

# Brighton Lutheran Mission



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**Welcome to Brighton Lutheran Mission!**

**May God bless you richly as we  
gather together to receive His gifts.**

Please stay behind for a cup of tea or  
coffee afterwards.

## **Holy Communion — A note to visitors**

It is our desire that all people receive the body and blood of our Lord at this altar! However, our Lord has told us in His Word that His body and blood, given into our mouths, are powerful and not to be given or received lightly or in a careless way. Therefore, in respecting the Word of the Lord that anyone who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner is doing harm to themselves, and that He desires that all who commune together be truly united in the confession of the truth, we ask that only those who have been instructed in the Lutheran Confessions and are under our pastor's care come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.

All who are visiting us and who desire to commune with us are asked to first speak with our pastor before the service, so that all can make an informed decision about participating with us in our fellowship in this place. *We are not condemning anyone with this practice*; we seek only to follow the Word of the Lord and carry out responsible pastoral care.

If you are not communing with us today, please do come forward for a blessing.

***Thank you for honouring our beliefs.***

### Explanation of Symbols:

- C** Congregation
- P** Pastor (ordained)
- A** Assistant minister (ordained or lay)
- L** Liturgist (ordained or lay)
- ✠ You may make the sign of the cross in remembrance of your baptism.
- ❖ You may bow at this point as a sign of reverence.

### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### Hymn: O Holy Spirit, Enter in



1. O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in,
2. Give to Your Word im - press - ive pow'r,
3. O might - y Rock, O Source of Life,



And in our hearts Your work be - gin,  
That in our hearts from this good hour  
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,



Your dwell - ing place now make us.  
As fire it may be glow - ing,  
In us be strong - ly burn - ing,



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine,  
That in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty  
That we be faith - ful un - to death



A - round and in us bright - ly shine,  
We faith - ful wit - ness - es may be  
And live in love and ho - ly faith,



To joy and glad - ness wake us  
Your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.  
From You true wis - dom learn - ing.



That we may be Tru - ly liv - ing,  
Hear us, cheer us By Your teach - ing;  
Your grace and peace On us show - er;



To You giv - ing Prayer un - ceas - ing,  
Let our preach - ing And our la - bour  
By Your pow - er Christ con - fess - ing,



And in love be still in - creas - ing.  
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neigh - bour.  
Let us see our Sa - viour's bless - ing.

Text: Michael Schirmer (1606–73); tr. Catherine Winkworth  
(1827–78) & others  
Music: Philipp Nicolai (1556–1608)

## **Confession and Absolution**

### **Catechism**

**P** The Fifth Petition

**C** **And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**P** What does this mean?

**C** **We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

**Introit** (*Ps. 31:1, 5, 9, 16; antiphon: Ps. 31:2b–3*)

**A** Be a rock of refuge for me,\*  
a strong fortress to save me!

For you are my rock and my fortress,\*  
and for your name's sake you lead me  
and guide me.

**C** **In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;\***  
**in your righteousness deliver me!**

**A** Into your hand I commit my spirit;\*  
you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful  
God.

**C** **Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am in distress;\***  
**my eye is wasted from grief; my soul  
and my body also.**

**A** Make your face shine on your servant;\*  
save me in your steadfast love!

**C** **❖ 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**

**A** Be a rock of refuge for me,\*  
a strong fortress to save me!

**C** **For you are my rock and my fortress;\***  
**and for your name's sake you lead me  
and guide me.**

**Kyrie & Gloria in Excelsis**

### **Salutation and Collect of the Day**

O Lord, mercifully hear our prayers and having set us free from the bonds of our sins deliver us from every evil; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## The Readings

### *Faith Alone*

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Saviour, for he calls Him “*Son of David*.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

### **Old Testament Reading—1 Samuel 16:1–13**

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.”<sup>2</sup> And Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’”<sup>3</sup> And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.”<sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?”<sup>5</sup> And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is before him.”<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”<sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.”<sup>10</sup> And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.”<sup>11</sup> Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.”<sup>12</sup> And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.”<sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him

in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah.

**Gradual** (*Ps. 77:14–15*)

**C** You are the God who works wonders;\*  
you have made known your might  
among the peoples.

You with your arm redeemed your  
people,\*

the children of Jacob and Joseph.

**Epistle Reading—1 Corinthians 13:1–13**

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known.

<sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

**Tract** (*Ps. 100:1–3*)

**C** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!\*

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come  
into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!\*

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of  
his pasture.

