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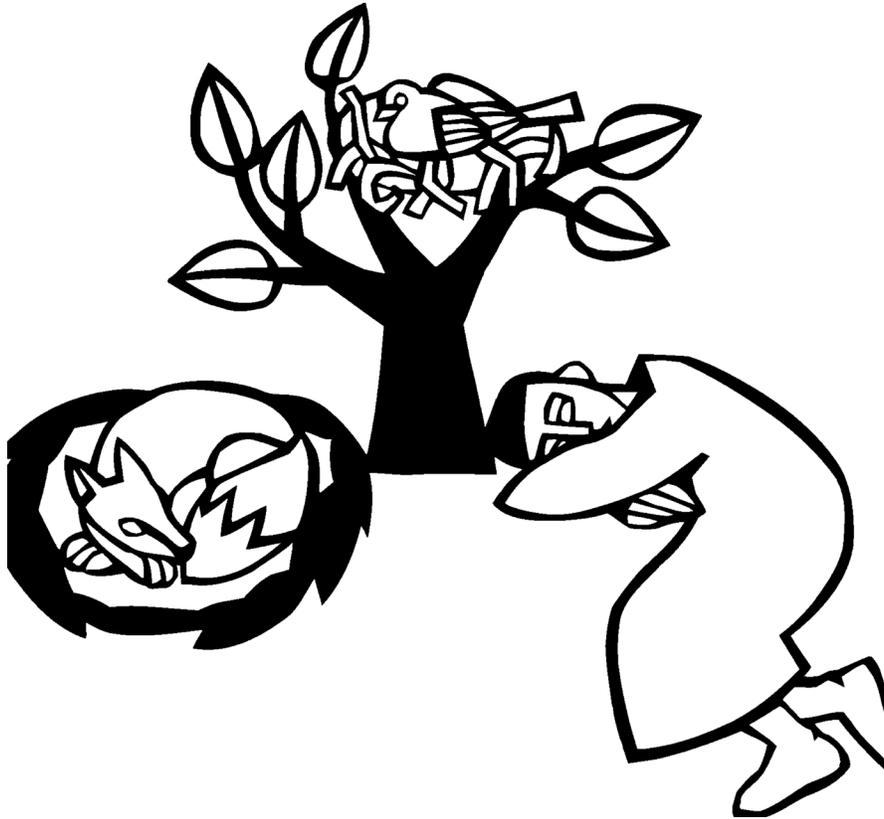
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

(WOV p. 10-11, left side)

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God,

To whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***ENTRANCE HYMN**

“Come, All You People”

WOV #717

GREETING

(WOV p. 28)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also, with you.**

***KYRIE**

(WOV p. 28)

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

(WOV pp. 29-30)

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray,

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

1 KINGS 19:15-16, 19-21

¹⁵Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁹So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” Then Elijah said to him, “Go back again; for what have I done to you?”

²¹He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

²**All my delight is in the godly that are in the land, upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods, never take their names upon my lips.**

⁵O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

⁷I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING**GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25**

¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.

¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)**

(WOV p. 31)

The holy gospel according to Luke 9:51-62

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

LUKE 9:51-62

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem.

⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Bind Us Together”

WOV #748

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

(WOV p. 33)

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: God of faithfulness, set the face of your church firmly on you. Rooted in your self-giving love, may the church find freedom in loving our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: God of gentleness, strengthen the earth's ability to heal. Where there are dangerous storms, bring calm. Where there are destructive fires, bring rain. Enable us to help protect homes, habitats, and livelihoods threatened by climate disasters. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: God of peace, guide all who govern, that they place the good of their citizens above self-promotion. Anoint leaders of nations with your Spirit of neighborly love. Protect refugees and all who live under tyranny or conflict. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: God of kindness, reveal your healing presence to all who are sick or dying. Uphold those who grieve. Support the needs of any who are unemployed, hungry, or have nowhere to lay their heads Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: God of love, attend to those struggling with addiction, depression, or uncontrolled anger. Provide support systems and loving companions as they work toward health, that they may rest in hope and know the fullness of joy in your presence. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: God of joy, we give thanks for all who have died and now celebrate the inheritance of life in you. Keep their examples of faithfulness always before us, that we trust your promises in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. Amen.

* PEACE

OFFERING *“Let the Vineyards”* (WOV p. 35)

OFFERING PRAYER (WOV p. 35, left side)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (WOV p. 36)

HOLY, HOLY (WOV p. 36)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (WOV p. 37, right side)

AMEN (sung) (WOV p. 38)

LORD’S PRAYER (WOV p. 39, left side)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION *“Lamb of God”* (WOV p. 39)

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

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (WOV p. 40)

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev’ryone what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ’s holy name.

Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy

With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (WOV p. 41)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

***BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Participants

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Rita Augsburger
Assisting Minister	Jane Cade
Coordinator of Music and Technology/Organist/Handbells	Rick Strine
Chancel Choir and Band Director	Milt Scott
Technical Director	Jeremy Hahn
Audio/Visual	Mike Reynolds & family / Dan Lynch
Greeters	Gary and Nora Beck / Chuck and Barb Ahlenius
Check-In	Marsha Corley
Money Counters	Steve & Karen Wenger / Ken and Carol Broeking
Flowers	Steve & Karen Wenger – Celebration of their Anniversary

Prayer Requests

Matt Andrews and Family, Brian Bauer, Linda Bauer,
Dennis Cox, David Fyke, Paul Kopetz, Matthew Long, Jackie Murphy, Braden Paulson,
Carolyn Renton, Dorsey Roberts, Susan Braden Scott, Mel Weinstein

*If you'd like to add someone to the Prayer Request list,
please contact the office or Pastor Rita.*