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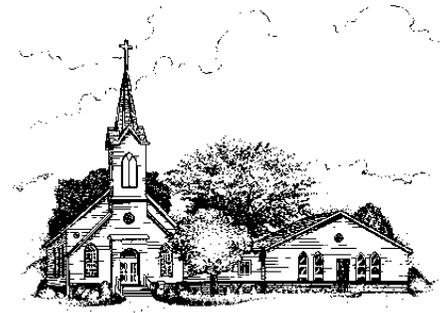
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Welcome to God's House

The kingdom of God was established in our hearts when we were born again and brought to faith. It results in our believing God's Word and living a life which is devoted to Christ.



Therefore, in the second petition, we pray for several things: "Lord, strengthen your kingdom in my heart. Help me to spread that kingdom to others and eventually bring

us and all your children by faith to our heavenly kingdom to live with you forever.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Come, O Almighty King #921

Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing;
help us to praise.

Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious,
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

Come, thou incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword;
our prayer attend.

Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success,
and let thy righteousness on us descend.

Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear
in this glad hour!

Thou, who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart,
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be
hence evermore!

Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157

♪ **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.
For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, everlasting Father, through your Holy Word and Sacraments, you have led us to believe and trust in you. We ask that you would continue to shower us with your grace through Word and Sacrament and that you would send that same grace to many others; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Daniel 2:44-45

⁴⁴“In the time of those kings, the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will it be left to another people. It will crush all those kingdoms and bring them to an end, but it will itself endure forever. ⁴⁵ This

is the meaning of the vision of the rock cut out of a mountain, but not by human hands—a rock that broke the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver and the gold to pieces.

“The great God has shown the king what will take place in the future. The dream is true and its interpretation is trustworthy.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day Come, Let Us Praise the LORD - Psalm 95C:1-3

♪ Come, let us praise the LORD, with joy our God acclaim,
his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name.

Lift high your songs before his throne
to whom alone all praise belongs.

Our God of matchless worth, our King beyond compare,
the deepest bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care.

He all decrees, who by his hand
prepared the land and formed the seas.

In worship bow the knee, our glorious God confess;
the great Creator, he, the LORD our Righteousness.

He reigns unseen: his flock he feeds
and gently leads in pastures green.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:3-8

³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way,

the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 17:20-21

Alleluia. "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' **because the kingdom of God is within you.**" Alleluia.

Gospel

John 18:33-37

³³Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

³⁴"Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

³⁵"Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

³⁶Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

³⁷"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn of the Day

O Christians, Haste #901

O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is light,
that he who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night. *Refrain*

Refrain: Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Behold how many thousands still are lying
bound in the dreary prison-house of sin
with none to tell them of the Savior's dying
or of the life he died for them to win. *Refrain*

Proclaim to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation
and died on earth that they might live above. *Refrain*

Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious,
give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious;
O Christians, haste to bring the brighter day! *Refrain*

Sermon

The Second Petition

Your kingdom come.

What does this mean?

God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

How does God's kingdom come?

God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the

life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

Lord Jesus Christ, blessed are you, the King who comes to set your people free.

Rule in our hearts in your abundant mercy.

While we long for your final coming, we rejoice that you lengthen these end times so that many may hear of your saving work and believe.

Send your Spirit on us that we may use the gift of time to share our faith with others.

Lord and King, defend all who are imprisoned or insulted because of your name. Come to help those whose Christian faith is mocked as foolish or naïve, and rescue those who are straying from the faith.

Lead us to those who need help, guide us in our works of service, and strengthen us with a firm resolve to follow you in obedience.

Lord of the Church, develop in us a new awareness of the gifts you give us to use in our callings, that your kingdom of grace may flourish.

Bless and preserve Christian churches everywhere and raise up another generation of faithful believers.

You extend your loving hand to the weak and the hurting. Speak to those who are confused and wondering. Defend those who are oppressed and put down. Comfort those who are enduring pain or struggling with sadness.

Move us to see your face in them, Lord Jesus and to help them as we serve you.

