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**SUNDAY
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MOSES & THE BURNING BUSH

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If you have prayer requests you'd like included in our worship prayers, please go to the one of the Prayer List stands and write them down. They will be given to Pastor Kennaugh before the worship prayers.



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DIVINE SERVICE I

This service is from Divine Service, Setting One, in Lutheran Service Book.

Opening Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer

LSB 918



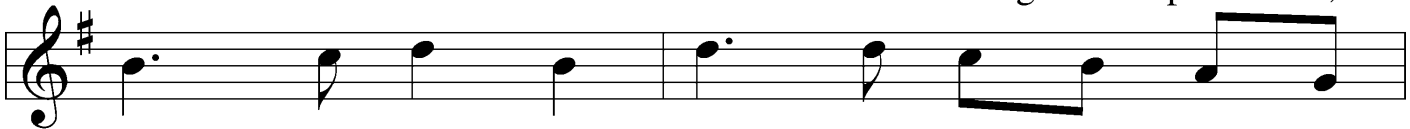
1 Guide me, O Thou great Re - deem - er, Pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain Whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
 stream doth flow; Let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar
 fears sub - side; Death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



Hold me with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,
 Land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, Feed me till I want no
 strong de - liv - 'rer, Be Thou still my strength and
 songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more; Feed me till I want no more.
 shield; Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)

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.**

1 John 1:8-9

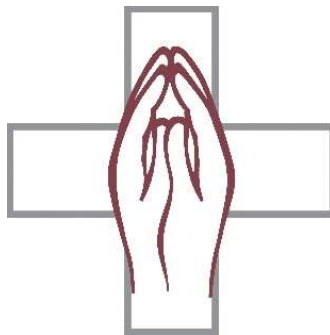
P: We pause in silence to reflect on our personal sins that trouble us.

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

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**



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Song of Praise

Come, Now Is the Time to Worship

CHORUS

Come, now is the time _____ to wor - ship. _____

Come, now is the time _____ to give _____ your _____ heart. _____

Come, just as you are _____ to wor - ship. _____

Come, just as you are _____ be-fore _____ your _____ God. _____

End here on final time

VERSE

Come.

- 1. One day ev - 'ry tongue will con-fess _____ You are God. _____
- 2. Will - ling - ly we serve and sur-ren - der our lives. _____

One day ev - 'ry knee _____ will bow. _____ Still, the great-est treas-ure re-mains -
 Will - ing - ly our knees _____ will bow. _____ With all our heart, _____ soul, _____ mind, _____

_____ for _____ those _____ who glad - ly _____ praise _____ You now. _____
 _____ and _____ strength _____ we glad - ly _____ serve _____ You now. _____

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Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: 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.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**



This Is the Feast

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Anthem***I Sing th' Almighty Power of God*****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*I sing the'Almighty power of God, That made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, And built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained The sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, And all the stars obey.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord, That filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with his word, And then pronounced them good.*

*Lord, how thy wonders are displayed wherever I turn my eye;
If I survey ground I tread, Or gaze upon the sky.*

*There's not a plant or flower below But makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from thy throne;
While all that borrows life from thee Is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.*

This Week's Narrative Lectionary Reading***Exodus 3:1-15 (VOICE)***

Now one day when Moses was shepherding the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, he guided the flock far away from its usual pastures to the other side of the desert and came to a place known as Horeb, where the mountain of God stood. ² There, the Special Messenger of the Eternal appeared to Moses in a fiery blaze from within the bush. Moses looked again at the bush as it blazed; but to his amazement, the bush did not burn up in flames.

Moses (to himself): ³ Why is this bush not burning up? I need to move a little closer to get a better look at this amazing sight.

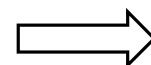
⁴ When the Eternal One saw Moses approach the burning bush to observe it more closely, He called out to him from within the bush.

Eternal One: Moses! Moses!

Moses: I'm right here.

