

August 29, 2021

## CELEBRATE!

*Celebrating the special moments in the lives of our disciples  
and in particular the rededication of Memorial's refurbished sanctuary*



### PRESERVICE

“House of the Lord”

Praise Team

### WELCOME

### REDEDICATION OF THE SANCTUARY

### OPENING SONG

“Lord, This Day We’ve Come to Worship”

LSB 911 vs. 1-3, 5

### INVOCATION

*P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Praise the LORD!*

**C: Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!**

*P: Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!*

**C: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!**

*P: Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!*

**C: Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!**

*P: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!*

**C: Praise the LORD!**

(Psalm 150)



*We indeed praise the Lord for all that he has done and all the blessings he has poured out upon us. The greatest of these blessings is the gift of his Son Jesus, and the forgiveness, life and salvation he brings to us, a blessing given to us through another amazing gift — the gift of the Holy Spirit who creates and sustains us in our faith. This morning, as we celebrate all of God's gifts to us, especially in the last year and a half, let us first take a moment to reflect on this greatest gift and the incredible mercy of God. Let us repent of our sins and receive what God daily and richly offers — the forgiveness of sins.*

*Please kneel for silent meditation and confession*

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

*P: Most merciful God,*

**C: 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 upon 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.**

### **FORGIVENESS OF SINS**

*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.**

*P: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.*

**C: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;**

*P: your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.*

**C: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!**

*P: The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.*

**C: They feast on the abundance of your house.**

(Psalm 36:5-8a)



*Please be seated*

## SONG

## **“This Is the Feast”**

### NEW TESTAMENT READING    **Philippians 4:4-9**

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me — practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

*E:      This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C:      Thanks be to God.**



### NEW TESTAMENT READING    **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

<sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise prophecies, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast what is good. <sup>22</sup>Abstain from every form of evil. <sup>23</sup>Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

*E:      This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C:      Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.*  
**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **GOSPEL READING**

**John 15:1-11**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

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



### **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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.**

*Please be seated*

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**OFFERING SONG**

**“Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”**

LSB 813 v. 1-5, 7

**MESSAGE**

**“Celebrate!!!”**

Pastor John Davis



**SONG**

**“Christ Is Our Cornerstone”**

LSB 912 vs. 1, 3

*Please stand*

**PRAYERS**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

(Matthew 6: 9 – 13)

**CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

*P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”*

*P: In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

*Please be seated*



## DISTRIBUTION

“Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free”  
“Boldly I Approach Your Throne”  
“New Doxology”

LSB 473

*Please stand*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### 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. (Numbers 6:24-26)*

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessings”

LSB 643

