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*Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity*  
✠ THE SUNDAY OF THE NOBLE OF CAPERNAUM ✠  
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## **GOD DECLARES US RIGHTEOUS UNSHEATHING HIS WORD AGAINST ALL EVIL**

“Let there be light,’ and there was light” (Gen. 1:1 – 2:3). The Father speaks, and it is so. His Word accomplishes what it says. He created all things out of nothing through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Father’s creative Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, that He might restore fallen creation and save fallen man. To the nobleman whose son was deathly ill, Jesus says, “Go; your son will live” (John 4:46–54). And in the very hour Jesus spoke, the nobleman’s son was made well. The Word of Christ still accomplishes what it says. In baptism, absolution, and the Lord’s Supper, He declares His life-giving forgiveness to you, and it is so. This saving Word of God is the sword of the Spirit by which you are able to fight off all the onslaughts of the devil (Eph. 6:10–17). “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 firm.”

### ***Communing at this Altar***

**The Lord’s Supper is celebrated and offered here every Lord’s day!**

***\*Guests wishing to join our confession and receive this Holy Sacrament now, and in the future, are asked to meet with the pastor before communing.***

Because we consider communing at this altar a public declaration of fellowship in what our church believes, teaches, and confesses, we welcome to commune those who:

- ✠ are baptized into the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19);
- ✠ confess Jesus Christ as their personal Savior from sin;
- ✠ discern the Lord’s Body and Blood as truly present, together with the bread and wine (1 Cor 11:29), as taught by The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in the Small Catechism;
- ✠ examine themselves and repent, as instructed in the Scriptures (1 Cor 11:28);
- ✠ believe the words of Jesus, “Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins” (Mt 26:28);

If this is ***not*** your confession, or you’re seeking a church home and wish to learn more about Trinity, our Pastor will gladly meet with you after the service. In the meantime, we welcome you forward for a blessing during the distribution. Simply come forward and, when kneeling, ***cross your arms over your chest***, indicating that you’d like to receive a blessing.

As you commune, select either the individual cup or the common chalice.

Communicants who cannot easily come to the altar will be communed in the pew.

*Please notify an usher or the Pastor beforehand if you need such assistance.*

To help prepare yourself to receive the Lord’s Body and Blood you may read “Christian Questions with Their Answers” found on pages 329 and 330 of the hymnal.

✠ WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

# ✠ THE DIVINE SERVICE ✠

Setting Three, Lutheran Service Book, p.184

## HYMN OF INVOCATION ~ Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid

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△Please stand and face the cross as it enters.

## ✠ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✠

### INVOCATION

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** 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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained 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.

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### INTROIT

Ps. 119:1, 38-40; antiphon: Additions to Esther 13:9-10



**P** The whole world is | in your power;\*

O Lord, King Almighty, no one can | gainsay you.

**C** **For you have made | heaven and earth;\***  
**you are | Lord of all!**

**P** Blessèd are those whose way is | blameless,\*  
who walk in the law | of the LORD!

**C** **Confirm to your servant your | promise,\***  
**that you | may be feared.**

- P** Turn away the reproach | that I dread,\*  
for your just de- | crees are good.
- C** Behold, I long for your | precepts;\*  
in your righteousness | give me life!
- C** *Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\**  
*and to the Holy | Spirit;*  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
- P** The whole world is | in your power;\*  
O Lord, King Almighty, no one can | gainsay you.
- C** For you have made | heaven and earth;\*  
you are | Lord of all!

*\*You may bow your head at this point  
in praise of the Name of the Holy Trinity*

**KYRIE** ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

*Mark 10:47*

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

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** ~ *Glory to God in the Highest*

*Lk 2:14; Jn 1:29*

**P** Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward  
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.  
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.  
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -  
 on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.  
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,  
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

### SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

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

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, keep Your household, the Church, in continual godliness that through Your protection she may be free from all adversities and devoutly given to serve You in good works; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** A - men.

Sit

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Genesis 1:1 – 2:3*

**1** <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>And God said, "Let there be an expanse<sup>[a]</sup> in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." <sup>7</sup>And God made<sup>[b]</sup> the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>And God called the expanse Heaven.<sup>[c]</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. <sup>9</sup>And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth,<sup>[d]</sup> and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>And God said, "Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants<sup>[e]</sup> yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth." And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each

according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. <sup>14</sup> And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons,<sup>[f]</sup> and for days and years, <sup>15</sup> and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. <sup>16</sup> And God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. <sup>17</sup> And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, <sup>18</sup> to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. <sup>20</sup> And God said, "Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds<sup>[g]</sup> fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens." <sup>21</sup> So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds – livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man<sup>[h]</sup> 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>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</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>29</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>30</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>31</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** <sup>1</sup> 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Ps. 90:1-2*

**A** Lord, you have been our | dwelling place\*  
in all gener- | ations.

**C** Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth | and the world,\*

from everlasting to everlasting | you are God.

