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**Sermon Series:**

**God's Words Possess God's Power**

**Today's Theme:**

***Through the Word, the Lord Crushes Evil***

**Welcome, guests!** God's love welcomes you—no matter who you are or where you come from—and so do we. We believe that Jesus Christ is the true Savior of all people. By his perfect life, innocent death, and triumphant resurrection he saves all sinners even without our help. Jesus Christ makes us special people, right with God and ready for life! We learn this from the Bible, God's authentic message of grace and guidance for us. Whether you are a first time guest or a curious observer with little religious background, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

**Children's "My Worship Notes"** are included in another document. They can be used by children of any age to keep notes during the service.

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### **GOD'S WORDS POSSESS GOD'S POWER**

*"Let there be light," God said (Genesis 1:3). God was not speaking a wistful wish into the darkness. He was declaring what would now be. "God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light." God speaks and reality results. When we speak words, they are often meaningless. Sometimes, one's words are meaningless because they are spoken without true knowledge. Other times, one's words are meaningless because they were spoken insincerely. Still other times, one might make a sincere promise, but he lacks the ability to do what he said, making his promise meaningless. Words are often meaningless. But everything God says is meaningful. God speaks with absolute knowledge. God never lies. And God's words possess God's awesome power. Thus, it is God's words that determine our reality. It is God's words that establish our faith, transform our hearts and minds, and direct our lives along meaningful paths. During the first half of the Church Year, we focused on the life of Christ. As we begin the second half of the Church Year, we turn our attention to the teachings of Christ... to the Son of God's words. We gather each week to let the Holy Spirit do the work Jesus promised he would do in the way Jesus promised he would do it—through his Word*

### **EXPLANATION OF THE THEME OF THE DAY:**

*God's words are so powerful! With only his words, Jesus cured illness and raised the dead. With his words, Jesus created the faith that receives his forgiveness. So we should not be surprised this week when we see that Jesus' words also have the power to push back the spiritual forces of evil that are in the world. Jesus' words expose idols as worthless and following idols as self-destructive evil. Jesus' words are so compelling, even demons must obey them. It is not surprising that God's words crush evil. It is a surprise, however, to see that Jesus' words have Jesus' power even when they are not coming from Jesus' mouth. Jesus puts his words on our lips. He makes us his witnesses. And as we carry out that awesome role, Jesus continues to drive back Satan and his allies, just as he did when he walked the earth. When the gospel comes out of the mouths of sinners like us, Jesus "sends the power of evil reeling".*

- 1 All praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of wonders, pow'r, and love,  
the God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul he fills,  
the God who ev'ry sorrow stills:  
To God all praise and glory!
- 2 What God's almighty pow'r has made,  
in mercy he is keeping;  
by morning dawn or evening shade  
his eye is never sleeping.  
Within the kingdom of his might,  
all things are just and good and right:  
to God all praise and glory!
- 3 I cried to him in time of need:  
Lord God, O hear my calling!  
For death he gave me life indeed  
and kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be;  
O thank him, thank our God with me:  
to God all praise and glory!
- 4 The Lord will not forsake his flock,  
his chosen generation;  
he is their refuge and their rock,  
their peace and their salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand  
he leads his own, his chosen band:  
to God all praise and glory!
- 5 All who confess Christ's holy name,  
to God give praise and glory!  
Let all who know his pow'r proclaim  
aloud the wondrous story!  
All idols under foot be trod—  
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
To God all praise and glory!

## INVOCATION

*[We invoke, that is, call upon the name of the Triune God to be with us this morning. The name of the Triune God and the sign of the cross, remind worshipers of their baptisms.]*

In the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## ABSOLUTION

*[The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners" (The Small Catechism, First: What is the use of the keys?). See John 20:21-23]*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

[Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.]

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.**

## GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST (*Gloria in Excelsis*)

[Throughout this order of service, we will hear and tell the story of our greatest brother, Jesus. As we sing the Gloria we are reminded of the song the angels sang at Jesus' birth, a song the Christian Church has sung for almost 2,000 years.]



Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly

Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on

us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

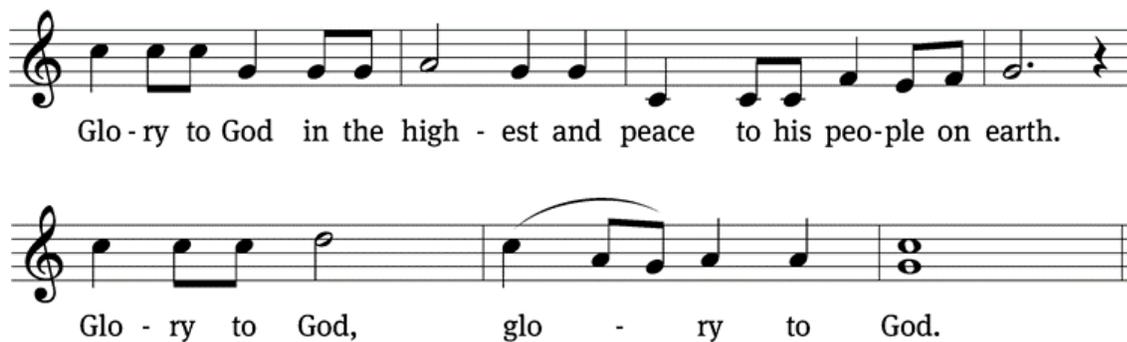
Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*[The Prayer of the Day compliments the theme of the day.]*

Let us pray.

**Lord God, heavenly Father, you sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, into this world to destroy the works of the devil and protect us poor people against such an evil foe. Uphold us in all affliction by your Holy Spirit so that we may have peace from such enemies and remain forever blessed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### THE WORD

*[Like Mary, we sit at the feet of Jesus to hear his Word. (Luke 10:39)]*

#### FIRST READING

**Isaiah 43:8-13**

*The LORD calls us to be his witnesses to the truth that there is no God except for him. He alone can save us from every evil.*

<sup>8</sup>Lead out those who have eyes but are blind, who have ears but are deaf. <sup>9</sup>All the nations gather together and the peoples assemble. Which of their gods foretold this and proclaimed to us the former things? Let them bring in their witnesses to prove they were right, so that others may hear and say, "It is true." <sup>10</sup>"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me. <sup>11</sup>I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. <sup>12</sup>I have revealed and saved and proclaimed—I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God. <sup>13</sup>Yes, and from ancient days I am he. No one can deliver out of my hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*[It has been a tradition in the Christian church to stand for the reading of the gospel for the past 2,000 years. Just as subjects rise when a king speaks, we rise out of respect for the words of our King.]*

*Please stand*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*[The Gospel Acclamation is a familiar scripture that compliments the theme of the day and prepares our hearts to hear the Gospel reading.]*

*\*Solo voice will introduce the refrain. Congregation will repeat the refrain.  
Solo voice will sing the verse. Congregation will join in the refrain.*



<sup>30</sup>Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. <sup>31</sup>And they begged Jesus repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. <sup>32</sup>A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup>When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, <sup>35</sup>and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup>Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. <sup>37</sup>Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. <sup>38</sup>The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup>"Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Please be seated*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*The children are invited to come up to the front with Pastor Horn.*

*[The Hymn of the Day is chosen because of its strong connection to the Gospel Reading.]*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

## **Praise The One Who Breaks The Darkness**

*CW 517*

1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;  
praise the one who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the one who preached the gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the Father's word of peace.

2 Praise the one who blessed the children  
with a strong, yet gentle, word;  
praise the one who drove out demons  
with the piercing, two-edged sword.  
Praise the one who brings cool water  
to the desert's burning sand;  
from this well comes living water,  
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

3 Let us praise the Word incarnate,  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose victorious  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done;  
let us praise the true Redeemer,  
praise the one who makes us one.

**SERMON**

**based on Luke 8:26-39**

***Nothing Stops Jesus from Crushing Evil***

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*[Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the **Nicene Creed** in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.]*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.**

**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 proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*[The Prayer for the Church includes prayers for our brothers and sisters in our congregation. Since we belong to something bigger than ourselves, the Christian Church, we pray for the needs and struggles of all God's people on earth.]*

### **LORD'S PRAYER (Matthew 6:9-13)**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **THE SACRAMENT**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.  
**It is good and right so to do.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join in their glorious song:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

*Isaiah 6:3 This is the song of the angels in heaven. \*Sanctus means "holy." Used possibly as early as the second century, this canticle was in wide use among Christians in worship by the fourteenth century.*

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,



God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -



ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -



ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -



na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my  $\text{†}$  blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**PAX DOMINI** (*John 20:19,21,28*)

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD** (*Agnus Dei*)

John 1:29 \*Jesus is God's Lamb (Latin: *Agnus Dei*), who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all.

