*Our lust for power, wealth, and land
Diminishes the earth you planned
Prevent our crimes and futile wars;
Convince us that all things are yours.
We rage and burn and kill and steal,
But you redeem, restore and heal.*

Refrain

Refrain:

I Am forever who I Am. Above you,
beneath you, Around you and within you.
Be still and know that I am God.

Combined Choir: Stanza 4

*Like shepherds watching for the light,
Aware of dangers in the night,
We hear the angel: "Do not fear,
The Savior of the world is near"
We run, we see, we touch, we laugh.
You came to earth on our behalf.*

Refrain

ALL: Stanza 5

**Each generation looks for truth,
And doubt can trouble age or youth.
If other gods would take your place,
Remember us with love and grace.
Reclaim us if we go astray;
You are the Truth, the Life, the Way.**

Refrain

ALL: Stanza 6

**Some days seem long, though life is
brief, And death is waiting like a thief
When vision fades and dreams go dry,
We will on unseen things rely,
Our stories take up but a page,
But yours goes from age to age.**

Refrain

Sermon

"The Popular Unpopular Opinions"
Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski, Senior Pastor

Romans 3:23

Offertory

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C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

*To continue the work of the Lord at St. Paul- You may joyfully give at
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Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Mt. 6:9-11

☩ 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 ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION †

The Words of Our Lord

Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25

Pax Domini

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☐ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☩ Amen.

Agnus Dei

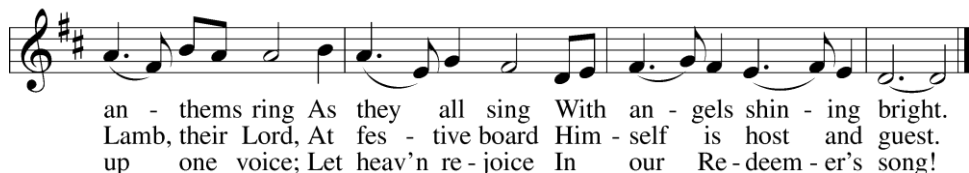
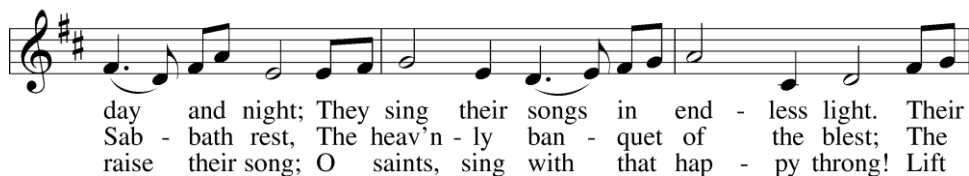
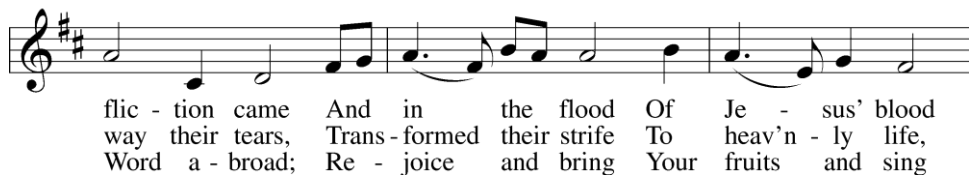
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G Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymn

