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*Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God’s word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.*



**Welcome to guests and visitors!** *This pamphlet will guide your worship today. The assembly’s parts are indicated by **☐** and bold font. The vertical line in the left margin indicates when the assembly stands as each is able.*

**About Holy Communion with Saint John Lutheran Church**

“It is taught that the true body and blood of Christ are truly present under the form of bread and wine in the Lord’s Supper and are distributed and received there” (Augsburg Confession, Article X). “A person who has faith in these words, ‘given for you’ and ‘shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,’ is really worthy and well prepared.” “Forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation are given to us in the sacrament” (The Small Catechism, Part VI). “This church practices Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to Communion” (The Use of the Means of Grace, Principle 50).

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*Following the introductory verses, a welcome and introduction to the day are made.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

In the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**☐ Amen.**

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God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**☩ Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.  
*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**☩ we confess**

**that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.  
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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**☩ Amen.**

## GATHERING PSALM (28)

O Lord, I call to you; my rock, do not be deaf to my cry;  
lest, if you do not hear me, I become like those who go down to the  
pit.

**☞ Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you,  
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.**

Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the evildoers,  
who speak peaceably with their neighbors, while strife is in their  
hearts.

**☞ The Lord is my strength and my shield;  
my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;**

therefore my heart dances for joy,  
and in my song will I praise him.

**☞ The Lord is the strength of his people,  
a safe refuge for his anointed.**

Save your people and bless your inheritance;  
shepherd them and carry them forever.

**☞ Glory 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.**

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**☞ And also with you.**

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**☞ Lord, have mercy.**

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

**☞ Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**☩ Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**☩ Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**☩ Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**☩ And also with you.**

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**☩ Amen.**

**MUSICAL OFFERING:** *180 Group video.*

### FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: <sup>2</sup>“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? <sup>3</sup>Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

<sup>4</sup>“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. <sup>5</sup>Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? <sup>6</sup>On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone <sup>7</sup>when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? <sup>8</sup>“Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—<sup>9</sup>when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, <sup>10</sup>and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, <sup>11</sup>and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?

The word of the Lord.

**☞ Thanks be to God.**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
and his mercy endures forever.

**☞ <sup>2</sup>Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.**

<sup>3</sup>He gathered them out of the lands;  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**☞ <sup>23</sup>Some went down to the sea in ships  
and plied their trade in deep waters;**

<sup>24</sup>they beheld the works of the Lord and his wonders in the deep.

**☞ <sup>25</sup>Then he spoke, and a stormy wind arose,  
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

<sup>26</sup>They mounted up to the heavens and fell back to the depths;  
their hearts melted because of their peril.

**☞ <sup>27</sup>They reeled and staggered like drunkards  
and were at their wits' end.**

<sup>28</sup>Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.

**☞ <sup>29</sup>He stilled the storm to a whisper  
and quieted the waves of the sea.**

<sup>30</sup>Then were they glad because of the calm,  
and he brought them to the harbor they were bound for.

**☞ <sup>31</sup>Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy  
and the wonders he does for his children.**

<sup>32</sup>Let them exalt him in the congregation of the people and praise him in the council of the elders.

**☩ <sup>29</sup>He stilled the storm to a whisper and quieted the waves of the sea.**

### **SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,  
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

<sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

<sup>11</sup>We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. <sup>12</sup>There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. <sup>13</sup>In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The word of the Lord.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Turn, O Lord! How long? Have compassion on your servants!

**☩ Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.**

Alleluia. Now is the acceptable time;

**☩ now is the day of salvation. Alleluia.**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41**

The holy gospel according to Mark.

**☩ Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup>And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup>A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. <sup>38</sup>But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup>He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. <sup>40</sup>He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup>And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

The gospel of the Lord.

**☩ Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection may follow the sermon.*

## **MUSICAL OFFERING: Ellen Westlund**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**☩ And also with you.**

*The assembly remains in place, as the service continues.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ.  
Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**☩ I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Each petition ends:* Lord, in your mercy,

**☩ hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:* We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

**☩ Amen.**

#### OFFERING PRESENTATION

*Offerings are received at the door as one enters. The offering is presented for the work of Christ's Church, here and throughout the world.*

#### OFFERTORY

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

**☩ and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words,

**☩ and gracious in all his deeds.**

The Lord upholds all who are falling,

**☩ and raises up all who are bowed down.**



The eyes of all look to you,  
and you give them their food in due season.

**☞ You open your hand,  
satisfying the desire of every living thing.**

### OFFERING PRAYER

*At the conclusion, the assembly responds:*

**☞ Amen.**

*The table is set.*

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**☞ And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**☞ We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**☞ It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

*The minister continues, concluding: ... and join their unending hymn:*

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (SANCTUS)

**☞ Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. . . .

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we  
proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**☞ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command . . . .

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**☩ Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**☩ Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

### **COMMUNION SONG (AGNUS DEI)**

**☩ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

*Please remain seated where you are. The communion elements will be brought to you. The host is received in your open hand. The wine will be taken by you from an individual glass. Carefully place your empty glass on the pew until end of worship.*

### **BLESSING & POST-COMMUNION PSALM (27)**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**☩ Amen.**

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

**☒ The Lord is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

<sup>2</sup>When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,

**☒ it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

<sup>3</sup>Though an army should encamp against me,

**☒ yet my heart shall not be afraid;**

<sup>4</sup>and though war should rise up against me,

**☒ yet will I put my trust in him.**

<sup>5</sup>One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;

**☒ that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;**

<sup>6</sup>to behold the fair beauty of the Lord

**☒ and to seek him in his temple.**

<sup>7</sup>For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;

**☒ he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.**

Glory 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.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*At the conclusion, the assembly responds:*

**☒ Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

*Response after the blessing:*

**☒ Amen.**

### **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please check web-sites and printed materials for further information.*

## BLESSING OF FATHERS

*At the conclusion, the assembly responds:*

**☩ Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

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## Just as We Are

Jesus spent a day beside the sea teaching, and then the disciples took him in a boat “just as he was” (Mark 4:36). These are easy words to skip past between the wisdom of parables and the stilling of the sea. After a day of teaching to the masses, Jesus was tired. Indeed, he fell asleep in the boat. Perhaps he was hungry. He was already being followed everywhere by an ever-growing crowd, given little time to himself for rest. It was Jesus, “just as he was,” who calmed the storm. This was not the transfigured Jesus or the resurrected Jesus, but the fully human (and fully divine) Jesus after a long day.

Psalm 139 reminds us that we are “fearfully and wonderfully made” (v. 14). Yet we often struggle to let people encounter us just as we are. Some of us have been conditioned to believe that “just as you are” is not good enough, smart enough, or worthy of attention, credit, or love. Others have been praised for perfection and must strive to maintain that image.

Most of us have some way of hiding bits of ourselves and our experiences. This may look like a wall of silence and a minimum of words, or a flood of information that reveals no more than the silence. We have all learned to live with a mixture of our own secrets, doubts, fears, and hopes. Our public selves reveal some, but not all, of who we are.

What if “just as we are” is exactly where we are most powerful and most able to bless others? What if “just as we are” is where we are most able to bring grace and peace to our families, friends, coworkers, and neighbors? Come to worship today just as you are, and know that is right where Jesus meets you and calls you into service.