

**RITE OF INSTALLATION  
of  
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**✠ DIVINE SERVICE ✠**

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**✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN LSB 913 “O Holy Spirit, Enter in” (please stand)**

O Holy Spirit, enter in,  
And in our hearts Your work begin,  
Your dwelling place now make us.  
Sun of the soul, O Light divine,  
Around and in us brightly shine,  
To joy and gladness wake us  
That we may be Truly living,  
To You giving Prayer unceasing  
And in love be still increasing.



Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,  
That in our hearts from this good hour  
As fire it may be glowing,  
That in true Christian unity  
We faithful witnesses may be,  
Your glory ever showing.  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teaching;  
Let our preaching And our labor  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

O mighty Rock, O Source of life,  
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,  
In us be strongly burning  
That we be faithful unto death  
And live in love and holy faith,  
From You true wisdom learning.  
Your grace and peace On us shower;  
By Your power Christ confessing,  
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
C: **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 on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: **Amen.**

## SHARING GOD'S PEACE

### ☩ SERVICE OF THE WORD ☩

**INTROIT** Psalm 91:1–2, 9–10 (spoken)

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.  
C: **I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

P: Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—the Most High, who is my refuge—  
C: **no evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

## KYRIE

*LSB 152*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
C: **Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

LSB 154

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.  
C: **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.  
C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.  
O Lord God, heavenly Father, by the blessed light of Your holy Word You have led us to the knowledge of Your Son. We humbly implore You to replenish us with the grace of Your Holy Spirit that we may ever walk in the light of Your truth and, rejoicing with sure confidence in Christ, our Savior, be brought to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT READING     Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory!”

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.”

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

P: This is the word of the Lord  
C: **Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 135:1-6, 19-21**

P: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!

C: **Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant!  
For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.**

P: For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods.  
Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps.

C: **O house of Israel, bless the LORD! O house of Aaron, bless the LORD!**

P: O house of Levi, bless the LORD! You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!

C: **Blessed be the LORD from Zion, he who dwells in Jerusalem! Praise the LORD!**

### **EPISTLE READING** Romans 10:14-17

P: How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God**

### **ALLELUIA AND VERSE** (please stand)

*LSB 156*

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

### **HOLY GOSPEL** John 20:19-23

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side.

Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE DAY LSB 578** "Thy Strong Word" (vs 1,4,6)

Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;  
At Thy speaking it was done.  
For created light we thank Thee,  
While Thine ordered seasons run.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

From the cross Thy wisdom shining  
Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;  
From the cross forever beameth  
All thy bright redeeming light.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!

(Stand)  
God the Father, light-creator,  
To Thee laud and honor be.  
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,  
Praise be sung eternally.  
Holy Spirit, light revealer,  
Glory, glory be to Thee.  
Mortals, angels, now and ever  
Praise the holy Trinity!

**SERMON** "Bold Beginnings with Grace and Peace" John 20:21 Rev. Bill Geis

**CREED – THE NICENE CREED** (please stand)

**ALL:** 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,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **✠ RITE OF INSTALLATION ✠**

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## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

*LSB 159*

**ALL:** What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**ALL:** 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.

## PRAYER

P: Almighty and everlasting God, whose infinite power alone does great wonders, send down on Your ministers and on the congregations committed to their care the healthful spirit of Your grace, and that they may truly please You, pour on them the dew of Your continual blessing; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## BENEDICTION

LSB 166

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.  
C **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN LSB 837 "Lift High the Cross"

**Refrain:**

**Lift high the cross, The love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain**

**All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain**

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain**

**Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain**

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain**



## THE SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!  
C: **Thanks be to God!**