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## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Merciful God, **you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus... Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

### **GATHERING SONG**

### **O GOD BEYOND ALL PRAISING**

**ELW #880**

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love  
amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you  
send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our  
hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our  
great and mighty Lord.

The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom  
surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal  
seed is sown-- though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free, and we  
through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know  
your favor may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled  
with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty  
our sacrifice of praise.

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### **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

**IDILLIO**

**(H. MOLBE)**

English Horn Soloist Daniel Youngs

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**PASTOR ALYSA OFFMAN**

## **HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16**

A reading from Hebrews.

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever... Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**ELW P. 142**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## **GOSPEL READING**

### **LUKE 14:1, 7-14**

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the fourteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of

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you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at 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 the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **PASTOR ANDREW CHAVANAK, OLF**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

**AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE**

**ELW #522**

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love’s vict’ry known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

For the leaders of the church, we pray. Inspire deacons, pastors, Sunday school teachers, and Christian education directors with a passion for speaking the word of God. Equip all the baptized to share your word of grace. Heed us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the well-being of creation, we pray. Sustain farm workers and all who labor in fields and vineyards to grow the food we eat. Revive plains and pastures, and provide for the cattle and creatures who rely on the land for their sustenance. Heed us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the leaders of communities, states, and nations, especially Maureen, our mayor; Gretchen, our governor; and Donald, our president, we pray. Guide them to enact equitable laws and policies for all. On this Labor Day weekend, make us mindful of workers whose labor often goes unnoticed. Heed us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For the lowly and those who are ignored, we pray. Provide for the needs of vulnerable communities, those who are unemployed, burdened by debt, or struggle to make ends meet. Accompany all who need reassurance of your loving presence, especially Kim, Dorisann, Steve, Connor, Mark H., Marjorie, Rhonda R., Linda, Maria, Jonathon, Donna, Mike, Pat, Joe, Carrie, Mark, Margie, Michael, Brian, Dennis, Rick, Barb, Dan, Carla, and Mike. For what else do the people of God pray? Heed us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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For the hospitality ministries of this congregation, we pray. Give ushers and greeters a spirit of welcome for visitors, and bless the work of those who feed and nourish us, especially the members of the Community Life Team. Heed us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For all the saints who from their labors rest, we give thanks. With them, we offer our sacrifice of praise to you, O God, the same yesterday and today and forever. Heed us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion. **Amen.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

### **IN REMEMBRANCE**

**(B. RED)**

English Horn Soloist Daniel Youngs

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**PASTOR ALYSA OFFMAN**

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 our thanks and praise.**

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**ELW P. 144**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n 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.

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ELW P. 145**

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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

## **COMMUNION SONG**

## **LAMB OF GOD**

**ELW P. 146**

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 SONG**

## **OH, LET THE SON OF GOD ENFOLD YOU**

**W&P #130**

Oh, let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love,  
let him fill you heart and satisfy your soul.

Oh, let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove  
will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you  
in his grace. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your  
grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and  
proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **SENDING SONG**

## **MY LIFE FLOWS ON IN ENDLESS SONG**

**ELW #763**

My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

### **Refrain**

No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**

What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth.  
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth.

### **Refrain**

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!  
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? **Refrain**  
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## **PURPOSE STATEMENT**

We are a welcoming community of believers in Jesus Christ who witness our faith...

**...by serving together, praying together, and living generously together.**

## **BLESSING**

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**