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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**

“Oh, Sing to the Lord”

WOV #795

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, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:**ISAIAH 58:9B-14**

^{9b}If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, ¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. ¹¹The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. ¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;

¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Psalms begin on p. 339 ELW)

¹Bless the LORD, | O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's
holy name.

²**Bless the LORD, | O my soul, and forget not | all God's benefits—**

³who forgives | all your sins and heals all | your diseases;

⁴**who redeems your life | from the grave and crowns you with
steadfast | love and mercy;**

⁵who satisfies your desires | with good things so that your youth is
renewed | like an eagle's.

⁶**O LORD, you provide | vindication and justice for all who | are
oppressed.**

⁷You made known your | ways to Moses and your works to the chil-
| dren of Israel.

⁸**LORD, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy, slow to anger
and abounding in | steadfast love.**

SECOND READING**HEBREWS 12:18-29**

¹⁸You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” ²¹Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”)

²²But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.”

²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)**

(WOV p. 31)

The holy gospel according to Luke 13:10-17

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

Luke 13:10-17

¹⁰Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath.

¹¹And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹²When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.”

¹³When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.”

¹⁵But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?”

¹⁷When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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

SERMON

_____, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God’s grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit. Amen. *ELW p 277*

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“God is Here!”

WOV #719

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

(WOV p. 33)

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

A: You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds. Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

*** PEACE**

OFFERING

Flautist Piece

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.

Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

***BLESSING**

The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **Amen.**

***SENDING SONG**

"Go, My Children, With My Blessing"

WOV #721

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Participants

Presiding and Preaching	Pastor Rita Augsburg
Assisting Minister	Allie Allgeier
Coordinator of Music and Technology/Organist/Handbells	Rick Strine
Technical Director	Jeremy Hahn
Audio/Visual	Mike Reynolds & family / Dan Lynch
Greeters	John & Lin Malachowski / Molly Berry / Dan Lynch
Check-In	Mary Jo Rowley
Money Counters	Larry Haab / Sheryl Brilley
Flowers	Susan Martin in memory of her wedding anniversary
Guest Flautist	Colleen Hillyer

Prayer Requests

Matt Andrews and Family, Brian Bauer, Linda Bauer,
Dennis Cox, David Fyke, 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.*