

**ST. TIMOTHY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

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## **PRELUDE**

*"Nearer, My God to Thee"*

Arranger-Herbert Colvin

Composer-Lowell Mason

1963 R.D. Row Music Company

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*indicates when the congregation is to stand. Anyone wishing to remain seated may do so during any part of the liturgy.

## **\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

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, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Gracious God,

C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to those who repent and believe in Him the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

## **\*GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you inspired your servant Luke the physician to reveal in his Gospel the love and healing power of your Son. Give your Church the same love and power to heal, to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

## **GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE**

### **FIRST READING**

*Isaiah 35:5-8*

*A reading from Isaiah*

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

### **Lesson Response**

**L** The Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 124** - *read responsively by whole verse*

If the Lord had not been on our side,  
let Israel now say;

**if the Lord had not been on our side,**  
**when enemies rose up against us,**  
then would they have swallowed us up alive  
in their fierce anger toward us;  
**then would the waters have overwhelmed us**  
**and the torrent gone over us;**  
then would the raging waters  
have gone right over us.

**Blessed be the Lord!**

**He has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,**  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

## SECOND LESSON

*Second Timothy 4:5-18*

*A reading from Second Timothy*

As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon. For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Lesson Response**            L    The Word of the Lord.  
    C    **Thanks be to God.**

**\*VERSE**

**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of  
Eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## \*THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 10:1-9*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Tenth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Gospel Response

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## YOUTH SERMON

## SERMON

## \*APOSTLE'S CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the **+** body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## \*THE PRAYERS

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*a brief silence*

Gracious Lord, you are always on our side, frustrating those who seek to devour us. Lead us to acknowledge your favor, by our worship, our praise, and our thanksgiving. *Prince of Peace...* **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

Saving Christ, you heal all who call upon you: some by granting temporary relief, others by taking them to yourself by the full end of earthly suffering. Bring us to renewed life now, and to the glorious day at your coming. *Prince of Peace...* **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

*Continued*



Indwelling spirit, by your presence with us, as you were with your servant Luke, cause us to be healing agents of your love to people far and near. *Prince of Peace... Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

Bless physicians, nurses, EMT's and other medical personnel, and all who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience. *Prince of Peace... Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved. *Prince of Peace... Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

Merciful God, healer of our every ill, we bring before you by name those who need you near: \_\_\_\_\_. *Prince of Peace... Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

We pray for the United States of America and for all our elected and appointed leaders, especially our President Donald, our Governor Tom, our Senators Bob and Pat, and our Representatives, Legislators, and local officials. May they be guided by your wisdom in all their decisions and actions and may we choose wisely as we prepare to cast our ballots. *Prince of Peace... Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

As an election approaches, we pray for you to guide us as a people to choose wisely and in accordance with your will and purpose. We pray that you would restore peace and harmony in our nation, and guide all who serve in elective or appointed offices. Let us continue to be a beacon of freedom and justice in the world. *Prince of Peace... Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

We pray for those around the world who are persecuted for their faith. Especially during these times of violence in so many places, be with your children every moment. Protect and comfort them. Remind them that the stone that was rejected by the builder became the most important of all. Shower them with your love and encourage them in hope through your Holy Spirit. *Prince of Peace... Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

*Continued*

We pray for our congregation in its search for the pastor whom you have chosen to lead us in witness and service. We also ask you to guide our call committee, our council, and the pastor you will send us, that all of us may be guided by your Spirit and wisdom. *Prince of Peace...* **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

We Pray for the North American Lutheran Church, our Bishop Dan, our Dean David, our Interim Pastor and assistant Dean Steve, and for St. Luke Lutheran Church in Bloomsburg and all our congregations. Use us together as witnesses to Jesus, making disciples as our Lord commands. *Prince of Peace...* **Come, Lord Jesus, come.**

A Praise to you, almighty God and Father. You sent your Son to live among us and to bring us your salvation.

C **Blessed be God.**

A Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, incomparable Son of the Father. You humbled yourself to share in our humanity, and you came to heal all our illnesses.

C **Blessed be God.**

A Praise to you, Holy Spirit, our defender and consoler. You heal our sickness with your mighty and life-giving power.

C **Blessed be God.**

P Holy and blessed Trinity, sustain your servants with your presence; drive away their sickness of body and spirit, especially those we now name before you... and give them that victory of life and peace which will enable them to serve you now and evermore. Lord, in your mercy.

C **Blessed be God.**

P Into your hands, Father, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.** (*Due to the social distancing mandate, please let this suffice for your greeting to all our worshippers*)

## **\*THE SACREMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

P Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

C **and his mercy endures forever.**

P They cried to the Lord in their trouble,

C **and he delivered them from their distress.**

P He sent forth his Word and healed them,

C **and saved them from the grave.**

P The Lord is righteous in all his ways,

C **and loving in all his works.**

P The Lord upholds all who fall;

C **he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

P The Lord sustains them on their sickbed,

C **and ministers to them in their illness.**

P The Lord is my strength and my song,

C **and he has become my salvation.**

P Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

C **and his mercy endures forever.**

**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS** (*You may place financial offerings in the plates as you arrive or leave the sanctuary*)

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right and salutary... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*SANCTUS**

**C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, you are to be praised as the Fountain of life and Source of all goodness.

By your command all things came into being as the Spirit moved over the formless void, and you created the heavens and the earth in and through your Word, Christ Jesus. You made humankind as the crown of your creation.

You blessed all nations through your servant Abraham, and you made a covenant with Israel during their forty years in the wilderness, and brought them to the promised land.

In the fullness of time your Son was born of Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit; he fulfilled the scriptures as our Messiah, suffering for our sake and being raised from the dead on the third day.

After forty days you enthroned him at your right hand as our Sovereign Lord and King, placing all things under his feet.

Thus, we give you our thanks as we recall how:

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my Blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Merciful Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you have destroyed the powers of sin and death.

Therefore, united in His sacrifice for us we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

**P** And so, Father, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened by faith and our minds opened to understanding the Scriptures, we await His final appearing as the One in whom all your promises shall be fulfilled.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, first begotten of the dead.**

**P** Send now your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon this Bread of Heaven and this Cup of Blessing, that, empowered by our Lord's body and blood we may continually give you our praise and thanksgiving, and be witnesses of Christ's redeeming love.

**C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit, guide divine.**

**P** You, O Christ, we praise and glorify, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and always, and unto the ages of ages.

**C Amen**

**P** As our Savior Christ has taught us, we boldly pray, saying:

**C Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen**

## **\*AGNUS DEI**

**C Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

## **COMMUNION**

*Communion will be distributed to all except the worship leaders as you leave the building. There will also be "no-touch" healing stations for those desiring prayer. Please observe social distancing as you go.*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen.**

## **\*PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray. Father of life, we give you thanks for feeding us with the bread of heaven and the wine of sacrificial love of your Son, the Risen Ascended Lord. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your faithful people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and deeds; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **\*BLESSING**

**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.

In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

## **\*DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

*Please remain seated until you can space yourself a safe distance from those leaving ahead of you. You will be handed the host. Please hold your hand so that the host can be dropped into it. Then take a pre-filled cup, being careful not to touch other cups.*

## **HEALING PRAYERS**

*Before or after receiving Communion, you are welcome to proceed to a healing station. Because of COVID, we will dispense with anointing and laying on of hands. (There is a difference between trusting God and testing God)*

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