

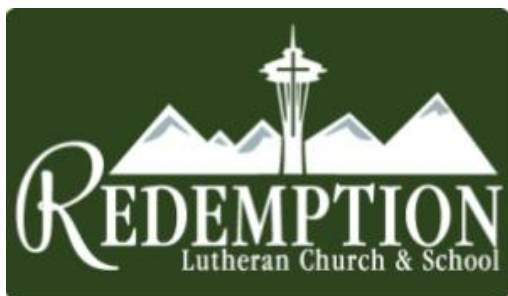
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# REDEMPTION LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Pre-Service Meditation:**

**Genesis 1:1:** <sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

**Prayer:** Blessed are You, Lord our God, King of the universe, for by Your creative power, You brought the world into existence. All things You created for the benefit of mankind. By Your creative power, You have called Your people out of the darkness of unbelief and into the light of faith in Jesus for salvation. By Your creative power, You continue to preserve us into the faith You have given us. Continue, we pray, to clothe us in the armor of faith and lead us with the sword of the Spirit, Your Word. For it is by that Word alone we have been called, enlightened, and sanctified in the true faith. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## Opening:

## TLH 508 Thou Whose Almighty Word

### Invocation

**P** In the Name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**P**: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P**: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C**: who made heaven and earth.

**P**: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C**: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**P**: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C**: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**P**: Upon this your confession, I, as a called 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 your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C**: Amen.

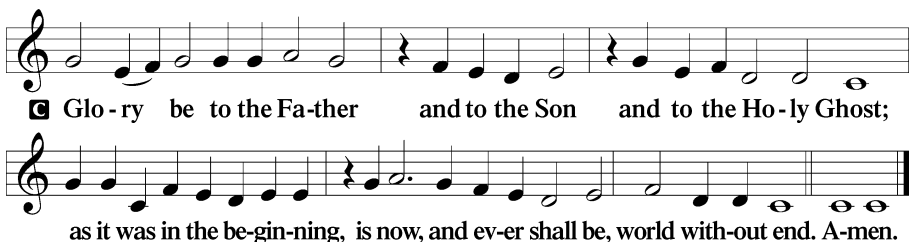
### Introit:

### Psalm 119

**P** The whole world is in your power; O Lord, King Almighty, no one can gainsay you. For you have made heaven and earth; you are Lord

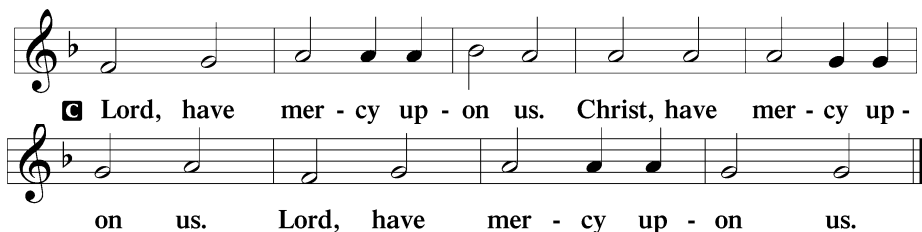
of all! Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! Confirm to your servant your promise, that you may be feared. Turn away the reproach that I dread, for your just decrees are good. Behold, I long for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life!

## Gloria Patri



**C** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

## Kyrie



**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Hymn of Response: TLH 237

All Glory be to God on high, Who hath mankind befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; Oh, thank Him for His goodness!

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray... Dear Lord, we pray, keep Your family, the Church, continually faithful, so that it may enjoy Your protection from the conflicts that hamper Your work and be able to serve You devoutly so that Your Name might be honored; for You live and rule with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.
- C** Amen.

