

beth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; <sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; <sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; <sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent empty away. <sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, <sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

**The Apostles’ Creed** (p. 192)

**The Hymn of the Day:** 670 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

**The Homily**

*Offerings are not gathered during Service. While Pastor Messer prepares the Table for the Holy Supper, you may spend time prayerfully preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament (you may wish to read through Luther’s “Christian Questions . . .” on pp. 329-330). If you wish to leave an offering, you may do so by placing it in the plate by the door as you depart after Service.*

**The Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, in Your mercy, **C** hear our prayer.

**The Service of the Sacrament**

*(Communicants are to be in full confessional fellowship with the LCMS)*

**The Preface - Agnus Dei** (pp. 194-199)

**The Distribution**

**The Nunc Dimittis - Benediction** (pp. 199-202)

*Soli Deo Gloria!*

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### The Service of Preparation

*(Upon entering the nave, silence should be observed to allow all the opportunity to prayerfully prepare for the presence of the Lord and the reception of His gifts)*

#### *Preparatory Prayer*

*Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.*

#### Confession and Absolution (p. 184)

### The Service of the Word

#### The Introit

*Ps. 34:2-5; antiphon: Ps. 34:1*

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,  
and let us exalt his name together!

**I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to him are radiant,  
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

#### The Kyrie (p. 186)

#### The Gloria in Excelsis (p. 187)

#### The Salutation and Collect of the Day (p. 189)

Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your only Son. Grant that we, who are redeemed by His blood, may share with her in the glory of Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### The Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 61:7-11*

<sup>7</sup>Instead of your shame there shall be a double portion; instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their lot; therefore in their land they shall possess a double portion; they shall have everlasting joy.

<sup>8</sup>For I the LORD love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. <sup>9</sup>Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the LORD has blessed.

<sup>10</sup>I will greatly rejoice in the LORD; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. <sup>11</sup>For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

#### The Gradual

*Ps. 45:13-14; Luke 1:28, 42*

All glorious is the princess in her chamber,  
with robes interwoven with gold.

**In many-colored robes she is led to the king,  
with her virgin companions following behind her.**

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the LORD is with thee!

**Blesséd art thou among women,  
and blesséd is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Amen.**

#### The Epistle

*Galatians 4:4-7*

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

#### The Alleluia and Verse

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

#### The Holy Gospel

*Luke 1:39-55*

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Eliza-