

Traditional Worship



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Sermon Series 3: DIE HARD

Serving in worship today: Preacher: Pastor Jacob Heine

Organist: Rachel Bristow

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Leader & CM: Vicar Jeff Lane

Lay Reader: Claire Banion

Head Usher: Chris Meyer

Next week's lessons: Psalm 1; Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-35



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00am | August 28, 2022

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS . SHARING OF THE PEACE

INVOCATION . CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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Leader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We kneel for a time of silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: 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.

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

>LSB 902

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now; Our hearts in true devotion bow.
Your Spirit send with light divine, And let Your truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing Your praise In endless hymns through all our days.
Increase our faith and light our minds; And set us free from doubt that blinds.

Then shall we join the hosts that cry, "O holy, holy Lord Most High!"
And in the light of that blest place We then shall see You face to face.

△ All glory to the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, O blessed Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!

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*In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.***

*For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.***

*For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.***

*For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.***

*Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen***

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**

Let us pray... O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: *Proverbs 25:2-10 (ESV)*

It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

*This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

RESPONSIVE PSALMODY: *Psalms 131 (ESV)*

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.

O Israel, hope in the Lord from this time forth and forevermore.

SECOND LESSON: *Hebrews 13:1-17 (ESV)*

Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA & VERSE

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE GOSPEL: *Luke 14:1-14 (ESV)*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the fourteenth chapter. Glory to You, O Lord.

One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to

them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Son of God, Eternal Savior

>LSB 842

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth You will be done.

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SERMON: Faith in Action 3: DIE HARD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING

- **Recording attendance:** Please take a moment to fill out the red Book of Fellowship with your name and if you are taking communion today. If you are a visitor, please add any contact information you are willing to share. This booklet is found on the pew near the center aisle and can be passed down to others in the pew.
- **Offering:** Donations may be placed in the plate as it is passed to you; online giving options are also available at FaithLutheranTopeka.com, tap 'donate now' or scan code. This is an opportunity to invest tangibly in what God is doing here.



PREFACE & PROPER PREFACE

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*The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . Evermore praising You and singing:*

SANCTUS

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

PAX DOMINI & AGNUS DEI

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The peace of the Lord be with you always. Amen.
**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Prior to communing, we should all examine our hearts as directed in 1 Cor. 11:28, "Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." Do you acknowledge your kinship with your brothers and sisters in Christ at this communion rail and do you set aside any refusal to forgive? Do you desire to live a God pleasing life? Are you aware of your sin and your need of God's forgiveness? If so, and you believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine through his body and blood, you are welcome to commune in this fellowship of believers in Christ. If sensitive to wine, clear grape juice is available in the center of the tray. Welcome to this foretaste of the feast to come.

Jesus Comes Today with Healing

>LSB 620

Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing,
Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.

He Himself makes preparation, And I hear His invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed feast."

Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding
In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken, And the cup, the precious token
Of His sacred covenant.

Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy,
Blood and body, giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven, Who to bitter death was given,
Hung upon the cursed tree.

God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving, I accept His grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.

Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments He provides me, With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

**He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are You, heavenly Father, for You have once again fed and nourished us at Your Table through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Strengthen us, so that we continue to be Your holy people who share Your love with all people as we await Your eternal kingdom, where You live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

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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. **Amen.***

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

>LSB 844

Lord of all nations, grant me grace To love all people, ev'ry race;
And in each person may I see My kindred, loved, redeemed by Thee.

Break down the wall that would divide Thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbor's good let me pursue; Let Christian love bind warm and true.

Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred By loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do Will grieve my wounded Lord anew.

Give me Thy courage, Lord, to speak Whenever strong oppress the weak.
Should I myself the victim be, Help me forgive, rememb'ring Thee.

With Thine own love may I be filled And by Thy Holy Spirit willed,
That all I touch, where'er I be, May be divinely touched by Thee.

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POSTLUDE