**Gospel Reading—Luke 18:31–43**

**L** The ✠ holy Gospel according to St. Luke the eighteenth chapter.

**C** Glory be to You, O Lord.

<sup>31</sup>And taking the twelve, [Jesus] said to them, “See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and every-thing that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup>For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup>And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise.” <sup>34</sup>But they understood none of these things. This saying

was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

<sup>35</sup> As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup> They told him, “Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.” <sup>38</sup> And he cried out, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>39</sup> And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” <sup>40</sup> And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” He said, “Lord, let me recover my sight.” <sup>42</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Recover your sight; your faith has made you well.” <sup>43</sup> And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise be to You, O Christ

### *The Nicene Creed*

#### **Hymn: Amazing Grace**

- 1 Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see!
- 2 The Lord has promised good to me,  
His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be  
As long as life endures.
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
His grace has brought me safe thus far,  
His grace will lead me home.
- 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail  
And mortal life shall cease,  
Amazing grace shall then prevail  
In heaven's joy and peace.
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we'd first begun.

*Text: John Newton (1725–1807)*

#### **Sermon**

#### *The Offertory*

#### **Confirmation**

#### **Offering**

#### *Prayer of the Church*

#### *The Service of the Sacrament*

**Hymn: Praise the Almighty, My Soul**



1. Praise the Al-might-y, my soul, ad - ore Him!
2. Trust not in ru-lers; they are but mor - tal;
3. Bless-ed, oh, bless-ed is he for-ev - er
4. Pen - it-ent sinners, for mer-cy cry - ing,



Yes, I will laud Him un - til death;  
 Earth-born they are and soon de - cay.  
 Whose help is in the Lord Most High,  
 Par - don and peace from Him ob - tain;



With songs and anthems I come be - fore  
 Vain are their coun-sels at life's last por -  
 Whom from sal - va - tion can noth-ing sev -  
 Ev - er the wants of the poor sup - ply -



Him As long as He al - lows me  
 tal, When the dark grave doth claim its  
 er, And who in hope to Christ draw  
 ing, Their faith-ful God He will re -



breath. From Him my life and all things  
 prey. Since mor-tals can no help af -  
 nigh. To all who trust in Him, our  
 main. He helps His chil - dren in dis -



came; Bless, O my soul, His ho - ly  
 ford, Place all your trust in Christ, our  
 Lord Will aid and coun - sel now af -  
 tress, The wid-ows and the fath - er -



name. Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Lord. Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 ford. Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 less. Al-le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

- △ 5 Praise, all you nations, the name so holy  
 Of Him who does such wondrous things!  
 All that has being, to praise Him solely,  
 With happy heart its amen sings.  
 Children of God, with angel host  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!  
 Alleluia, alleluia!

*Text: Johann Herrnschmidt (1675–1723); tr. Alfred Bruer (1866–1949)  
 Music: Ansbach, 1665*



## IN OUR PRAYERS

Ipswich Lutheran Mission, Pr. Samiec; ELCE Board for Youth & Youth Rallies; Lutherans in Africa, Pr. James May; Holland Road Baptist Church, Pr. David Treneer

### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF CONCORD THE APOLOGY OF THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION ARTICLE IV: JUSTIFICATION

The faith that justifies is not merely a knowledge of history. It is to believe in God's promise. In the promise, for Christ's sake, forgiveness of sins and justification are freely offered. And so that no one may suppose that this is mere knowledge, we will add further: it is to want and to receive the offered promise of forgiveness of sins and of justification.

The difference between this faith and the righteousness of the Law can be easily discerned. Faith is the divine service (*latreia*) that receives the benefits offered by God. The righteousness of the Law is the divine service (*latreia*) that offers to God our merits. God wants to be worshipped through faith so that we receive from Him those things He promises and offers.

Faith means not only a knowledge of the history, but the kind of faith that believes in the promise ... It will be easy to decide what faith is if we consider the Creed, where this article certainly stands: the forgiveness of sins. It is not enough to believe that Christ was born, suffered, was raised again, unless we add also this article, which is the purpose of the history: the forgiveness of sins...

Whenever we speak of justifying faith, we must keep in mind that these three objects belong together: the promise, grace, and Christ's merits as the price and atonement. The promise is received through faith. Grace excludes our merits and means that the benefit is offered only through mercy. Christ's merits are the price, because there must be a certain atonement for our sins. Scripture frequently cries out for mercy; the Holy Fathers often say that we are saved by mercy. Therefore, whenever mercy is mentioned, we must keep in mind that faith, which receives the promise of mercy, is required there. Again, whenever we speak about faith, we want an object of faith to be understood, namely, the promised mercy. For faith justifies and saves, not because it is a worthy work in itself, but only because it receives the promised mercy.

Paragraph 48–56

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**God willing, the next service  
will be held on  
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