Eternal One: ⁵ Don't come any closer. Take off your sandals and stand barefoot on the ground in My presence, for this ground is holy ground. ⁶ I am the True God, the God of your father, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

A feeling of dread and awe rushed over Moses; he hid his face because he was afraid he might catch a glimpse of the True God.



Eternal One: ⁷ I have seen how My people in Egypt are being mistreated. I have heard their groaning when the slave drivers torment and harass them; for I know well their suffering. ⁸ I have come to rescue them from the oppression of the Egyptians, to lead them from that land *where they are slaves and* to give them a good land—a wide, open space flowing with milk and honey. The land is currently inhabited by Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. ⁹ The plea of Israel’s children has come before Me, and I have observed the cruel treatment they have suffered by Egyptian hands. ¹⁰ So go. I’m sending you *back to Egypt as My messenger* to the Pharaoh. *I want you to gather My people—the children of Israel—and bring them out of Egypt.*

Moses (to God): ¹¹ Who am I to confront Pharaoh and lead Israel’s children out of Egypt?

Eternal One: ¹² *Do not fear, Moses. I will be with you every step of the way, and this will be the sign to you that I am the One who has sent you: after you have led them out of Egypt, you will return to this mountain and worship God.*

Moses: ¹³ Let’s say I go to the people of Israel and tell them, “The God of your fathers has sent me to *rescue you,*” and then they reply, “What is His name?” What should I tell them then?

Eternal One: ¹⁴ I AM WHO I AM. This is what you should tell the people of Israel: “I AM has sent me to *rescue you.*”

¹⁵ This is what you are to tell Israel’s people: “The Eternal, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob is the One who has sent me to you.” This is My name forevermore, and this is the name by which all future generations shall remember Me.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: ***Thanks be to God.***

Greeting and Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ***And also with you.***

P: Let us pray. O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and sent him to lead Your people out of slavery, come with an outstretched arm and redeem us by the One greater than Moses, the Prophet, Priest, and King, Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: ***Amen.***

Hymn of the Day **When in the Hour of Deepest Need**

LSB 615 sts. 2-3; tune: 461



2 This is our com - fort this a - lone That we may
3 For You have prom - ised, Lord, to heed Your chil - dren's



meet be - fore Your throne; To You, O faith - ful
cries in time of need Through Him whose name a -



God, we cry For res - cue in our mis - er - y.
lone is great, Our Sav - ior and our ad - vo - cate.

Sermon

“Arguing with God”

Exodus 3:1-15

Confession of Faith

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.

Offering

Offertory

Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious

LSB 548, st. 3 alt.

Sung as the offerings are brought forward to the altar



1 Thanks to Thee, O Christ, vic - to - rious! For Thy ho - ly,
pre - cious Word; For Thy Bap - tism, which doth save me,
For Thy blest Com - mu - nion board; For Thy death, the bit - ter
scorn, For Thy res - ur - rec - tion morn, Lord, I thank Thee
and ex - tol Thee, And in heav'n I shall be - hold Thee.

Prayers

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

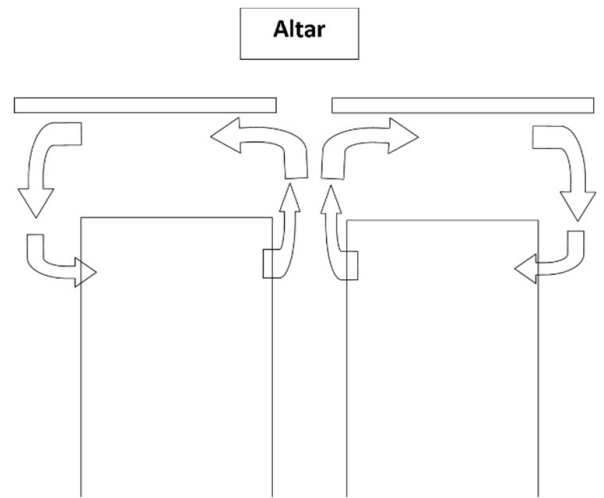
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