## EPISTLE READING

*Ephesians 6:10-17*

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil 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 firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; <sup>17</sup> and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## ALLELUIA



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount | Zion,\*  
which cannot be moved, but abides for- | ever.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL READING

*John 4:46-54*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>46</sup> So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. <sup>47</sup> When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. <sup>48</sup> So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." <sup>49</sup> The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." <sup>50</sup> Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. <sup>51</sup> As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. <sup>52</sup> So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." <sup>53</sup> The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. <sup>54</sup> This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

## NICENE CREED

**C** 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;

*\*You may genuflect  
in reverence of the incarnation*

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  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Sit*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ~ *From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee*

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## SERMON

*Stand*

## OFFERTORY

*Psalm 51:10-12*

**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -





tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

## OFFERING

*The offering is a response of faith. It should be free, generous, and sacrificial.*

*The offering today goes toward the work and mission of the Church.*

***Guests, especially, should not feel obliged to give.***

*Please take a second to fill out the pew card and read the communion statement in the bulletin cover.*

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

*After each petition respond: "Hear our prayer."*

## ✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

### PREFACE

**P** The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



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

**P** Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1



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

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

Psalm 136

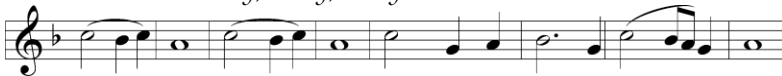


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**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, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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 ~ Holy, Holy, Holy

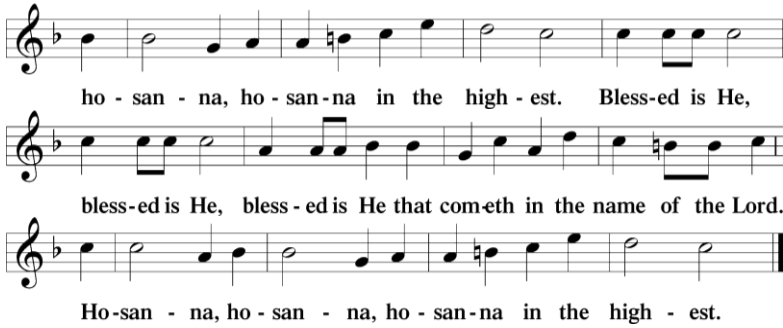
Isaiah 6:3, Matthew 21:9



**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

*Matthew 6:9-13*

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.

## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Cor 11:23-25*

**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."

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."

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

*John 20:19*

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



**A** - men.

## AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

## DISTRIBUTION

Please take a moment and read 'COMMUNING AT THIS ALTAR' in the front cover of the bulletin. Guests are invited to please speak with the Pastor before communing for the first time.

### ***Prayer Before Reception of Holy Communion***

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof; but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed. I will take the Bread of Heaven and call upon the Name of the Lord. What shall I give to the Lord for all that He has given to me? I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord. Amen.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS ~

<i>O Christ, Our True and Only Light</i>	839
<i>Your Hand, O Lord, In Days of Old</i>	846
<i>When in the Hour of Deepest Need</i>	615
<i>O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe</i>	666

### ***Prayer After Reception of Holy Communion***

I live, and yet not I, but Christ lives in me. What we have received with our mouths, O Lord, let us keep with faithful hearts, that this Gift given us in earthly time may bring us to eternal salvation. Amen.

Additional prayers to prepare for receiving the Sacrament are found in the front cover of the hymnal.

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## NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

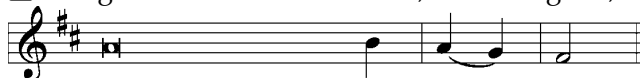
Luke 2:29-32



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 without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

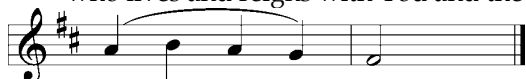
**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



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

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## SALUTATION and BENEDICAMUS

**P** The Lord be with you.



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

**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

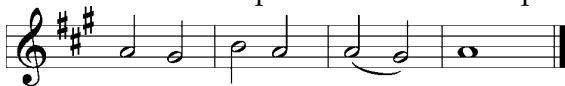
*Psalm 103:1*

## 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.



**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

*△ Please remain standing and face the cross in reverence as it processes out.*

**CLOSING HYMN** ~ *Fight the Good Fight*

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