

proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy....hear our prayer

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

LBW # 507

"How Firm a Foundation"

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at Your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of Your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

COMMUNION

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*Word's of Institution, *Lord's Prayer, Distribution

COMMUNION HYMNS

LBW # 221

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

*COMMUNION BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God our redeemer, You have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As You have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of Your peace. Make us shine with the good news of Your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*BLESSING: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

*DISMISSAL: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*SENDING HYMN

LBW # 55

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"



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Moved by His Spirit;
Sharing His Love."*

*: Please stand if you are able.

LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green)

WOV: With One Voice (blue)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*GATHERING HYMN

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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*HYMN OF MERCY

"I'd Rather Have Jesus"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY: **Almighty God, You wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In Your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 63:7-9

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PSALM

Psalms 148

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Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; **praise him, all his host!**

Praise him, sun and moon; **praise him, all you shining stars!**

Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, **fruit trees and all cedars!**

Wild animals and all cattle, **creeping things and flying birds!**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD!

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 2:10-18

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*GOSPEL VERSE

"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

WOV # 612

*GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-23

Pew Bible page 874

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

SERMON HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

WOV # 776

SERMON

Andrew Hanson

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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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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