Mighty King, look with mercy on this land, its government, and all the kingdoms of the world. Relieve us from war, bloodshed, and rebellion.

Protect and provide for those who face hardship or are experiencing flooding or other natural disasters. Open the hearts of those who prosper to be generous and willing to share.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayers and special intercessions

Coming King and Savior of the world, keep us faithful to the end as we watch and wait for your return.

Amen.

Offering

The members of Zion have joined together to do the Lord's work in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please don't feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our ministry.

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he

comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 167

♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts:**

heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he, blessed is he,

blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169

♪ **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. Amen.**

Distribution Hymn

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness #663

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness;
leave behind all gloom and sadness.

Come into the daylight's splendor;
there with joy your praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded
has this wondrous supper founded.

He, though reigning high and holy,
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

Hasten as a bride to meet him,
and with loving rev'ence greet him,
for with words of life immortal
he is knocking at your portal.

Open wide the gates before him,
saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you,
that I nevermore will leave you.

He who craves a precious treasure
neither cost nor pain will measure,
but the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
and his blood, for you once given.

Now I kneel before you lowly,
filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder
on your mighty work I ponder,
by such mystery surrounded,
depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden
secrets that with you are hidden.

Human reason, though it ponders,
cannot fathom these great wonders,
that Christ's body must be boundless

since the souls it feeds are countless,
and that he his blood is giving
with the wine we are receiving.

These great mysteries unsounded
are by God alone expounded.

Lord, by love and mercy driven,
you have left your throne in heaven
on the cross for me to languish
and to die in bitter anguish,
to forgo all joy and gladness
and to shed your blood in sadness.

By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
fount of life, my soul inspiring:
at your feet I cry, my maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven
for our good, your glory, given.

Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,
help me when this meal is given
to receive it for my blessing
as I come, my sins confessing.
In this supper let me measure,
Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,
that, as I on earth have eaten,
I may be your guest in heaven.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

Spread Abroad, O Mighty Word #902:1-3, 6

Spread abroad, O mighty Word, telling of a gracious Lord
whose all-pow'rful gospel call fills his heav'nly banquet hall.

Tell how God the Father's will made the world, upholds it still,
how his only Son he gave all from sin and death to save.

Tell of our Redeemer's love, who forever does remove
by his holy sacrifice all the guilt that on us lies.

Lord of harvest, great and kind, rouse to action heart and mind;
let the gath'ring nations all see your light and heed your call.

This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:00 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
Mon:	7:00 p.m.	Long Range Facilities committee
Thu:		<i>Independence Day</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Sun:	7:30 / 9:00 a.m.	Worship

Congratulations to Tyler and Heidi Hetebrueg on the birth of a baby boy, Raymond Allen Hetebrueg, this past Monday evening (June 24th). He was baptized in a private ceremony on June 25th.

In Our Prayers Eileen Schulz, recovering from knee replacement surgery at home; also Judy Etta and Darleen Oelhafen, receiving PT and both recovering from broken legs.

Holy Communion We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive the Lord's Supper is a testimony of the confession, commitment and unity we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with the pastor before joining us at the altar so all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice.

We thank our accompanists this weekend: Barb Olsen on Thursday and Anna Bode today (Sunday).

Pick up a copy of the brand new *Forward in Christ* and July church calendar from the cabinets. There are still some copies of the *Meditations* and the June / July newsletter as well.

Save the Date July 14th is the date set for our Semi-annual meeting. It will begin around 10:15 a.m., after the late service ends.

You're invited to take part in *Miriam's Walk For Life* on Saturday, July 20, from 8 - 11 a.m. at KML. Go to www.ALife2.com/Miriams-Walk for more

information.

OWLS Meeting / Picnic The next meeting of the Dodge-Washington OWLS will take place July 22nd at 10 am at the TCC in Huilsburg. Amy Hackmann from Aurora Health, will speak on the topic: "The Importance of Sleep". Following our business meeting, a brat or hamburger meal will be provided by Trinity at a yet to be determined price. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Ash at richardash46@gmail.com or 262-457-3000.

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