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God's work. Our hands.

Prelude ***Tell Me the Old, Old Story*** **arr. Steven Scott**

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God, **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

Gathering Song ***We Praise You, O God*** **ELW #870**

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

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Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Special Music ***A Festival Voluntary*** **Robert J. Powell**

Holy Trinity Bells

Children's Message — Pastor Alysa Zavala-Offman

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A reading from First Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Gospel Acclamation — ELW p. 102

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

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Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

This is the gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

<u>Sermon</u> **Pastor Alysa Zavala-Offman**

<u>Song of the Day</u> **Be Thou My Vision** **ELW #793**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art: thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord. Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always: thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

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Light of my soul, after victory won, my I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
Sean Michael Webber and Evelyn Mae Webber

Profession of Faith

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Baptism

Sean Michael Webber is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Evelyn Mae Webber is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.
We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Each petition ends: God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Prayer List

Kim, Dorisann, Jo, Ron, Robert, Jared, Elaine, Roberta, Steve, George, Kaamil & Ashley, Lisa, Jill, RJ, Norman, Emma, Stephanie, Judy, Roger, Sheila, Mike, Frank, Bill, Steven, Linda, family of Peter Shoemaker.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Invitation to Generosity

Sharing of the Peace

Sung Response *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* ELW #890, v. 1

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword: his truth is marching on.

Refrain
Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah! Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.
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Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is 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. 108

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory. 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. 112

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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

Communion Song — *Lamb of God* — ELW p. 112

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 Music — *Piano Sonata, Op. 13, II. Adagio Cantabile*

Ludwig van Beethoven

Communion Song — *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* — ELW #674

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain (sung twice each time)
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the word around, loaves abound.

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share, God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

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Blessing and Prayer after Communion

Announcements

Sending Song *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*

ELW #707, vv. 1, 2, 4

Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.

Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you:
but, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew.

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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 holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Offertorio* *Domenico Zipoli*

Serving Today

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Br. Andrew Chavanak, OLF
Preaching Minister: The Rev. Alysa Zavala-Offman
Director of Music Ministries: Julie Stevens
Assisting Minister: Margaret Ash
Lector: The Rev. Helen Liesenberg (retired)
Sacristan: Kris Morse
Communion Servers: Layne Fagnani and Joan Gaul
Altar Guild: Karen and Lisa Hissong
Usher Team: Brad Allan, David Doyle, Marybeth Kocsis, Ron Perian, Don Rysztak, Dick Schmidt
Counters: Sue Mount-Campbell and Bill & Jeanette Wiljanen