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup> And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. <sup>6</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>7</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>8</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." <sup>9</sup> And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>10</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>11</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. **2:1** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

**Responsive Reading****Psalm 8 Selected Verses**

- P** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
- C** You have set Your glory above the heavens.
- P** Out of the mouth of babies and infants,

**C** You have established strength, to still the enemy and the avenger.

**P** When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,

**C** What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?

**P** Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

**C** You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

**P** all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**C** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

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**Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-17 NKJV**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. <sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

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**Gospel Lesson: John 4:46-54 NKJV**

<sup>46</sup> So Jesus came again to Cana of Galilee where He had made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick

at Capernaum. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and implored Him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Unless you *people* see signs and wonders, you will by no means believe." <sup>49</sup> The nobleman said to Him, "Sir, come down before my child dies!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way. <sup>51</sup> And as he was now going down, his servants met him and told *him*, saying, "Your son lives!" <sup>52</sup> Then he inquired of them the hour when he got better. And they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." <sup>53</sup> So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, "Your son lives." And he himself believed, and his whole household. <sup>54</sup> This again *is* the second sign Jesus did when He had come out of Judea into Galilee.

### Confession of Faith:

### Apostles Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**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 is seated at the right  
hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to  
judge the living and the dead.**

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

**Hymn:**

**TLH 447 Fight the Good Fight**

**Sermon**

**Genesis 1:1,2**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. <sup>2</sup> The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

# The Power of God's Word: Creating Ex Nihilo

## Offertory:

Create in Me ♪♪

Create in me a clean heart O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

## Hymn:

LSB 717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save

## Offering of Thankful Hearts

### Order of the Sacrament

**P**: The Lord be with you



**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P**: Lift up your hearts



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P**: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

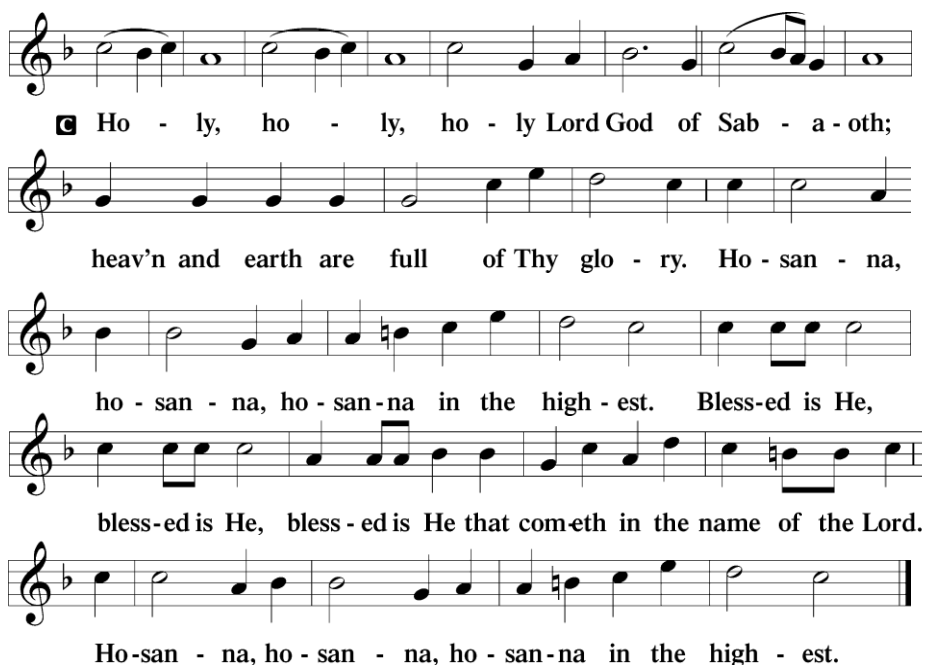


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P**: It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. . . Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Lord's Prayer

