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English Worship at 10 AM

German Worship at 11:15 AM (*3rd Sunday Only*)

Combined Worship on the 4th Sunday of the month

For special holiday services please check web site

Order of Worship at 10 AM

Prelude

Opening Hymn “Joyful, joyful we adore thee” (ALT. TUNE) #438 v.1-4

Congregation shall stand on the last verse of the hymn

Minister (M): In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **Response (R): Amen.**

M: Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ, thy Son, our Lord. **R: Amen.**

M: Let us humbly kneel, or bow our heads, and make confession unto God, imploring his forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: O God, our heavenly Father, I confess unto thee that I have grievously sinned against thee in many ways; not only by outward transgressions, but also by secret thoughts and desires which I cannot fully understand, but which are all known unto thee. I do earnestly repent, and am heartily sorry for these my offences, and I beseech thee of thy great goodness to have mercy upon me, and for the sake of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to forgive my sins, and graciously to help my infirmities. Amen.

M: THE Almighty and merciful God grant unto you, being penitent, pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of his Holy Spirit. **R: Amen.**

M: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all.

℟: Amen.

Introit (*sung by the Choir - found on p 99*)

Gloria Patri (*sung by all*): Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Kyrie (*p 18*)

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

℟: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace that is from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

℟: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the churches of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

℟: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this holy house, and for them that in faith, piety and fear of God offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

℟: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, pity and defend us, O God, by thy grace.

℟: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis (pp 20 - 21)

M: Glory be to God on high!

℞: And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou, only art holy: thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

M: The Lord be with you.

℞: And with thy spirit.

M: Let us pray.

Collect (found on pg 99 - ending with “world without end.”)

℞: Amen.

The Congregation shall be seated

1st Lesson Isaiah 29: 17-21

Solo “*He Touched Me*” (by W.J. Gaither) Jaye W. Green

2nd Lesson 2 Corinthians 3: 4-9

M: Here endeth the Epistle for the Day.

℞: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Congregation shall stand

M: The Holy Gospel is written in the 7th Chapter of St. Mark, beginning at the 31st verse.

℟: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel Mark 7: 31-37

M: Here endeth the Gospel for the Day.

℟: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Nicene Creed

All: 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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
 Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
 Hold me with thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
 Feed me till I want no more,
 Feed me till I want no more.

 - 2 Open now the crystal fountain
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
 Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, Strong deliverer,
 Be thou still my strength and shield,
 Be thou still my strength and shield.

 - 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's destruction,
 Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
 I will ever give to thee.
 I will ever give to thee.
- Amen.

The Congregation shall be seated after the hymn

Sermon

The Sermon being ended, the Congregation shall stand

M: The Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

℟: Amen.

The Congregation shall be seated

Offering and Solo

"Come, thou bright and morning star"

Pam Fernsler, Flute

The Congregation shall stand and sing as the offering is presented at the altar

The Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence: and take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation: and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

The Prayer of the Church *(full text found on pg 6-8)*

*After each intercession: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.***

*After the final intercession: **Amen.***

The Congregation shall be seated

Communion Hymn “Deck thyself with joy and gladdness” #262 v.1-3

Congregation shall stand on the last verse of the hymn

THE THANKSGIVING

The Preface *(p 29)*

M: The Lord be with you.

℟: And with thy spirit.

M: Lift up your hearts.

℟: We lift them up unto the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

℟: It is meet and right so to do.

M: It is truly meet, right, and salutary, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God:

[Here shall follow the Proper Preface]

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

The Sanctus (p 32)

All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory; Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

The Exhortation

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

℞: And with thy Spirit.

The Agnus Dei (p 36)

All: O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

Those not partaking of Communion may be seated

THE COMMUNION

Please come forward to receive the Communion.

Wine is provided in individual cups only.

M (*when giving the BREAD*): The body of Christ, given for thee.

M (*when giving the CUP*): The blood of Christ, shed for thee.

M: The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his precious Blood strengthen and preserve you unto eternal life.

The Congregation shall stand

THE POST-COMMUNION

The Nunc Dimittis (p 38)

All: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation: which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

A light to lighten the Gentiles: and the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to thy Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen.

The Prayer

M: O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good.

℟: **And his mercy endureth forever.**

M: We give thanks to thee, Almighty God, that thou hast refreshed us with this thy salutary gift; and we beseech thee, of thy mercy, to strengthen us through the same gift, in faith toward thee and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, thy dear Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

℟: **Amen.**

The Salutation and Benedicamus

M: The Lord be with you.

℟: **And with thy spirit.**

M: Bless we the Lord.

℟: **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction

M: The LORD bless thee, and keep thee. The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace: IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

℟: **Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn

“O worship the King”

#163 v.1-6

The Congregation shall remain standing until the candles are extinguished

Postlude

Welcome / Herzlich Willkommen

We welcome all who gather with us for worship today.

If you are visiting with us, we invite you to sign our guest register
and introduce yourself after the service.

We would be glad to meet you!

Please join us for luncheon after the Service in the Fellowship Hall

Today's Altar Flowers are given by:

Congregation and Church Council to

THE GLORY OF GOD

and by ***Meyer Family*** in memory of the birthday of

MARGARETA MEYER

*** Praise be to the Lord ***

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Altar Flower donations are available -
please speak to ***JOAN WACHLIN*** who can give you
information and set a date for your flowers to be on the altar!

Announcements:

--Sunday, August 30th: *The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity*

10 AM English Service

--Sunday, September 6th: *The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity*

10 AM English Service

--Continue to follow our bulletins, Newsletter, and social media
for information on upcoming services and events!

--Remember in prayer our fellow members who, for reasons of
health, are not able to worship with us!

Council President	<i>Michael Reiser</i>
Pianist	<i>Clemence Revollon-Brunel</i>
Soloists.....	<i>Jaye W. Green and Pamela Fernsler</i>
Acolytes	<i>Ella and Cameron Wachlin</i>
Altar-Coordination	<i>Jaye W. Green</i>
Altar Flower Coordination.....	<i>Joan Wachlin</i>
Children’s Education.....	<i>Susan Reiser, Alena Reiser and Elizabeth Tutolo</i>
Bulletin Editor.....	<i>JP Meyer</i>
German Elders.....	<i>Walter Meyer and Michael Reiser</i>

NEWS OF THE WEEK

- ** We were very happy to have **Darlene Gies** with us last week for service and fellowship! We look forward to welcoming her back again.
- ** Reminder that we will be collecting donations for a fall Flea Market - thank you! The date will be decided soon by the Outreach Committee.
- ** This morning we welcome **Clemence Revollon-Brunel** as our new accompanist for the next several weeks. Clemence is a graduate student at Temple University and a colleague of Andrea's.

- **Important upcoming dates:
 - August 23rd Fellowship Luncheon and Church Council
 - Sept. 6th Return to Worship in the Sanctuary
 - English Service at 10 AM

FAVORITE HYMNS IN TRINITY – #262: “Deck thyself with joy”

Selected by **Bill Hettel**, this beloved Communion hymn combines Johann Franck's rich Lutheran text, translated by John C. Mattes, with Johann Crüger's beautiful melody SCHMÜCKE DICH. It invites us to the Lord's Table with thanksgiving and reverence, rejoicing that Christ Himself comes to feed His people with His true Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of faith.