



Give



Serve



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Stewardship

Joy in Christ Lutheran Church
Service of the Word

The assembly rises in body or in spirit and faces the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the giver of every good gift, whose generosity fills the universe and whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, faithfully manage your abundant blessings, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, remembering our calling as stewards of God's grace and creation.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

We confess that we have misused your gifts, hoarding resources and neglecting your creation. We have failed to be faithful stewards, living in fear of scarcity rather than in trust of your abundance. Forgive us, heal us, and by your Spirit, empower us to live as joyful managers of your grace, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loves us with a radical abundance. By the grace of ☩ Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven, strengthening us to use all that you are for God's glory.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *(Refer to the hymn board for the hymn number)*

The abundant grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the generous love of God, and the faithful fellowship of the Holy Spirit, who equips us to be stewards of every good gift, be with you all.

And also with you.

 (ELW p. 203)

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.
Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.
Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

 (ELW p. 204)

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.
“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry, “to be exalted thus!”
“Worthy the Lamb,” our lips reply, “for he was slain for us!”
Jesus is worthy to receive honor and pow'r divine;
and blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, forever thine.
Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name
of God who sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.**

Prayer of the Day *(see bulletin insert)*

The assembly is seated.

The readings are printed in the bulletin insert.

First Reading

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *(read responsively)*

Second Reading

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly rises in body or in spirit.

 (ELW p. 205)

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

Gospel Reading

The holy gospel according to _____. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly rises in body or in spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY (*Refer to the hymn board for the hymn number*)

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

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

We pray not only with our voices, but with our bodies.

At the conclusion of each prayer petition, the assisting minister will say, "All God's children clap your hands." The congregation will respond by clapping in unison.

*The final prayer will end with, "And all God's children shout with joy: **Amen!**"*

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

MINISTRY MINUTE

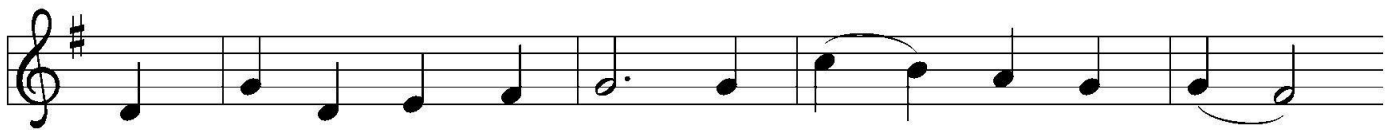
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The assembly rises in body or in spirit.

We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Thanksgiving for the Word

The Word of the Lord is a treasure, a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Let us give thanks for the holy scriptures and pray for the grace to be faithful stewards of God's truth.

Praise to you, O God, for your living Word. In the beginning, your voice swept over the waters, creating a vibrant world and trusting human hands to tend it. You spoke through prophets and sages, calling your people to acts of justice, mercy, and radical generosity.

We praise you, O God, for your Word.

Praise to you, O God, for Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. He showed us the ultimate stewardship of life, pouring himself out for the sake of the world. Through his parables of seeds, vineyards, and talents, he opened our eyes to your abundant kingdom and called us to be trustworthy managers of your grace.

We praise you, O God, for your Word.

Praise to you, O God, for the Holy Spirit, who breathes life into these sacred texts. By your Word, you plant seeds of faith, hope, and love within us. Forgive us when we hoard your truth or fail to live out its call to generosity. Nourish the soil of our hearts, so that the assets, time, and talents you give us may bear fruit that feeds a hungry world.

We praise you, O God, for your Word.

Guide us by your Spirit, O God, to be not just hearers of your Word, but faithful stewards who live it out each day. To you, the Source of every good and perfect gift, be all honor, glory, and praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

 (ELW 547, v.1)

**Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
Our worship is ended. Oh, now be extended the fruits of this service in all
who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom and answer your call.**

Almighty God, who fills the universe with abundance,
Jesus Christ, who poured out his life in ultimate love,
and the Holy Spirit, who equips us to be faithful caretakers of grace,
bless us and keep us this day and forevermore.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *(Refer to the hymn board for the hymn number)*

Go in peace. Share your gifts, care for creation, and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Joy in Christ Lutheran Church acknowledges that indigenous peoples and nations, including the Osage, Quapaw, and Caddo, have stewarded through generations the lands and waterways of what is now Hot Springs Village and Central Arkansas. We honor and respect the enduring relationship that exists between these peoples and nations and this land.

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