**P** 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.



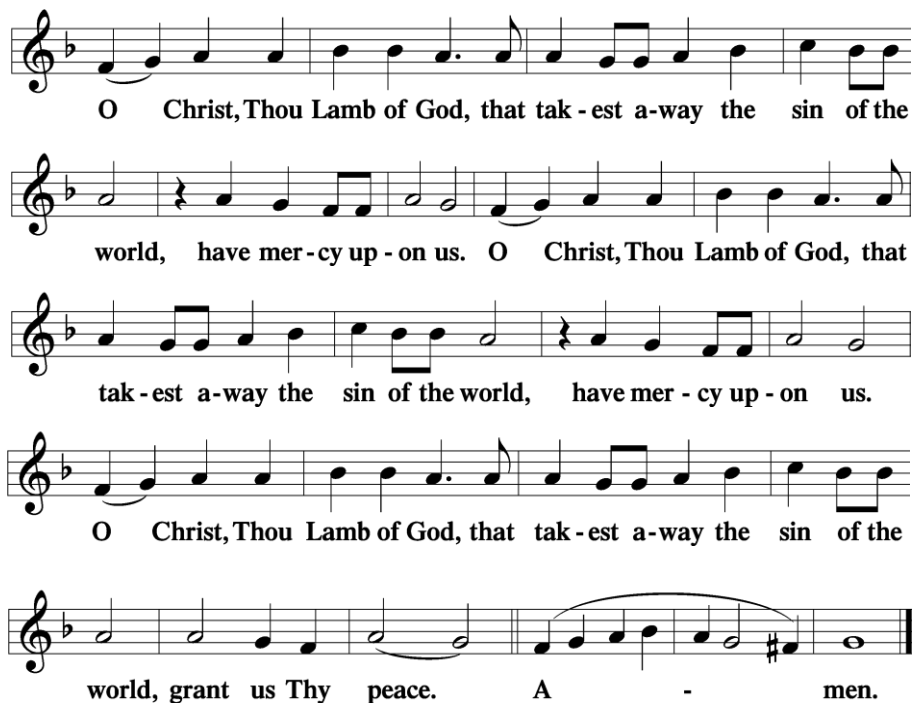
**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the  
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## Words of Institution

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## Agnus Dei



## Communion Note:

The Bible tells us to be "*perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*" One way that unity is expressed is by communing together. For that reason, we ask that anyone who has not established this unity through membership in a CLC congregation, speak with the pastor or one of the Elders before coming to the Lord's Table. We hold this position in loving obedience to the Word of God. This is by no means a judgment of anyone's Christian faith, sincerity, or standing before God.

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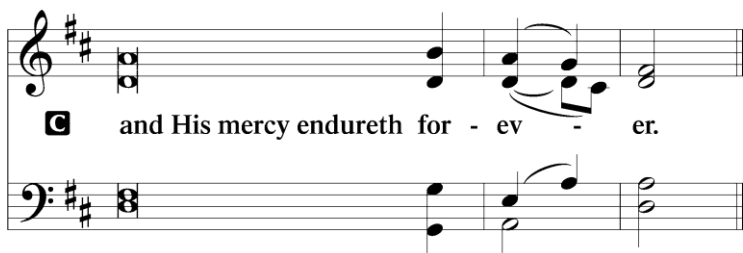
### Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A-men.

### Thanksgiving

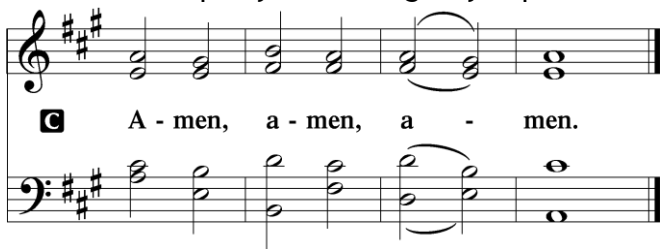
**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ☩ give you peace.



**Hymn:**

**WS 744 How Great Thou Art**

## **Silent Prayer**

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## **Announcements**

**WELCOME** To all of you who are visiting our service this morning, we extend a most cordial welcome in Jesus' name. It is our hope that you will feel at home in our midst and will be blessed by our message of Christ crucified and risen for the sins of the world.

If you are looking for a church home or would like to know more about our beliefs and practices, please see the pastor. He will be glad to visit with you at your convenience. Be sure to join us again.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- **Special Services Upcoming:** Thanksgiving Day Service November 27<sup>th</sup> at 10am; Advent Candlelight Service Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (time TBD).
- **Potluck Meal:** All are invited to join us for a potluck immediately following the service. Our Voters Meeting will begin shortly after we eat.