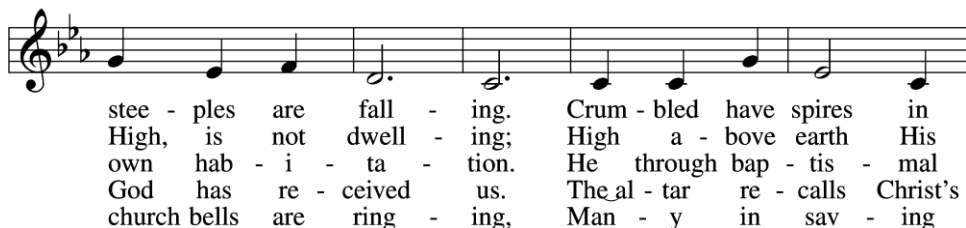
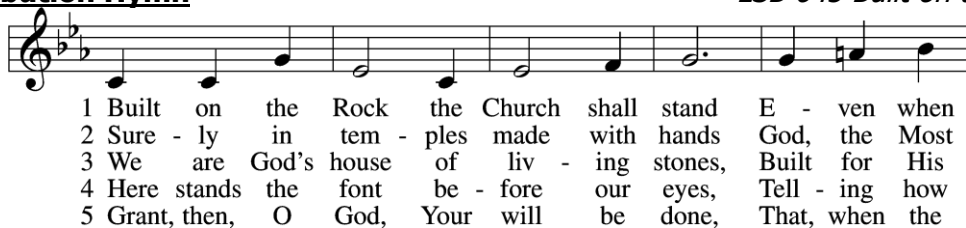
LSB 676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
3 O bless - ed saints in bright ar - ray Now safe - ly
snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A
home in end - less day, Ex - tol the Lord, Who
is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
priest - ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. On earth they
with His Word Sus - tained you on the way. The steep and
saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
wept through bit - ter years; Now God has wiped a -
nar - row path you trod; You toiled and sowed the



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LSB 645 Built on the Rock

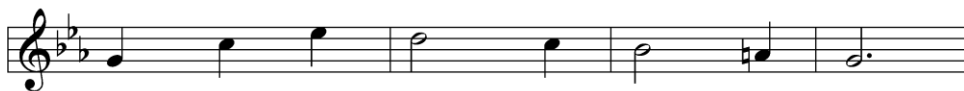




ev - 'ry land; Bells still are chim - ing and call -
tem - ple stands, All earth - ly tem - ples ex - cel -
grace us owns Heirs of His won - drous sal - va -
sac - ri - fice And what His Sup - per here gives
faith may come Where Christ His mes - sage is bring -



ing, Call - ing the young and old to rest,
ling. Yet He who dwells in heav'n a - bove
tion. Were we but two His name to tell,
us. Here sound the Scrip - tures that pro - claim
ing: "I know My own; My own know Me.



But a - bove all the souls dis - tressed,
Choos - es to live with us in love,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
Christ yes - ter - day, to - day, the same,
You, not the world, My face shall see.



Long - ing for rest ev - er - last - ing.
Mak - ing our bod - ies His tem - ple.
With all His grace and His fa - vor.
And ev - er - more, our Re - deem - er.
My peace I leave with you. A - men."

Distribution Hymn

LSB 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phantly go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
 You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise.
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

Distribution Hymn

LSB 702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Post-Communion Collect

Benediction

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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.

G Amen.

Closing Hymn

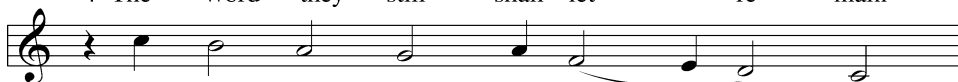
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Choir Sings Stanza 2



1 A might - y for - tress is our God,
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill,
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main



A trust - y shield and weap - on;
 All ea - ger to de - vour us,
 Nor an - y thanks have for it;



He helps us free from ev'ry need
 We trem - ble not, we fear no ill;
 He's by our side up - on the plain

That hath us now o'er - tak - en.
 They shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 With His good gifts and Spir - it.

The old e vil foe Now means
 This world's prince may still Scowl fierce
 And take they our life, Goods, fame,

dead - ly woe; Deep guile and great might
 as he will, He can harm us none.
 child, and wife, Though these all be gone,

Are his dread arms in fight; On earth
 He's judged; the deed is done; One lit -
 Our vic - t'ry has been won; The King -

is not his e qual.
 tle word can fell him.
 dom ours re - main eth.

Serving us in Worship this week:

Preacher Pastor Andrzejewski
 Music Gregory Paul
 Altar Guild Kathleen Prunkner/Betsy Newton
 Reader Kevin Calhoun
 Elders Mike Babyecz, Bryan Harris, Brian Hermann,
 Chuck Brewer, Tony Valdes
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