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every tear
from their eyes

REVELATION 7:17

Oak Valley Lutheran Church
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

L) The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C) And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LPH 30

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L) You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C) a people of holy to the Lord our God.

L) Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

C) Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

L) One does not live by bread alone,

C) but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

CANTICLE

Salvation belongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb forever and ever. Great and wonderful are your deeds, O God of the universe; just and true are your ways, O Ruler of all the nations. Who can fail to honor you, Lord, and sing the glory of your name? For you alone are the Holy One. All nations will draw near and worship before you, for your just and holy works have been revealed.

L) We are going to try something new for our youth. We are hoping that it will be something you will look forward to every Sunday. We are calling it Holy Commotion. In the back of the Sanctuary is abundance of instruments for the youth to choose from. We ask that you grab one now and bring it forward to join in Holy Commotion.

HOLY COMMOTION

“Standing On The Promises”

PEACE

L) The peace of Christ be with you always. **C) And also with you.**

L) At this time I will ask the pathfinders to place their offering in the basket, and they may share the peace on their way to class. Let us join sharing the peace however we see fit at this time.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L) The Lord be with you **C) And also with you.**

L) Let us pray... Almighty God, **you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. ¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L) The Word of the Lord **C) Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

¹I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.**

⁵Look upon the LORD and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L) The word of the Lord **C) Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

L) The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C) Glory to you, Lord

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward

is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

L) The Gospel of the Lord **C) Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN of the Day **“He Looked Beyond My Faults”**

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

L) In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C) We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

L) Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C) I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

L) Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C) pray in the Holy Spirit.

L) Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C) look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

L) If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C) Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!

L) God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

L) Gracious God,

C) have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

L) The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins. **C) Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Create in Me"

THE PRAYERS

L) Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

L) Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God. **C) Your mercy is great.**

L) Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God. **C) Your mercy is great.**

L) Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God. **C) Your mercy is great.**

L) Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you (*especially*). Hear us, O God. **C) Your mercy is great.**

L) Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God. **C) Your mercy is great.**

L) Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. (*Here the*

names of those who have died in the previous year may be read.) Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **C) Your mercy is great.**

L) We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **C) Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER (all join)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

BLESSING

L) The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **C) Amen.**

SENDING HYMN **"Sweet, Sweet Spirit" LPH 67**

DISMISSAL

L) Go in peace. To Love and Serve the Lord. **C) Thanks be to God.**