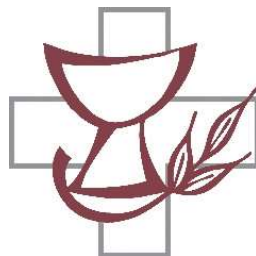
P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, 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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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)

LSB 161

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: *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.*

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

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

C: *And also with you.*

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

First Distribution Hymn God Himself Is Present

LSB 907

1 God Him - self is pres - ent: Let us now a - dore Him
2 God Him - self is pres - ent: Hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Pu - ri - fy my spir - it,
And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust-ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly
tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease-less -
deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still
Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

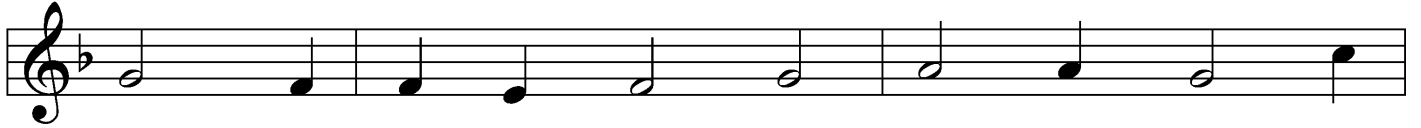
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Tune: Joachim Neander, 1650–80

Second Distribution Hymn Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present

LSB 902



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; Our hearts in
2 Un - seal our lips to sing Your praise In end - less
3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O ho - ly,
△ 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, And Ho - ly



true de - vo - tion bow. Your Spir - it send with
hymns through all our days. In - crease our faith and
ho - ly Lord Most High!" And in the light of
Spir - it, Three in One! To You, O bless - ed



light di - vine, And let Your truth with - in us shine.
light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.
that blest place We then shall see You face to face.
Trin - i - ty, Be praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: Lutherisch Hand-Büchlein, 1648, Altenburg; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: Cationale Germanicum, 1628, Gochsheim

Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord....

C: *Amen.*

Post-Communion Prayer

P: 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.

C: *Amen.*

Benediction

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.*

Closing Hymn

God Has Spoken by His Prophets

LSB 583 sts. 1, 3



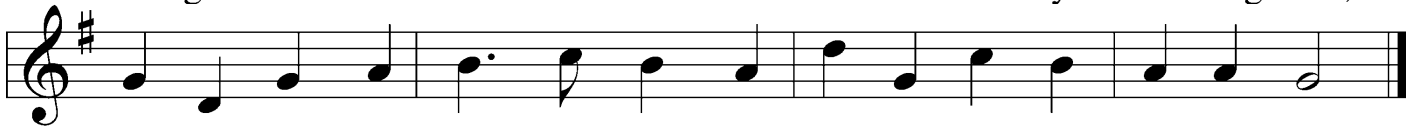
1 God has spo - ken by His proph - ets, Spo - ken His un - chang - ing Word;
3 God is speak - ing by His Spir - it, Speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



Each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the righ - teous Lord.
In the age - less Word de - clar - ing His own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil, One firm an - chor holds us fast:
Through the rise and fall of na - tions One sure faith yet stand - ing fast;



God is king, His throne e - ter - nal; God the first, and God the last.
God a - bides, His Word un - chang - ing; God the first, and God the last.

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Announcements

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM) – 9AM
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

IN-PERSON WORSHIP (IN GYM W/COMMUNION) – 9AM
FELLOWSHIP 10-10:30AM
EDUCATION HOUR 10:30-11:30AM



Mental Health Ministry

Grief Support Group

Facilitated by Ben Sanders

Wednesdays Oct 4th – Nov 8th

6:30PM – 8:00PM

On Wednesday, October 4th, Mission Facilitator Ben Sanders will be leading a new grief support group for six weeks. The group will meet from 6:30pm-8:00pm at Bethel. This will be a “closed” group only for adults connected to Bethel who sign up to attend the six-week session. Contact Ben Sanders at Office@BethelGurnee.org or scan the QR code on the right.



“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ , the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 ESV