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THE ORDER OF THE DIVINE SERVICE IV THE CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK January 25, 2025 5:30PM

PRELUDE / ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN TO OPEN "Father Welcomes" LSB 605, sts. 1-3

INVOCATION

 \mathbf{P} In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

BAPTISM OF TATUM MAE

Baptism liturgy, then...

- Finally, Tatum, God washes you of your sins in baptism but He also brings you into His family. We welcome you into our family in God's name. Come and enjoy with us the many gifts of God as we all wait for the day of His return.
- **G** We welcome you in the name of the Lord.
- Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You have sent us Your Son, Jesus, to take our place in death and rise from the grave. We thank You for working through baptism to wash us of our sins and bring us into Your family.
- We thank You for bringing Tatum to the waters of baptism and now we ask You to help us surround Tatum with Your love so we can walk in grace and new life together. Protect Tatum from the temptations of this world and bless her to join us in the life of faith.
- The Lord preserve you in every step of your life from now to life eternal. The peace of Christ + be with you.
- C Amen.

Please stand

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord.
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

G But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.

CONFESSION

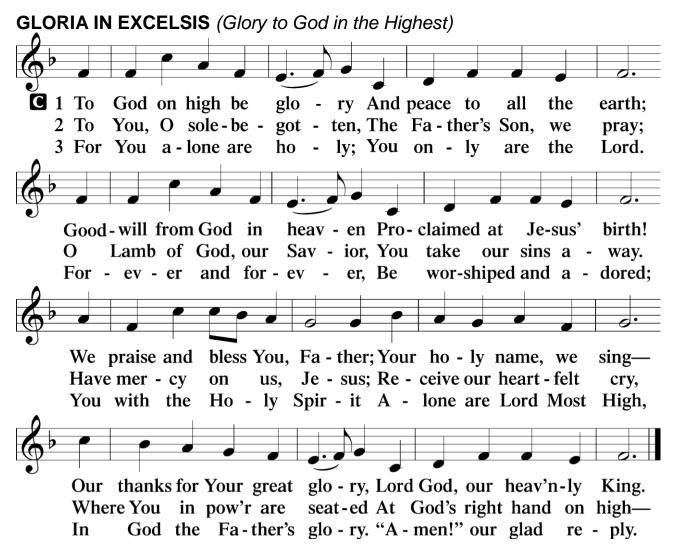
- **P** Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

People of God, I have good news for you! Know with joy that upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.







Text: Stephen P. Starke

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Collect)

Let us pray... Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

<u>Please sit</u>

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ²So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . .

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground....

⁸They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law.

¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

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of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor,

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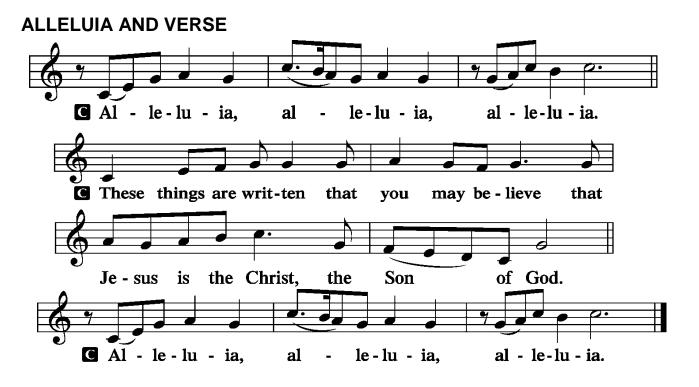
and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

I This is the Word of the Lord

G Thanks be to God.

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GOSPEL READING Luke 4:16-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus] came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have

<u>Please sit</u>

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." ²⁴And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰But passing through their midst, he went away.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON HYMN "With Endurance Run Your Race" sts. 1-5/ (Tune: LSB 686)

1 With endurance run your race and Cast aside sin's heavy load; With your eyes fixed on Christ Jesus, Founder of your faith who strode On this earth with single purpose, Freeing all humanity From the weight of our transgressions Through His death upon the tree.

2 As you run life's race remember How LORD Jesus ran His race. For the joy of our salvation He died for you, took your place, On that cross of shame and sorrow Suffering through His pain and strife Gladly bearing your offences That you'd gain eternal life.

3 Ponder how the world despised Him When, for His sake, you endure Satan's tauntings and afflictions Or the bane of sin's allure. Jesus died, yet He is risen! Seated on His throne above, At the right hand of the Father With enduring grace and love

SERMON "ENDURE" (Hebrews 12:1-3) The Rev. Peter Gueldner

TITHES & OFFERING

Please stand

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Together let us pray as our Lord 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

4 Therefore, let us not grow weary; Neither tremble nor grow faint! With a great cloud we're surrounded By each witness, every saint: Those of old, who came before us, With the faithful living now, Who proclaim Christ Jesus' glory And before their Savior bow!

