

Martin Luther College Semester 2 Opening Service

January 13, 2012

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Blessed Jesus, at Your Word (CW 221)

Stand as the hymn is introduced

- 1. Blessed Jesus, at your Word
we are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear you;
By your teachings sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love you solely.**
- 2. All our knowledge, sense and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.**
- 3. Glorious Savior, good and kind,
Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

The congregation may kneel.

C: Lord of Life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake. Breathe into these dry bones that I may live.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. By the death and resurrection of God's Son Jesus Christ, death has been swallowed up forever. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

During Advent and Lent the Gloria in Excelsis is traditionally omitted.

GLORY BE TO GOD

- 1. All glory be to God on high!**
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.
- 3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray,**
You take all human sin away;
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share.

THANKSGIVING

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

O Lord, now let your servant
Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised
Incarnate, saving Word—
A Light that will enlighten
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory
Of those in Israel!

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. Grant that we may live as your people now and as your guests forever at the marriage feast of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

M: 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.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: How Lovely Shines the Morning Star (CW 79)

How lovely shines the Morning Star! The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining. O David's Son of Jacob's race,
My Bridegroom and my King of Grace, For you my heart is pining.
Lowly, holy, great and glorious, O victorious Prince of graces,
Filling all the heav'nly places.

O highest joy by mortals won, True Son of God and Mary's Son,
The highborn King of ages! In your blest body let me be,
E'en as the branch is in the tree, Your life my life supplying.
Sighing, crying, for the savor Of your favor; resting never
Till I rest in you forever.

O mighty Father, in your Son You loved me ere you had begun
This ancient world's foundation. Your Son has made a friend of me,
And when in spirit him I see, I joy in tribulation!
What bliss is this! He is living To me giving life forever;
Nothing me from Him can sever.

Oh, joy to know that you, my Friend, Are Lord, beginning without end,
The First and Last, eternal! And you at length—O glorious grace!—
Will take me to that holy place, The home of joys supernal.
Amen, Amen! Come and meet me! Quickly greet me! With deep yearning
Lord, I look for your returning.

Lift up the voice and strike the string, Let all glad sounds of music ring
In God's high praises blended. Christ will be with me all the way,
Today, tomorrow, every day, Till traveling days are ended.
Sing out, ring out, triumph glorious, O victorious, chosen nation;
Praise the God of your salvation.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the Light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and rules, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

STAND

GOSPEL

M: The Gospel according to Mark, chapter 1, verses 4-11.

C: (spoken) **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

After the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: (spoken) **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

BE SEATED

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I gladly say it:
 2 Sin, my soul no long - er:
 3 Sa - tan, hear this pro - ce - la - ma - tion:
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness:
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing



I am bap - tized in - to Christ! He, be -
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! I have -
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! Drop your
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ! When I
 To this life - long com - fort sure! O - pen -



cause I could not pay it, Gave my full re -
 com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus' cleans - ing
 ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion; I am not so
 die, I leave all sad - ness To in - her - it
 eyed my grave is star - ing: E - ven there I'll



demp - tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures
 sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y con - science
 soon en - ticed. Now that to the font I've
 par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and
 sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its



man - y? I have one worth more than an - y
 seize me Since my bap - tism did re - lease me
 trav - eled, All your might has come un - rav - eled,
 ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es:
 rais - ing, Still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing:



That brought me sal - va - tion free,
 In a dear for - giv - ing flood,
 And, a - gainst your tyr - an - ny,
 Bap - tism has the strength di - vine
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ;



Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 Sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
 God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 I'm a child of par - a - dise!

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians, bound around a common confession of faith. Those who publicly profess this common faith are welcome to commune. Approach the appropriate table at the usher's direction. There is no need to rush. Extend your hand to receive the wafer. Guide the cup with your hand when receiving the wine.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: O God from God, O Light from Light (CW 85)

**O God from God, O Light from Light, O Prince of Peace and King of kings,
 To you, in heaven's glory bright The song of praise forever rings.
 To him who sits upon the throne, The Lamb once slain but raised again,
 Be all the glory he has won, All thanks and praise! Amen, Amen.**

**Deep in the prophets' sacred page, Grand in the poet's winged word,
 Slowly, in type, from age to age The nations saw their coming Lord;
 Till through the deep Judean night Rang out the song, "Good will to men!"
 Sung by heav'n's hosts in splendor bright, Re-echoed now, "Good will!" Amen.**

**That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death of pain mid hate and scorn –
 These all are past, and now above He reigns our King once crowned with thorn.
 Lift up your heads, O mighty gates! So sang the angel hosts again.
 Lift up your heads – your King awaits. We lift them up, Amen, Amen.**

**Sing to the Lord a mighty song; Sing to his name, his glories tell!
 Sing, heav'nly hosts, your praise prolong, And all on earth, your anthem swell!
 Worthy the Lamb for sinners slain! Forever let the song ascend!
 Worthy the Lamb enthroned to reign; Glory and pow'r! Amen, Amen.**

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."

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

C: **Amen.**

Lamb of God

Dale Witte



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 your peace. A - men.

SERMON: MARK 1:4-11

BELIEVE IN BAPTISM

STAND

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

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

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who came as the Light of the world so that the world may have light and life through him.

Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

O holy, holy, holy
Lord God, to you we pray,
The heavens show your glory,
The earth your works display.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

C: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**