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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**

“Shout for Joy Loud and Long”

WOV #793

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,

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING:**ISAIAH 66:10-14**

¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom.

¹²For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees.

¹³As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

¹Be joyful in God, | all you lands; be joyful, | all the earth.

²**Sing the glory | of God's name; sing the glory | of God's praise.**

³Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

⁴**All the earth bows | down before you, sings to you, sings | out your name."**

⁵Come now and see the | works of God, how awesome are God's deeds | toward all people.

⁶**God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- | ter on foot, and there we re- | joiced in God.**

⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- | ver the nations; let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.

⁸**Bless our | God, you peoples; let the sound of | praise be heard.**

⁹Our God has kept us a- | mong the living and has not allowed our | feet to slip.

SECOND READING**GALATIANS 6:1-16**

¹My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads.

⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)**

(WOV p. 31)

The holy gospel according to Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road.

⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ”

¹⁶“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

WOV #756

***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: Lord of the harvest, you send your church into the world to proclaim Christ's new creation to all. Renew the church as it carries out your mission of peace and healing. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Your creation abounds with flowing waters and diverse creatures. Guide the work of climate scientists as they develop and advocate ways to restore earth's natural balance. Motivate humankind to adopt lifestyles that protect and sustain the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: You guard the nations; let no leaders exalt themselves but lift up the most vulnerable and work for the good of all. Send your Spirit to eradicate classism and inequity, violence and war, poverty, and hunger. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: You desire abundant life for all. As we celebrate Independence Day, instill in us gratitude, generosity, and persistence in working toward freedom for all people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Mothering God, you care for all people in need. Nourish those who are hungry. Restore employment to those who have lost work. Heal those who are sick, and comfort all who are dying or grieving. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: We remember the saints who proclaimed your reign on earth and now rest in you. Make us faithful in our witness to Christ's new creation. 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)

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.

***EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother’s tender care: as you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your son, Jesus Christ, our lord. Amen.

***BLESSING**

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

***SENDING SONG**

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

ELW #888

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Participants

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Rita Augsburg
Assisting Minister	Janice Isaacs
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	Marilyn Oftedal / Pat Dalen / Dick & Donna Donahue
Check-In	Rick Strine / Jayne Svendsen
Money Counters	Jim & Judy Oettel / Gary & Carolyn Likins
Flowers	Lee Flower Memorial - In memory of John C Ott

Prayer Requests

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

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