

CLOSING HYMN — LSB 577
Almighty God, Your Word is Cast

1. Almighty God, Your Word is cast
Like seed into the ground.
Now let the dew of heav'n descend
And righteous fruits abound.
4. So when the precious seed is sown,
Life giving grace bestow
That all whose souls the truth receive
Its saving pow'r may know.

Welcome to
**LUTHERAN
HOUR
MINISTRIES**
Sunday 2012

*"Do not be conformed to this
world, but be transformed by
the renewal of your mind ..."*

— ROMANS 12:2

rescue.

restoration.

renewal.



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**INVOCATION —
(from LSB Divine Service Setting One)**

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.

CONFESSION

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: We confess to You, Father, that we have preferred sinfulness rather than holiness. We have sinned against You and against our families, friends, and neighbors. We have not loved You with all our heart. We have not loved other people enough to share Your Good News with them. For Jesus' sake, Father, forgive us for the wrong we have done and the good that remains undone. Be our Guide and our Strength in witnessing, so that Your love may shine through us as beacons in the world. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

P: We were bought at a price. We have no doubt that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is ours. His blood guarantees that we are redeemed and forgiven through the gift of God's abundant grace. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I announce the forgiveness of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Amen!

**THE LORD'S PRAYER
(from LSB Divine Service Setting One)**

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)

**BENEDICTION
(from LSB Divine Service Setting One)**

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.

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN — LSB 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

1. Spread the Reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call
To His heav'nly banquet hall.
2. Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave
Us from sin and death to save.
3. Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race,
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.
4. Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.
6. Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

*The Service may continue with the celebration of the Sacrament of the Altar or
continue with the Lord's Prayer.*

Hymn — LSB 500 Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

1. Creator Spirit, by whose aid
The world's foundations first were laid,
Come, visit ev'ry humble mind;
Come, pour Your joys on humankind;
From sin and sorrow set us free;
May we Your living temples be.
 2. O Source of uncreated light,
The bearer of God's gracious might,
Thrice-holy fount, thrice-holy fire,
Our hearts with heav'nly love inspire;
Your sacred, healing message bring
To sanctify us as we sing.
- (rise)
4. Immortal honor, endless fame
Attend the almighty Father's name;
The Savior-Son be glorified,
Who for all humankind has died;
To You, O Paraclete, we raise
Unending songs of thanks and praise.

SALUTATION and COLLECT (from LSB Divine Service Setting One)

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

P: (The collect of the day is read)
C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

(words said after reading are from LSB Divine Service Setting One)

Isaiah 40:21-31 (NIV)

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning?

Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,
and its people are like grasshoppers.

He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,
and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

He brings princes to naught
and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

No sooner are they planted,
no sooner are they sown,
no sooner do they take root in the ground,
than he blows on them and they wither,
and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

"To whom will you compare me?

Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:

Who created all these?

He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.

Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.

Why do you complain, Jacob?

Why do you say, Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD;

my cause is disregarded by my God"?

Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the Church, the world, and all people in need.

P: We approach Your gracious throne, dear Lord, asking for Your Holy Spirit to fill us with the energy and the ability to share Your mighty Word through broadcast media, in print, online, and in person.

C: Lord, mercifully guide us.

P: Bless this congregation, O Lord, and its leaders, that the forward march of Your Word will be realized in wonderful ways in this community.

C: Lord, move us forward to serve and proclaim.

P: Good Lord of all creation, instill wisdom and insight for believers who are on the front line in sharing the Good News of Christ around the world and across our neighborhoods.

C: Direct their witnessing, Lord.

P: Bring healing and relief to those in this community who are suffering from illness and are weighed down by matters beyond their control.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: May Your powerful Word reach the far ends of the world through **The Lutheran Hour** and all outreach efforts of Lutheran Hour Ministries in the mission of **Bringing Christ to the Nations— and the Nations to the Church.**

C: Lord, bless the planting of Your Word and bring a bountiful increase.

P: We praise Your Holy name for the merits of Christ Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection have won salvation for all who believe. May each of us be witnesses to others, pointing to You as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, to whom be all the glory, now and through eternity.

C: AMEN.

SHARING THE PEACE

(from LSB Divine Service Setting One)

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

C: And also with you.

P: Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us share God's peace with one another.

The congregation is invited to greet those around them with God's peace.

Myst'ry hid in former ages,
Myst'ry great of love divine.

3. Hail, O all-inviting Savior!
Gentiles now their off'rings bring.
In Your temples seek Your favor,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.
May we, body, soul, and spirit,
Live devoted to Your praise,
Glorious realms of bliss inherit,
Grateful anthems ever raise.

SERMON

CREED

(from LSB Divine Service Setting One)

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 shall 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.

He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 147:1-11 (NIV)

L: Praise the LORD!

**C: How good it is to sing praises to our God,
how pleasant and fitting to praise Him!**

L: The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
He gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

**C: He determines the number of the stars
and calls them each by name.**

L: Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
His understanding has no limit.

The LORD sustains the humble
but casts the wicked to the ground.

**C: Sing to the LORD with grateful praise;
make music to our God on the harp.**

L: He covers the sky with clouds;
He supplies the earth with rain
and makes grass grow on the hills.

**C: He provides food for the cattle
and for the young ravens when they call.**

L: His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,
nor His delight in the legs of the warrior;

**C: the LORD delights in those who fear Him,
who put their hope in His unfailing love.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

(words said after reading are from LSB Divine Service Setting One)

1 Corinthians 9:16-27 (NIV)

For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me. What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air. No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

L: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

(words said before and after readings
are from LSB Divine Service Setting One)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter (verses 29-39).

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew. Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and

they immediately told Jesus about her. So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN— LSB 409 Hail, O Source of Every Blessing

1. Hail, O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Father of our human race!
Gentiles now, Your grace possessing,
In Your courts obtain a place.
Grateful now, we fall before You,
In Your Church rejoice to live,
See Your glory and adore You,
Thankful for the grace You give.
2. Once far off but now invited,
We approach Your sacred throne,
In Your covenant united,
Reconciled, redeemed, made one.
Now revealed to eastern sages,
See the Star of Mercy shine,