

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN No. 901

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Based on Psalm 139:1–2, 7–8; 1 Corinthians 6:19–20*

P: O Lord, You have searched and known us.

C: You discern our thoughts from afar.

P: Where shall we go from Your Spirit?

C: Or where shall we flee from Your presence?

P: If we ascend to heaven, You are there!

C: If we make our bed in Sheol, You are there!

P: Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

C: We were bought with a price, the blood of Christ.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Indeed, we were bought with the precious blood of Christ, and God calls on us to glorify God with our bodies, but we have failed to do this. We have lived as if our bodies and lives were our own, as if Your Son had not bought them with His blood. Such sins cause deep shame, yet even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we agree with the Word of God which reveals that our nature is sinful and unclean. We have sinned by the things we have done and by the things we have left undone. We have sinned unknowingly and ignorantly, and we have also knowingly and rebelliously sinned against Your holy and eternal will. Forgive us, remove the shame that clings to us, and make us new creations for the sake of Jesus who spent His life in its entirety, in perfect obedience to You that He might be the satisfaction for our sin for all time. Help us, by Your life-giving Spirit to amend our ways and to live our lives in full-voiced praise and thanksgiving for the grace You have lavished upon us; that we might appear before Your throne of Glory, holy and acceptable to the praise of Your glorious name. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn us? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, rose for us, reigns in power for us, and He prays for us. (Romans 8:34). Hold fast to this word by faith: "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" *Romans 5:1*.

P: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

C: In Jesus Christ we know we are forgiven and at peace with God.

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.

SHARING THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE (TBD)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, You paid for our lives with the price of Your blood on the cross. Strengthen us to serve You with pure hearts and minds, that we may be witnesses to the word of Your forgiveness; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)* (The Lord calls Samuel.)

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down.

And the LORD called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 6:12–20* (To whom does your body belong?)

“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE Psalm 139:9-10

L: Alleluia. If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
C: even there Your hand shall lead me,
and Your right hand shall hold me. Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL John 1:43–51 (Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN No. 901 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace!

Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.

To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now!

Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me.

Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
How so e'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife.

Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes.

SERMON "Jesus Reveals The Portal of Heaven!" John 1:43-51 Pastor Vern

CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;**

**Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;**

And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, almighty Lord, for calling us as Your people and displaying Your abiding care for us as we respond to Your call as Your followers and Your friends. Gathered as Your family at Your gracious invitation, grant that we be strengthened in faith toward You and in genuine love for one another as we walk each day in the wisdom You graciously supply and confidently await Your coming in glory. Send Your Holy Spirit upon us to sanctify and renew us in body and soul for the sake of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our thanksgiving and prayer.

C: Amen.

SELF-REFLECTION (In preparation of receiving the Sacrament, let us be reminded of makes us truly worthy to receive the gift of God's grace.)

1. Are you baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you know you are a sinner in need of God's grace?
3. Do you believe Jesus died to atone for your sins?
4. Do I believe that God offers His forgiveness through the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
5. Do you seek to amend your sinful life?

If you have answered "Yes" to all of these questions you are *encouraged* to come. Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

P: Let us now approach the table of the Lord with sincere hearts, joyfully receiving His promised presence.

P: Merciful Lord,

C: we do not presume to come to this Your table, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table.

But You are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed, through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

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

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

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.

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

P: With the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal.

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

(Let us eat together the body of Christ.)

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

(Let us drink together from the cup of salvation, the blood of Christ shed for our sins.)

P: And now may His Holy Body and Precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in the one true faith to life everlasting. Your sins are completely forgiven. Live as free people in Christ. Share the Gospel.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Nunc Dimittis" (Now let Your Servant Depart)

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before
The face of all people.**

**A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: And His mercy endures forever.

P: Let us pray:

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore Your that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Bless we the Lord

C: Thanks be to God!

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 look upon you with favor and give you peace.

HYMN No. 644 “The Church’s One Foundation”

**The Church’s one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation By water and the Word.
From heav’n He came and sought her To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.**

**Elect from ev’ry nation, Yet one o’er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses With ev’ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav’nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us, May see you face to face.**

SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

LEAVING MUSIC:

