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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“The Family Prayer Song” by Morris Chapman CCLI#1680466

***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, Praise the Gracious Power”

WOV #750

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:**PROVERBS 25:6-7**

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great; ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

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

(Psalms begin on p. 339 ELW)

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who [|] fear the LORD and have great delight in [|] God's commandments!

²**Their descendants will be mighty [|] in the land; the generation of the upright [|] will be blessed.**

³Wealth and riches will be [|] in their house, and their righteousness will [|] last forever.

⁴**Light shines in the darkness [|] for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full [|] of compassion.**

⁵It is good for them to be gener- [|] ous in lending and to manage their af- [|] fairs with justice.

⁶**For they will nev- [|] er be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlast- [|] ing remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any [|] evil rumors; their heart is steadfast, trusting [|] in the LORD.

⁸**Their heart is established and [|] will not shrink, until they see their desire up- [|] on their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands [|] fast forever; they will hold up their [|] head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and [|] pine away; the desires of the wick- [|] ed will perish.**

SECOND READING**HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16**

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.

⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.

¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)**

(WOV p. 31)

The holy gospel according to Luke 14:1, 7-14

Glory to you, O Lord.

***GOSPEL READING**

LUKE 14:1-14

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

²Just then, in front of him, there was a man who had dropsy. ³And Jesus asked the lawyers and Pharisees, “Is it lawful to cure people on the sabbath, or not?” ⁴But they were silent. So, Jesus took him and healed him, and sent him away.

⁵Then he said to them, “If one of you has a child or an ox that has fallen into a well, will you not immediately pull it out on a sabbath day?” ⁶And they could not reply to this.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“You Are the Seed”

WOV #753

***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: For the church and its people, we pray. Awaken in your us a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare us and embolden our witness to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to invite others to the table. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A: For all the saints who confessed God's name, we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. 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

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"

by Barrett, Ingram, Tomlin
CCLI#7168697

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 Augsburger
Assisting Minister	Janice Isaacs
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 / Kris Sites
Money Counters	Larry Haab / Sheryl Brilley
Flowers	Wayne & Connie Banfield – Anniversary and in Memory of Ann

Prayer Requests

Matt Andrews and Family, Brian Bauer, Linda Bauer, Mary Ellen Burns,
Dennis Cox, David Fyke, Matthew Long, 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.*