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WHERE  
IS GOD?



HE IS HEALING YOU



Welcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We are happy that you are here! In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word. If you are a guest, please fill out a Connection card found in our entryway. You can place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor or an usher as you leave.

### HELPFUL INFORMATION

**Bathrooms** are located at the end of the hallway as you exit the sanctuary.

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### HYMN *Christ Begins*

*This beautiful and powerful Epiphany season hymn was written by a faithful group of WELS pastors. It places us in the sandals of the disciples as they witness the man Christ Jesus being revealed as True God. In his baptism, miracles, transfiguration, and ascension- Christ Begins his work of our salvation and his rule over all things for our good.*

1. We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed. Wa - ter runs and  
 2. Ma - ry's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time. Yet six jars are  
 3. See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide. Clothes like light - ning  
 4. We stand, gath - ered 'round on the moun - tain - side Watch the clo - sing

all heav - en o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.  
 filled with the fi - nest wine. Tell me who is this by our side?  
 white, hea - ven o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies:  
 clouds hide him from our eyes; with a voice, u - ni - ted we cry:

Here's my Pro - phet, my Priest, my King; A  
 light in the dark, Christ steps in. Here's my Sa - vior, my  
 God, my King. The time has come, Christ be - gins.

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## PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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 Lord has refreshed us with His Word. Let us head into this new week equipped for lives of service.

**Our mission is to worship God, to spread his Word to our community and to all nations, and to nurture all believers to prepare them for lives of Christian service.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

*The Lord's Prayer was given by our Savior to his Church in response to the disciples' request to be taught to pray (See Matthew 6:9-13). The conclusion to the prayer, also known as the Doxology, was a common conclusion to ancient prayers.*

### Blessing

*This blessing has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. It is known as the Aaronic blessing because the Lord first instructed Aaron, the first High Priest of the children of Israel, to share the promise of blessing: "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).*

# TODAY'S WORSHIP

## Where is God? He is Healing You.

February 3, 2019

When sorrow burdens our hearts, worries pester our minds, and the world simply scoffs – where in the world is God? Our series this Epiphany season will show our God exactly where he is, and where he is found.

We are sick. Whether we want to admit it or not, we are sick with illness or suffering or loneliness or pain or grief. Jesus is the Great Physician of both body and soul. He uses the scalpel of His Word and Sacraments to cut, clean, bandage, and heal. Our God heals.

## PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

*As you prepare to worship your Lord today, spend a few quiet moments in prayer before the service. Review the Scripture readings, the service notes, and pray this prayer:*

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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# Order of Service

HYMN #234 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

## Greeting

*This blessing from 2 Corinthians 13:14 reminds us of the foundation of worship: God's grace. He loves us because of Jesus and we have fellowship with God and each other because of the faith the Holy Spirit gives us. The congregation responds by praying the same blessing on their pastor.*

## The Confession and Forgiveness of Sins

*Our God is a holy God, and we are unholy sinners. Before we meet our God, our status before him must change - or he would destroy us. We confess our sins, trusting God's promise to forgive us (See 1 John 1:9). Our Lord wants to forgive our sins. He sent Jesus to make us "at one" (atonement) with God by dying on the cross for our sins. The pastor makes the sign of the cross to remind us we are forgiven only because Jesus died on the cross.*

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## GREETING

Leader: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**Congregation: And also with you.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

*Silence for personal confession and reflection*

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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## 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.

