PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE BELLS

CALL TO WORSHIP

BAPTISM HYMN: "SEE THIS WONDER IN THE MAKING"  
1 See this wonder in the making:  
   God Himself this child is taking  
   As a lamb safe in His keeping,  
   His to be, awake or sleeping.

2 Miracle each time it happens  
   As the door to heaven opens  
   And the Father beams, "Belovèd,  
   Heir of gifts a king would covet!"

3 Far more tender than a mother,  
   Far more caring than a father,  
   God, into Your arms we place him/her/them,  
   With Your love and peace embrace him/her/them.

We will use the order of baptism on page 268 of the hymnal.

AFTER BAPTISM HYMN: "SEE WONDER IN THE MAKING"  
4 Here we bring a child of nature;  
   Home we take a newborn creature,  
   Now God’s precious son or daughter,  
   Born again by Word and water.

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Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the Ἵ- 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.
O almighty God, merciful Father,
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.

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 +S+ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

INTROIT

PSALM 3:3–6
Salvation belongs to the L ORD; your blessing be on your people! But you, O L ORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head. I cried aloud to the L ORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the L ORD sustained me. I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.

GLORIA PATRI

♫ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE

♫ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

♫ The Lord be with you.
♫ And with thy spirit.
♫ Let us pray.
Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
♫ Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 43:16–21
Thus says the L ORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”
♫ This is the Word of the Lord.
♫ Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL
[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.
**EPistle**

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Stand**

**Holy Gospel**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twentieth chapter.

♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

♪ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♫ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Nicene Creed**

♫ 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; 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 of the world to come. Amen.

Catechetical Verse
The Seventh Petition
But deliver us from evil.

What does this mean?
We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven.

Sit

SERMON HYMN: "MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN"  LSB 430

1 My song is love unknown,
   My Savior’s love to me,
   Love to the loveless shown
   That they might lovely be.
   Oh, who am I
   That for my sake
   My Lord should take
   Frail flesh and die?

2 He came from His blest throne
   Salvation to bestow;
   But men made strange, and none
   The longed-for Christ would know.
   But, oh, my friend,
   My friend indeed,
   Who at my need
   His life did spend!

3 Sometimes they strew His way
   And His sweet praises sing;
   Resounding all the day
   Hosannas to their King.
   Then “Crucify!”
   Is all their breath,
   And for His death
   They thirst and cry.
Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.

They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff’ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.

In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav’n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.

Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!

SERMON: “WHAT IS YOUR GOAL?”

PHILIPPIANS 3:8–14

By Pastor John Schmidt

Stand

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
C Amen.
OFFERTORY

♫ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

OFFERING

As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.

OFFERING HYMN: ♫ “WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN” LSB 781 V. 1-2

1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

PREFACE

♫ The Lord be with you.
♫ And with thy spirit.
♫ Lift up your hearts.
♫ We lift them up unto the Lord.
♫ Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.
♫ It is meet and right so to do.
♫ 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 overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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 Lord God of Sabaoth; heav’n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI

♫ The peace of the Lord be with you always.
♫ Amen.
AGNUS DEI

♩ O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♩“OH, THAT I HAD A THOUSAND VOICES” LSB 811

1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices
   To praise my God with thousand tongues!
   My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
   Would then proclaim in grateful songs
   To all, wherever I might be,
   What great things God has done for me.

2 O all you pow’rs that He implanted,
   Arise, keep silence now no more;
   Put forth the strength that God has granted!
   Your noblest work is to adore.
   O soul and body, join to raise
   With heartfelt joy our Maker’s praise.

3 You forest leaves so green and tender
   That dance for joy in summer air,
   You meadow grasses, bright and slender,
   You flow’rs so fragrant and so fair,
   You live to show God’s praise alone.
   Join me to make His glory known.

4 All creatures that have breath and motion,
   That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,
   Come, share with me my heart’s devotion,
   Help me to sing God’s praises high.
   My utmost pow’rs can never quite
   Declare the wonders of His might.

5 Creator, humbly I implore You
   To listen to my earthly song
   Until that day when I adore You,
   Together with the angel throng
   And learn with choirs of heav’n to sing
   Eternal anthems to my King.

1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
    Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
    And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
    Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father’s bidding.
    Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.

2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
    And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
    Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
    We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
    Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.

3 Let us gladly die with Jesus.
    Since by death He conquered death,
He will free us from destruction,
    Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion
    That would lead us into sin;
And the grave that shuts us in
Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
    Jesus, here with You I die,
There to live with You on high.

4 Let us also live with Jesus.
    He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
    Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
    Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
    Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: ♫“WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS” LSB 425

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
   On which the Prince of Glory died,
   My richest gain I count but loss
   And pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
   Save in the death of Christ, my God;
   All the vain things that charm me most,
   I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet
   Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
   Did e’er such love and sorrow meet
   Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine,
   That were a tribute far too small;
   Love so amazing, so divine,
   Demands my soul, my life, my all!

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Stand

NUNC DIMITTIS

♫ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

♫ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
♫ and His mercy endureth forever.

♫ 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 in 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.

♫ Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

♫ The Lord be with you.
♫ And with thy spirit.
♫ Bless we the Lord.
♫ Thanks be to God.
**BENEDICTION**

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.

Amen, amen, amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: “GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER”**

1 Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer,
   Pilgrim through this barren land.
   I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
   Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
   Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
   Feed me till I want no more;
   Feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain
   Whence the healing stream doth flow;
   Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
   Lead me all my journey through.
   Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer,
   Be Thou still my strength and shield;
   Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
   Bid my anxious fears subside;
   Death of death and hell’s destruction,
   Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
   Songs of praises, songs of praises
   I will ever give to Thee;
   I will ever give to Thee.


**SILENT PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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