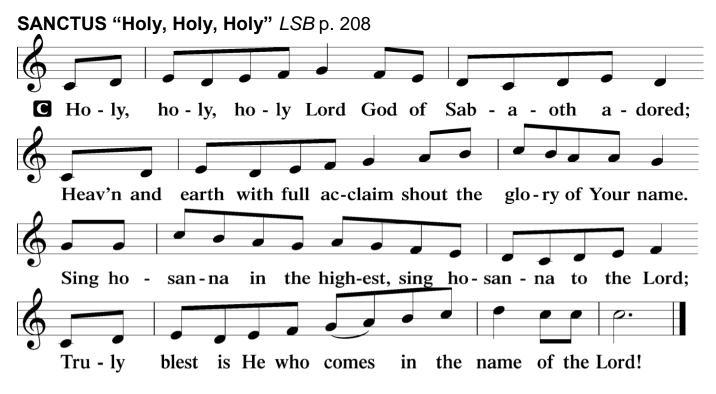
 Δ 5 Saints of every race and nation, Lift your voices, hands, and hearts To the LORD who grants salvation, Who from us shall ne'er depart. Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit, Who, through water and the Word, Calls us, keeps us, ever faithful In the true faith God's conferred! Amen.

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



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WORDS OF OUR LORD

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

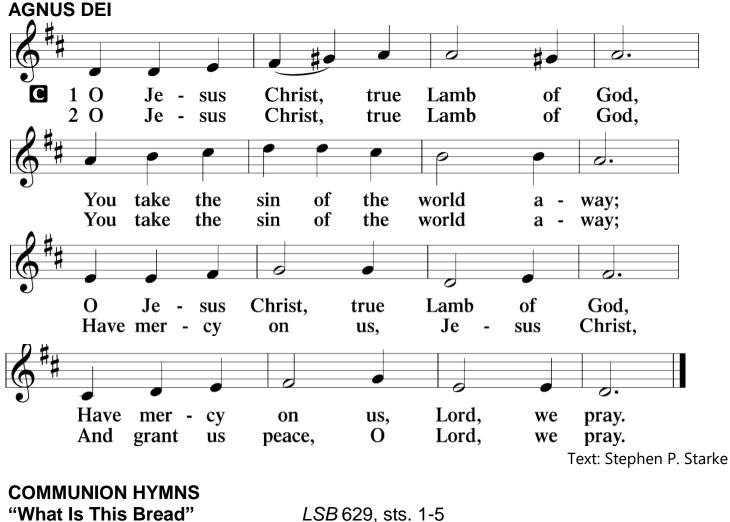
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

G Amen

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"The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" LSB 602, sts. 1-6

Please stand

DISMISSAL

P The true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith to life everlasting. Depart

→ in peace.

G Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS (Song of Simeon) ø 0 C 1 0Your Lord, let De now ser vant 2 All glo - ry to the Fa ther, All -0. part in heav'n - ly peace, For Ι have seen the Son, All glo - ry the glo - ry the to to 0 glo Spir Ōf Your deem - ing grace: re _ ry For Three - in it, _ ev er One; Α light to lead the Gen tiles Un -For ning, as in the be gin Is -hill, Your The ho - ly glo - ry of Your to - une name shall ev -God's tri now, er be, re 0 0 ple, Your cho el. peo Is sen ra sound - ing Through all e ter ni ty. --

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord (+) make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
 In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

<u>Please sit</u>

CLOSING HYMN "Saints All Around Us"

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The refrain is sung once at the beginning of the hymn and a second time at the conclusion of the hymn.

1 Saints all around us praise their LORD Who death upon the cross endured. Yet He is risen and adored! Alleluia!

2 Jesus endured the cross's shame; He suffered and took all our blame. Now with great joy He calls our name. Alleluia!

3 The ancient saints and saints today Know the Lord Jesus is the Way To life eternal as they say, "Alleluia!" (Tune: *LSB* 464) 4 So let us now cast sins away As our life's race we run today Looking to Jesus as we say, "Alleluia!"

5 When troubles come as troubles do, Pray to Lord Jesus, He will renew Our hope, and stronger faith endue. Alleluia!

6∆Praise to the Father, Spirit, Son, And for God's grace and faith to run Our race in faith, O Three-in-One. Alleluia!

Refrain: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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P Go in peace and serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God!

* * * TO GOD BE THE GLORY * * *

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