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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Throughout the prayer, when the leader says, "...let us pray to the Lord:" the congregation responds by saying, "Lord, have mercy."*

...let us commend ourselves, one another, our supplications and prayer, and, indeed, our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING

*This is the moment in our worship when members and friends of Our Savior Lutheran respond to God's good news with gifts to support his saving work of sharing the Gospel. If you are a guest with us today, please do not feel obligated to participate.*

*If you would like to help Our Savior with this important mission, there are several ways to make a tax-deductible contribution (the latter two provide options for either one-time or recurring gifts):*

*Place your offering in the plate*

*Use the "Tithe.ly" app on your phone (iOS or Android)*

*Click on "Give" at [OurSaviorBirmingham.com](http://OurSaviorBirmingham.com) on your phone or computer*

## Confession of Faith

*We respond to our Shepherd's voice by confessing what we believe concerning our God and all he's done for us.*

## Prayer of the Church

*The Lord invites our prayers and asks that Christians pray for many people and circumstances.*

## Offering

*Our offerings are a response to the Lord for his goodness to us, which we heard about in the readings and sermon. They are to be given on a regular basis and be the first fruits of what we receive.*

**Hymn of the Day**

*The Hymn of the Day is assigned to this day because of its rich content and connection to the day's Gospel.*

**Sermon**

*The Sermon is the Word of God, proclaiming the living voice of the Gospel to God's people. The preacher is the appointed representative who illuminates the Scripture for the congregation and applies it to our contemporary situation. He is neither lecturer nor entertainer, but a link through whom the Holy Spirit brings law and gospel to bear upon the hearts and minds of the worshiper and enlivens their faith and life.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY #395** *Seek Where You May to Find a Way*

**SERMON** *Luke 4:38-44*

<sup>38</sup> Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. <sup>39</sup> So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

<sup>40</sup> When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. <sup>41</sup> Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ.

<sup>42</sup> At daybreak Jesus went out to a solitary place. The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. <sup>43</sup> But he said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." <sup>44</sup> And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

NOTES:

Handwriting lines for notes.

For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

**Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord!

**REFRAIN**

Musical notation for the first line of the refrain: *Glo-ry to God in the high - est!*

Musical notation for the second line of the refrain: *Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God! Glo-ry to God*

Musical notation for the third line of the refrain: *Last time to Coda*  $\oplus$  *in the high - est! Peace to his peo - ple on earth!*

Musical notation for the Coda:  $\oplus$  **Coda** *Peace on earth!*

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**Verse 1 (followed by refrain)**

Musical notation for the first line of the verse: *Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we*

Musical notation for the second line of the verse: *wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.*

**Hymn of Praise**

*Purified of our sin, we respond with a song of praise, based on the angel's song at Jesus' birth. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.*

Verse 2 (followed by refrain)

Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
 6 Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 11 sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 16 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Verse 3 (followed by refrain repeated twice)

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 5 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly  
 10 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

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GOSPEL *Luke 4:38-44 (pg. 1597)*

The Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter four.

Glory be to you, O Lord!

*Jesus reveals himself as the Savior as he heals and proclaims the Good News of salvation.*

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The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children are invited to assemble at the front for a children's message.*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*During the singing of the hymn, parents may choose to escort their young child(ren) to our children's church, where they will hear a Bible story, sing songs, learn a prayer, do a craft, and have their faith fed through God's Word.*

Gospel

*The congregation stands for the reading of the Gospel. (In the past, soldiers put down their weapons and kings removed their crowns when the Gospel was read.) Christ—his life, his words of law and Gospel, his suffering and death, his resurrection, his ascension, his assignment to the Church, his promise to return—is the center of the Gospel. The faithful have waited for this moment, this reading. They stand in reverence. After hearing the Gospel, we respond with a joyful acclamation of praise.*

## Second Reading

*The Second Reading is from the New Testament letters of the apostles or the Revelation to St. John. It stresses Christian faith and Christian living as a response to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

## SECOND READING 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (pg. 1855)

*God calls us to continue in what we have learned that we may faithfully and confidently proclaim it to others.*

<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, <sup>15</sup> and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**4** In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: <sup>2</sup> Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. <sup>3</sup> For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. <sup>4</sup> They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. <sup>5</sup> But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The Gospel Acclamation, or Verse of the Day, is a verse, often times from the New Testament, that echoes or reinforces the theme or tone of the focus of today's worship service.*

