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We Welcome Our Visitors who are with us this morning.

We hope that you are uplifted by the Gospel at our worship service.

We invite you to join us every Sunday. Please sign our guestbook in the entry.

✝ Preparation for Worship: Read Psalm 1 (Lutheran Service Book or Pew Bible) ✝



Opening Hymn: "Speak, O Lord" (see bulletin insert)

Invocation

We invoke ("call upon") the name of the one true God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

- P** In the name of the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We come before our Holy God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

- P** God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.
- C** **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**
- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C** **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (1 John 1:5, 7-9)
- P** Let us pray...
- C** **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer:**
We confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.
- P** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven! With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the joy and peace of forgiveness let us sing to the Lord...

"Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

LSB 611 v. 1-2

1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'ns a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.

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Prayer of the Day

P We pray:

Merciful God and Father, You have graciously promised that, through the preaching of the crucified Christ, those who believe in Him will be saved. By Your Holy Spirit grant grace to the pastors gathered here. Grant us readiness and steadfastness in our ministry, patience, understanding, and great zeal. Support and strengthen us in Your service that by Your Word Your Church may be built and increased. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Luke 6:43-49 (EHV)

⁴³ **"Certainly a good tree does not produce bad fruit, and a bad tree does not produce good fruit. ⁴⁴ In fact, each tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not gather figs from thorn bushes, and they do not gather grapes from a bramble**

bush. ⁴⁵ The good person brings what is good out of the good stored in his heart, and the evil person brings what is evil out of the evil within. To be sure, what his mouth speaks flows from the heart.

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷ Everyone who comes to me and listens to my words and does them—I will show you what he is like: ⁴⁸ He is like a man building a house who dug down deep and laid a foundation on bedrock. When a flood came, the river beat against that house but could not shake it, because it was founded on bedrock. ⁴⁹ But the one who listened to my words and did not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river broke against it, it fell immediately, and that house was completely destroyed."

Second Reading

Romans 10:4-13 (EHV)

P The second reading is from Romans 10:4-13.

C Sanctify us by Your truth, O LORD. Your Word is truth!

⁴ For to everyone who believes, Christ is the end of the law, resulting in righteousness.

⁵ Indeed, Moses writes this about the righteousness that comes by the law: "The one who does these things will live by them." ⁶ But the righteousness that comes by faith speaks like this: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith that we are proclaiming. ⁹ Certainly, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth that a person confesses, resulting in salvation. ¹¹ For Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

¹² So there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives generously to all who call on him. ¹³ Yes, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

P Here ends our Scripture readings.

"Only Jesus Can Impart"

LSB 611 v. 3-5

3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in
5 O my Sav - ior, help af - ford By Your Spir - it
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,
and Your Word! When my way - ward heart would stray,
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the
Keep me in the nar - row way; Grace in time of
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.
need sup - ply While I live and when I die.

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Nicene Creed *We boldly confess what we believe.*

LSB 206

**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.**

Hymn of the Day: 776 (Worship Supplement) *Lord, Tis Not that I Did Choose You*

Sermon Text: Jeremiah 24:7 (NKJV)

I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD. They will be My people, and I will be their God.

Sermon Theme: Our Divine Heart Donor

I. Our Lives Depend On It

II. Our LORD's Love Provides It

✝ Preaching Tonight: Pastor David Naumann – St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston, WA

Offertory

LSB 956



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new
a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way
from Thy pres - ence; and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va - tion;
and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

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Offering *We offer our gifts to the Lord, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him.*

Prayer of the Church / Prayer Requests *We bring our prayers to God.*

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.**

1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
 3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -
 are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
 deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
 mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
 on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a
 these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
 ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

***5. When from the dust of death I rise
 To claim my mansion in the skies,
 This then shall be my only plea:
 Jesus hath lived and died for me.***

***6. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
 Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
 For me, and all Thy hands have made,
 An everlasting ransom paid.***

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
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Service of the Sacrament

*Now we approach the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in which Jesus comes to bless us with His very body and blood.
 We move toward the Sacrament with prayers of thanksgiving and songs of adoration.*

The Words of Institution

The words spoken by Jesus the night He instituted the Lord's Supper, by which our Lord assured to His Church the real presence of His body and blood in the Sacrament.

Prayer Before the Lord's Supper

Adapted from The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 4

C Dear Savior, upon Your gracious invitation I come to Your altar.
Let me find favor in Your eyes that I may approach Your table in true faith
and receive the Lord's Supper for the forgiveness of my sins and the
strengthening of my faith. Amen

P The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C Amen.

Hymn of Preparation

619 v. 1 Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior

LSB 619 v. 1

The musical score is written on five staves in G-clef (treble clef) with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first three staves contain the main body of the hymn. The fourth staff is marked 'Refrain' and the fifth staff continues the refrain. The score ends with a double bar line.

I Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which Thou for
me didst shed, These are my life and strength for -
ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
Refrain
Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be
for my soul the high - est good!

