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WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and **PRINTED COPIES OF THE SERMON** are available in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

DOORS ARE LOCKED after the service begins. If you need to exit the building, please let an usher know, and they'll wait at the door to let you back inside.

*We are Salem, a family nurturing God's children
to live loving lives in faith.*

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (LSB 621, stzs 1-3)



1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence And with fear and
2 King of kings yet born of Mar - y, As of old on
3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,
earth He stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,
on the way As the Light of Light, de - scend - ing



For with bless - ing in His hand Christ our God to earth de -
In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the
From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to



scend - ing Comes our hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - quish As the dark - ness clears a - way.

Text: Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.; tr. Gerard Moultrie, 1829-85, alt.
Tune: French, 17th cent.

OPENING SENTENCES

P: In the name of ✠ Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Jesus said, "behold, I am with you always,"

C: "even to the end of the age."

P: Jesus said, "where two or three are gathered in My name,"

C: "there I am among them."

P: Is Jesus with us this night?

C: Yes, He is present with us, His bride.

P: Then, brothers and sisters, the place on which we are standing

C: is holy ground.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Then let us confess our sin to our God who dwells among us.

Silence for reflection

P: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

C: You have gathered us together into Your presence, Your holy and sacred presence. But I have sinned. By harmful things spoken, and prayers and kind words left unsaid; by wicked things I have done, and loving things I have left undone; by evil thoughts I have indulged, and noble thoughts I have chased away. From all sins, holy Jesus, cleanse me, that I may stand in Your presence, not in terror, but in deepest joy. Amen.

P: Brothers and sisters, Jesus said, "Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Tonight, He is present among us to forgive your sin, to make you pure, so that you may stand in His presence on this holy ground, free of guilt and light of heart. In His stead and by His command, I forgive you your sin in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy Lord God, whose very presence sanctifies, as You once hallowed the ground on which Moses stood, we know that we too stand on holy ground, for You are here among us. Grant us Your Spirit that we may walk in holiness all the days of our lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a

good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

P: O Lord, our God,

C: have mercy upon us.

PSALM 8

P: O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**C: Out of the mouth of babes and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
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,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

**C: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.**

P: You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
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!**

SECOND READING

Zechariah 14:20-21

And on that day there shall be inscribed on the bells of the horses, "Holy to the LORD." And the pots in the house of the LORD shall be as the bowls before the altar. And every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holy to the LORD of hosts, so that all who sacrifice may come and take of them and boil the meat of the sacrifice in them. And there shall no longer be a trader in the house of the LORD of hosts on that day.

P: O Lord, our God,

C: have mercy upon us.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

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

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

On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P: O Lord, our God,

C: **have mercy upon us.**

RESPONSORY



L In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir - it.



C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



L You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



L Glory be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.

(Please be seated)



HYMN: Holy, Holy, Holy (LSB 507)



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!	Lord	God	Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!	All	the saints	a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!	Though	the dark - ness	hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!	Lord	God	Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,	mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim	fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly;	there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,	mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God	in three	per - sons,	bles - sed	Trin - i - ty!
Which	wert and	art and	ev - er - more	shalt be.
Per -	fect in	pow'r,	in	love, and
God	in three	per - sons,	bles - sed	Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826

Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823-76

HYMN: O God, O Lord of Heav'n and Earth (LSB 834)



1 O God, O Lord of heav'n and earth, Thy liv - ing
2 Our fa - tal will to e - qual Thee, Our reb - el
3 Thou cam - est to our hall of death, O Christ, to
△ 4 O Spir - it, who didst once re - store Thy Church that



fin - ger nev - er wrote That life should be an aim -
will wrought death and night. We seized and used in pride -
breathe our poi - soned air, To drink for us the dark
it might be a - gain The bring - er of good news



less mote, A death - ward drift from fu - tile birth.
ful - spite Thy won - drous gift of lib - er - ty.
de - spair That stran - gled our re - luc - tant breath.
to men, Breathe on Thy clo - ven Church once more,



Thy Word meant life tri - um - phant hurled In splen - dor through
We housed us in this house of doom, Where death had roy -
How beau - ti - ful the feet that trod The road that leads
That in these gray and lat - ter days There may be those



Thy bro - ken world. Since light a - woke and life be - gan,
al - scope and room, Un - til Thy ser - vant, Prince of Peace,
us back to God! How beau - ti - ful the feet that ran
whose life is praise, Each life a high dox - ol - o - gy



Thou hast de - sired Thy life for man.
Breached all its walls for our re - lease.
To bring the great good news to man!
To Fa - ther, Son, and un - to Thee.

Text: Martin H. Franzmann, 1907-76, alt.

Tune: Jan O. Bender, 1909-94

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OFFERING

(Please stand)

PRAYERS – *Each petition concludes with “Lord, hear our prayer.”*
Congregation responds with verse below.



LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **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.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: Abide with Me (LSB 878)



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;



Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bide with me.
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.

- 5 I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if Thou abide with me!
- 6 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt.
Tune: William H. Monk, 1823-89

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