# The Word

## SALUTATION

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

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## The Word

*We sit at the feet of Jesus, like Mary did, to hear the Word (Luke 10:42). Here is time for meditating, strengthening, forgiveness, instruction, and response.*

## Salutation

*This greeting has deep roots in Christian worship. Because God has forgiven us, we have a special bond with our Lord and with each other as Christians. Pastor and congregation express this bond of fellowship with a blessing for each other – that the Holy Spirit would bless you as you hear God's Word and that he would bless the pastor to preach God's Word with power.*

## Prayer of the Day

*Following an ancient outline, the prayer of the day asks for one specific blessing. This prayer changes each Sunday, according to the Bible readings for that Sunday.*

## First Reading

*The First Reading is typically taken from the Old Testament and occasionally from the Book of Acts. In it we learn of God's mighty words and deeds with the Old Testament Church, the people of Israel.*

## FIRST READING *Jeremiah 1:4-10 (pg. 1169)*

*Jeremiah is called to wield the powerful Word of the Lord as God's spokesman. For some, the Word of the Lord comes to tear down, uproot, and overthrow. For others the Word of the Lord comes to build and plant in what was once a barren wasteland.*

<sup>4</sup>The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
before you were born I set you apart;  
I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup>"Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child."

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM OF THE DAY *Psalms 71*

*As a result of God's goodness and mercy in saving us, we will declare God's praise!*

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> **Rescue me and deliver me in your righteousness;  
turn your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go;  
**give the command to save me,  
for you are my rock and my fortress.**

<sup>4</sup> Deliver me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of evil and cruel men.

<sup>5</sup> **For you have been my hope, O Sovereign LORD,  
my confidence since my youth.**

<sup>6</sup> From birth I have relied on you;  
**you brought me forth from my mother's womb.  
I will ever praise you.**

<sup>7</sup> I have become like a portent to many,  
but you are my strong refuge.

<sup>8</sup> **My mouth is filled with your praise,  
declaring your splendor all day long.**

<sup>9</sup> Do not cast me away when I am old;  
**do not forsake me when my strength is gone.**

<sup>10</sup> For my enemies speak against me;  
**those who wait to kill me conspire together.**

<sup>11</sup> They say, "God has forsaken him;  
pursue him and seize him, for no one will rescue him."

<sup>12</sup> **Be not far from me, O God;  
come quickly, O my God, to help me.**

<sup>13</sup> May my accusers perish in shame;  
**may those who want to harm me be covered with scorn and disgrace.**

<sup>14</sup> But as for me, I will always have hope;  
**I will praise you more and more.**

<sup>15</sup> My mouth will tell of your righteousness,  
of your salvation all day long,  
though I know not its measure.

<sup>16</sup> **I will come and proclaim your mighty acts, O Sovereign LORD;  
I will proclaim your righteousness, yours alone.**

<sup>17</sup> Since my youth, O God, you have taught me,  
**and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.**

<sup>18</sup> Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God,  
**till I declare your power to the next generation,  
your might to all who are to come.**

<sup>19</sup> Your righteousness reaches to the skies, O God, you who have done great things.  
**Who, O God, is like you?**

<sup>20</sup> Though you have made me see troubles, many and bitter,  
you will restore my life again;  
**from the depths of the earth  
you will again bring me up.**

<sup>21</sup> You will increase my honor  
and comfort me once again.

<sup>22</sup> I will praise you with the harp for your faithfulness, O my God;  
**I will sing praise to you with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel.**

<sup>23</sup> My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you—  
I, whom you have redeemed.

<sup>24</sup> My tongue will tell of your righteous acts all day long,  
**for those who wanted to harm me have been put to shame and confusion.**

## Psalm

*The Psalm is the most ancient part of our worship service. While most of our liturgy is 1,800 years old, Jews have been singing Psalms in worship for 3,000 years.*