



**CROWN OF LIFE** | LUTHERAN  
CHURCH

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*A Service of Worship and Praise*

**-We Gather as God's People to Worship Him-**

**OPENING HYMN: B377** *It Is Well With My Soul*

*PLEASE STAND*

**Minister says:** We begin our worship in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**-We Lift Up Our Hands and Voices to God-**

**We sing:** *In Moments Like These*

In moments like these I sing out a song,  
I sing out a love song to Jesus.  
In moments like these I lift up my hands,  
I lift up my hands to the Lord.

Singing, "I love you Lord," singing, "I love you Lord;"  
Singing, "I love you Lord. I love you."

**-We Prepare Our Hearts-**

**M:** We stand here today before our Lord and Maker. He has created us to love Him and serve one another. But we have separated ourselves from Him with our sins. Let us be honest and confess to Him our sins.

**C:** Merciful Father, I confess that I am a sinner. I make no excuses. I have sinned against you by things I have done and the things I have not done. But I know that Jesus died for me. I stand before you in need of, and trusting in, your forgiveness.

**We sing:** *I Need Thee Every Hour*

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine Can peace afford.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour, Teach me Thy will;  
And Thy rich promises In me fulfill.

I need Thee, O I need Thee; Ev'ry hour I need Thee;  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.

**M:** It is my duty and privilege as a called servant of God to announce to you that you are forgiven. You have been washed in the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ and stand before Him forgiven of all your sins, His child, and an heir of eternal life. Let's thank Him for His amazing grace.

**We sing:** *He Looked Beyond My Fault*

Amazing grace shall always be my song of praise,  
For it was grace that bought my liberty.

I do not know just why Christ came to love me so,  
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

I shall forever lift mine eyes to Calvary,  
To view the cross where Jesus died for me;

How marvelous the grace that caught my falling soul,  
He looked beyond my fault and saw my need.

*BE SEATED*

## -We Listen to God's Word-

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** *1 Kings 18:21-39*

<sup>21</sup> Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him."

But the people said nothing.

<sup>22</sup> Then Elijah said to them, "I am the only one of the LORD's prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. <sup>23</sup> Get two bulls for us. Let Baal's prophets choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. <sup>24</sup> Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God."

Then all the people said, "What you say is good."

<sup>25</sup> Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire." <sup>26</sup> So they took the bull given them and prepared it.

Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. "Baal, answer us!" they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made.

<sup>27</sup> At noon Elijah began to taunt them. "Shout louder!" he said. "Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened." <sup>28</sup> So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. <sup>29</sup> Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.

<sup>30</sup> Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down.

<sup>31</sup> Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel." <sup>32</sup> With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and

he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. <sup>33</sup> He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood."

<sup>34</sup> "Do it again," he said, and they did it again.

"Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. <sup>35</sup> The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench.

<sup>36</sup> At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. <sup>37</sup> Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again."

<sup>38</sup> Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

<sup>39</sup> When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!"

**We Sing:** *Order My Steps (v1)*

Order my steps in Your Word dear Lord,  
Lead me, guide me, every day,  
Send Your anointing, Father, I pray.  
Order my steps in Your word.  
Please, order my steps in Your word.

I want to walk worthy, My calling to fulfill.  
Please order my steps, Lord, And I'll do Your blessed will,  
The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.  
If You order my steps, I'll praise Your name.

**EPISTLE LESSON:** *Ephesians 6:10-18*

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's

schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

**We Sing:** *Order My Steps (v3)*

Bridle my tongue, let my words edify;  
Let the words of my mouth be acceptable in Thy sight.  
Take charge of my thoughts, both day and night.  
Order my steps in Your word.  
Please, order my steps in Your word.

I want to walk worthy, My calling to fulfill.  
Please order my steps, Lord, And I'll do Your blessed will,  
The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.  
If You order my steps, I'll praise Your name.

*PLEASE STAND*

**GOSPEL LESSON:** *Mark 9:14-27*

<sup>14</sup> When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. <sup>15</sup> As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

<sup>16</sup> “What are you arguing with them about?” he asked.

<sup>17</sup> A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. <sup>18</sup> Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

<sup>19</sup> “You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”

<sup>20</sup> So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

<sup>21</sup> Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?”

“From childhood,” he answered. <sup>22</sup> “It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”

<sup>23</sup> “If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

<sup>24</sup> Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

<sup>25</sup> When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

<sup>26</sup> The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

*BE SEATED*

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: R353** *Praise The One who Breaks the Darkness*

**SERMON: *Calling Wandering Sheep Home* Matthew 18:15-20**

<sup>15</sup> "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

*PLEASE STAND*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *Apostles Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there, He will 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.

*BE SEATED*

**OFFERING:** *Instrumental*



PLEASE STAND

**PRAYERS:** *The Lord's Prayer*

## THE SACRAMENT

**M:** Our Lord has given us a holy Supper in which we receive His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith. In this supper, we celebrate the gift of His redemption, we bear witness to the fellowship we share as confessors of the truth, and we proclaim His death until He returns.

**C:** Now have come the salvation and the power and kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ. To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

**We sing:** *Awesome God*

Our God is an awesome God.  
He reigns from heaven above  
with wisdom, power, and love.  
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## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*BE SEATED*

FOR ALL OF US: Paul instructed in I Cor. 11:28: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup." Questions like these help us examine ourselves:

- Am I sorry for my sin?
- Do I trust that Jesus has lived and died to save me from my sin?
- Do I believe that Jesus's body and blood are truly present to assure me of forgiveness?
- Do I intend, with God's help, to live a more God pleasing life?

*WELS and ELS members may come and receive Christ's body and blood. Proceed up the center aisle as directed by the ushers.*

FOR OUR GUESTS AND VISITORS: *You may find that we regard Holy Communion with much greater seriousness than most churches today. The Bible teaches that communion is, among other things, a public statement of intimate unity and spiritual agreement with a church's teachings. Therefore, if you are unaware or unclear about what we teach and believe, you will want to compare your own beliefs with ours before communing with us. We are eager to establish this fellowship with you and look forward to your inquiry on how to enter into fellowship! Pastor Kramer is happy and ready to speak with you!*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN: B252** *Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross*

**THANKSGIVING HYMN:** *My Tribute*

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me  
Things so undeserved, Yet you give to prove Your love for me?  
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude.  
All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee.

To God be the glory, To God be the glory, To God be the glory  
For the things He has done!

With His blood He has saved me,  
With His pow'r He has raised me  
To God be the glory For the things He has done!

Just let me live my life, Let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee;  
And should I gain any praise, Let it go to Calvary.

With His blood He has saved me,  
With His pow'r He has raised me  
To God be the glory For the things He has done!

**C:** O God the Father, source of all goodness, in Your loving kindness you sent Your Son to share our humanity. We thank You that through Him You have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that You will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve You day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. AMEN.

**CLOSING HYMN:** **B567** *Here I Am, Lord*

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<b>Serving at CoL:</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
Pianist	Karis, Elijah	Katherine, Elijah
Ushers	Perry, Keith	Seth
Reader		Elijah
Altar	Beth	<i>This Could Be You</i>
Streaming	Noah	Noah
Refreshments	Linda	Ramona
Cleaning	Karis	Beth
Mowing		<i>This Could Be You</i>

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Wednesday	7:00 PM Online Bible Class
Thursday	10:30 AM Bible Class at Summerhouse, Slidell
Sunday	10:00 AM Sunday School and Bible Class
Sunday	11:00 AM Worship
Today	Church Council



*"...give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."  
II Corinthians 9:7*

