

# Lord of the Valley Lutheran Church

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## Welcome and Announcements

*Today we celebrate Holy Communion during our LOTV zoom worship connection! Each person or household that wishes to participate will need to prepare some bread (or crackers) and wine (or juice) at home and have it readily available before our worship begins. Then, during the Great Thanksgiving, when Pastor Brian lifts the Bread at the altar during the Words of Institution, everyone at home will do the same, lift their bread. Then again, the same with the wine (or juice) when Pastor Brian lifts it.*

*Following our praying together The Lord's Prayer, Pastor Brian will again lift the Bread and say, "the Body of Christ, given for you." At this time everyone at home will take bread and eat. If you are single, simply eat as Pastor Brian speaks "given for you." If there are two or more at home you will serve one another repeating the same words, "The body of Christ given for you." There will be a pause as Pastor Brian and Karen share communion which will also allow time for everyone at home to receive the bread element. Then Pastor will repeat the same with the Cup saying, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." Again, everyone at home will do the same. Pastor Brian will pause once more to allow time for everyone at home to receive the cup. After he has returned the bread and cup to the altar, Pastor Brian will share the blessing and the service will continue.*

## LOTV Worship with Holy Communion

Song "Dance with Me" Greg Evans

**This is holy time. We're gathered together to worship you,  
to love one another. And as we pray, and as we sing,  
and as we dance and as we dream. Oh Lord I beg of you.**

**Just this one thing.**

**Won't you dance with me, Throughout the heavens and below the sea and up on the  
mountain tops.**

**Flow with the breeze; Come carry me.**

**Lord won't you dance with me.**

## Thanksgiving for Baptism

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Joined to Christ in the waters of Baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of Baptism.

**All: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Pastor: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**All:** We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

Pastor: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

**Song** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 The Lord has prom - ised, good to me; his  
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## Prayer of the Day

P) The Lord be with you.

**C) And also with you.**

P) Glorious God,

**C) your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Scripture Readings

After each reading –

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### Isaiah 55: 1-5

Ho, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and you that have no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,

and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;

listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,

my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,

a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,

and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,

for he has glorified you.

### Romans 9: 1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

## **Gospel Reading**

After reading – Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

### **Matthew 14: 13-21**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## **Sermon**

**Affirmation of Faith** "Apostles Creed"

**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 the People**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord with you.

**C) And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C) We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C) It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, O God, through Jesus Christ, who calls us to follow his way of humble service and love and so with the church on earth, all creation and the host of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C) Holy, holy, holy are you. God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

## Words of Institution

Lord remember us in your love 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**

## Distribution of Communion

### After Communion Blessing and Prayer

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

**C) Amen**

Life-giving God, in this meal you have bound us to yourself, at this table we have received the very presence of Jesus Christ. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always.

## Benediction

### Sending

Leader: Go in Peace, Serve the Lord

**ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD!!**

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