**O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD**

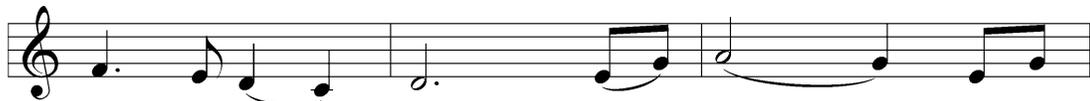
*Agnus Dei*



O Christ, Lamb of



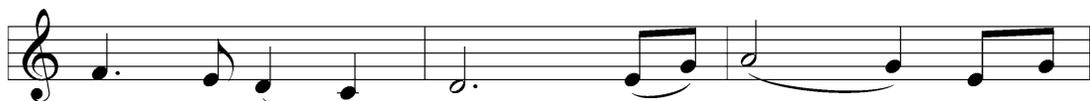
God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of



God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.

## **DISTRIBUTION\***

*\*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith.*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord**  
CW 677

1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
we celebrate with one accord;  
it is our comfort in distress,  
our heart's sweet joy and happiness.

2 He blotted out with his own blood  
the judgment that against us stood;  
he full atonement for us made,  
and all our debt he fully paid.

3 That this forever true shall be  
he gives a solemn guarantee;  
in this his holy supper here  
we taste his love, so sweet, so near.

4 His Word proclaims and we believe  
that in this supper we receive  
his very body, as he said,  
his very blood for sinners shed.

5 A precious food is this indeed,  
it never fails us in our need,  
a heav'nly manna for our soul  
until we safely reach our goal.

## THANKSGIVING

### SONG OF SIMEON† Luke 2:29-32

†The *Nunc Dimittis* (“Now dismiss”) is also known as the “Song of Simeon.” Through God’s Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

### SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*

In peace, Lord, you let your  
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my  
eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for  
ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**And his mercy endures forever.**

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## BLESSING

*(The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So they will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" [Numbers 6:27].)*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and  $\text{☩}$  give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Serving at Worship

Pastor: Paul Horn

Pianist: Liz Schmidt-Sampson

Soloist: Becky Horn ??

## Acknowledgements

Setting Four from Christian Worship

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIBLE BASICS CLASS

**Looking to learn more about the Bible, God, who you are and where you fit in this world?**

**You need to take Bible Basics!**

**Our next session began today, Sunday, June 19th at 9:00am**

**It's not too late to join in this class.**

Bible Basics is a 12-lesson course that takes a fair, honest look at the main teachings of Christianity as they are found in the Bible. ***No matter what your religious beliefs or spiritual background, this class is intended for you!***

Before you make up your mind about church or religion, you owe it to yourself to hear what the Bible actually says – about God's love for you, and about his plan for your life. Come enjoy a cup of coffee and explore the Bible in a relaxed, non-judgmental setting. Scheduling is flexible, and we start new classes all the time. If you're interested in hearing more about this class, e-mail Pastor Paul Horn, [loginlafayette@gmail.com](mailto:loginlafayette@gmail.com)

### FELLOWSHIP TREAT SIGN-UP

**After church fellowship treats!** You will find a new sign-up sheet on the counter at the back of the Sanctuary if you are so inclined to sign up for a week or two.

## **TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?**

If you are traveling this summer, check out our Synod's website, [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net), to locate a church to attend if your travels find you somewhere other than the Greater Lafayette area on a Sunday morning. Once you get to the website, **click on "Find a Church/School"**, **type in the area to which you will be traveling and you will find a list of nearby churches.**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

"I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:1-2)

**Keep in your prayers this week:** All those in our midst who may be dealing with physical ailments, emotional hurts or the loss of a loved one; for all those who were affected by severe storms and heat this past week; for Don Correll who continues treatment after surgery; for JW Holmes who continues to recover from open heart surgery; for our brothers and sisters in Christ in Ukraine and all those who are suffering in the war in Ukraine; that God grant peace between Ukraine and Russia as well as between the warring nations in Africa; that the Holy Spirit would work in the hearts of all those who join us for worship each Sunday; for all those who are suffering from abuse in the home, that they might seek help; that the Lord grant wisdom to Governor Holcomb, President Biden, Vice President Harris, and the United State Congress; for the current state of our world, that we remember our God is still in charge and will sustain us and give us what we need; that our Lord would give us the means to show the love of Christ as we support our neighbors in need.