

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*INVOCATION

"We Gather"

*GATHERING HYMN

"Beautiful Savior"

LBW # 518

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

WOV # 798

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, we thank You for Your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by His example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow His commands; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 15:15-21

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PSALM

Psalms 26:1-8

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Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and mind.

For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in faithfulness to you.

I do not sit with the worthless,
nor do I consort with hypocrites;

I hate the company of evildoers,
and will not sit with the wicked.

I wash my hands in innocence,
and go around your altar, O LORD,

singing aloud a song of thanksgiving,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.

O LORD, I love the house in which you dwell,
and the place where your glory abides.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

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*GOSPEL VERSE

"Alleluia. To Whom Shall We Go?"

*GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

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The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON HYMN

"Lift High the Cross" v.1,2,5

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SERMON

Rev. Mark Kindem

*APOSTLES' CREED

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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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING HYMN

"He Has Made Me Glad"

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Loving God, we offer at Your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in You and share freely of Your love, so that all creation can taste Your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

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***Word's of Institution, *Lord's Prayer, Distribution
(wine is light pink, grape juice is purple.)**

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

"10,000 Reasons"

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

Now may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of Your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share Your love freely, as You have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

***BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

***DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

***SENDING HYMN**

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"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" v.1,3



**"If any want to become
my followers, let them
deny themselves and
take up their cross
and follow me."**

Matthew 16:24, NRSV

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*"A Family in Christ;
Moved by His Spirit;
Sharing His Love."*

*Please Stand if you are able.

LBW: Lutheran Book of Worship (green)

WOV: With One Voice (blue)

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