The Distribution

Note to our Guests: We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. The Word of God treats the Lord's Supper with great care. The Word of God considers the Lord's Supper to be a wonderful Means of Grace – a way in which Christ forgives and blesses. It is also considered an opportunity for congregations to express unity and oneness (1 Corinthians 10:16-17) – that is, to say to the world "This is what we believe!" But God's Word also warns against taking the Sacrament to our judgment (1 Corinthians 11:27-30). For these reasons our congregation asks that you fully understand our teachings before partaking. We respectfully ask that those who have joined this congregation through public confession of faith, or who are members of another congregation of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) approach the altar at the usher's direction. By following this practice we do not make any judgment on your faith. Rather we do this out of love for you, as a public confession of our unity, and out of obedience to and love for God's Word. Speak to our pastor anytime and he will be glad to provide the information you would need – and want. We look forward to communing together, Lord willing, in the future.

Prayer After the Lord's Supper

Adapted from The Lutheran Hymnal, p. 4

G O blessed Savior, Jesus Christ, You have given Yourself to me in this holy Sacrament, keep me in Your faith and favor. As You live in me, let me also live in You. May Your body and blood preserve me in the true faith unto everlasting life! Amen.

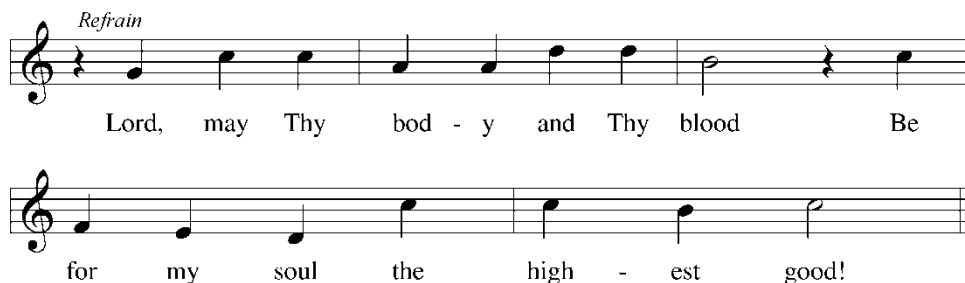
P Go in peace. Serve the Lord with gladness!

The Thanksgiving

619 v. 5 My Heart Has Now Become Thy Dwelling

LSB 619 v. 5

5 My heart has now be-come Thy dwell-ing, O bless-ed, ho-ly
Trin-i-ty. With an-gels I, Thy prais-es
tell-ing, Shall live in joy e-ter-nal-ly.



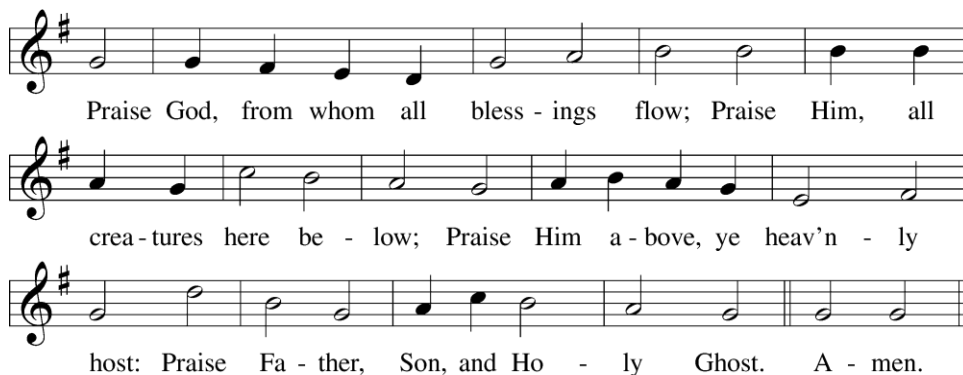
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Benediction *The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).*

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

The Doxology

LSB 805



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Closing Hymn: "O'er the Gloomy Hills of Darkness"

TLH 505

- 1. O'er those gloomy hills of darkness, Cheered by no celestial ray,
Sun of Righteousness, arising, Bring the bright, the glorious day.
Let the morning Of thy blessed Gospel dawn.**

(hymn continues on next page ->)

***2. Kingdoms wide that sit in darkness, Grant them ,Lord, the glorious light;
And from eastern coast to western May the morning chase the night
And redemption, Freely purchased, win the day!***

***3. Fly abroad, eternal Gospel; Win and conquer, never cease.
May thy lasting wide dominions Multiply and still increase;
May Thy scepter Sway th'enlightened world around!***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

After Worship: **Refreshments & Fellowship Time in the Fellowship Hall**

Thank You! – To Pastor David Naumann for bringing us the Gospel message this evening. Pastor Eichstadt is the pastor of our sister congregations, St. John's Lutheran Church & School in Clarkston, WA, and Peace Lutheran, Orifino, ID. We pray the Lord's blessings on his ministry, and on the ministries of all of our pastors who are here for the Pacific Coast Pastoral Conference. May the Lord also give you all safe travels home to your families and congregations tomorrow.

This Sunday: **St. Stephen – West (Mt. View): Bible Study – 9am**

10/6/24

Worship w/ Communion – 10am

Guest Preacher: Pastor Em. Mark Bernthal

St. Stephen – East Bay (Hayward): Worship w/ Communion – 1pm

Guest Preacher: Pastor Em. Mark Bernthal

East Bay "Farewell" – Refreshments & Fellowship Hour – 2pm

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