

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 32:1–5

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

C: **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

P: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

C: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

P: I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"

C: **and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: God speaks through the Prophet Isaiah saying: "Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David." (Isaiah 55:3)

What God promised King David, He also promises to us. Jesus is the fulfillment of that everlasting covenant which God extends to us so that our souls may live. The death and resurrection of Jesus is God's confirmation of that promise. And for Jesus' sake God offers us forgiveness of all our sins. Having confessed your sins and acknowledged your faith in Jesus for your redemption, now incline your ear: As a servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I declare that your sins are forgiven; in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: The Lord remembered us in our low estate,

C: **His steadfast love endures forever;**

P: He rescued us from our foes,

C: **His steadfast love endures forever;**

P: He gives food to all flesh,

C: **His steadfast love endures forever;**

P: give thanks to the God of heaven,

C: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

P: May the God who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

SHARING THE PEACE *The people at home may greet one another with the sign of peace.*

SONG OF PRAISE “Shout to the Lord” Kristen Lintvedt, vocal
Zach Allen, guitar

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 55:1–5* (Come, all who hunger and thirst, and the Lord will satisfy you with all that you need.)

[1] “Come, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
 come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.
[2] Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.
[3] Incline your ear, and come to me;
 hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.
[4] Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.
[5] Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
 and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE *Romans 9:1–5 (6–13)* (Paul anguishes over the people of Israel.)

[1] I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—[2] that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. [3] For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. [4] They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. [5] To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE *Psalms 78:25*

P: Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;
C: **He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 14:13–21* (Jesus feeds the five thousand, and all were satisfied.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[13] Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. [14] When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. [15] Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” [16] But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” [17] They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” [18] And he said, “Bring them here to me.” [19] Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. [20] And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. [21] And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG Your Relentless Love – video/communion video
Abby Forney Morales, vocal; Ed Kerr, piano

SERMON Undeserved Love *Isaiah 55:1-5* Pastor Matt

CONFESSION OF FAITH THE APOSTLES' CREED *stand*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Donna Kuppler (pacemaker surgery), SID President Scharr, Andrew Marshall (Ginger Kieffer's son in Florida – Covid positive), Muriel Mayer's brother - surgery.

Hungry and thirsty we come to You, O Lord, and we pray You to supply us with all things needful to this body and life, and to teach us to receive Your gifts with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: With restless hearts we come to You, O Lord, and we pray that by faith we rest our hopes, dreams, anxieties, and needs upon Your everlasting arms and find contentment and peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Knowing that You have established Your Church by Your Word and Spirit and endowed her with the Means of Grace, we pray for those who serve us in Your name: for [name], our Synod President; [name], our District President; and for our pastors and church workers. Raise up those who will follow in their footsteps and serve You faithfully on our behalf. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Knowing that all power is Yours both in heaven and on earth, we thank You for all the blessings bestowed upon us in this nation and for those who govern for the protection of the weak, the punishment of the evildoer, and the encouragement of virtue. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Broken and wounded, we come to You, O Lord, for healing, comfort, and consolation. Hear us on behalf of all those who cry to You in any need, [especially . . . and those we name in our hearts], that Your gracious will be done and all be preserved in affliction and raised to everlasting life. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Mindful of the poor and those who struggle with daily needs, we ask You, O Lord, to grant us the good fruits of the earth and the fruits of our honest labors to supply what we need and for the poor, the needy, and the unemployed. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Local concerns may be added here.

Pastor: Bidden by Your Word, we come as Your baptized people to feast upon the very flesh of Christ in this bread and His blood in this cup. Grant us the Holy Spirit that we receive these holy gifts in faith and manifest the full fruits of repentance in lives of faith and obedience. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

**All: 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 OF THE LORD *Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord smile upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Pastor: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

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"In Thee Is Gladness"