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Outdoor Worship



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Call to Worship

P: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

C: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.

P: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day; let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever;

C: let us worship God together.

Song "Jesus Loves Me"

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

Reading: Luke 15:1-10

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ⁴ "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵ And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶ And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' ⁷ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸ “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹ And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ ¹⁰ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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Reflection

Song “Amazing Grace”

1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found;
 was blind, but now I see.

4 The Lord has promised good to me;
 his word my hope secures;
 he will my shield and portion be
 as long as life endures.

Prayers

After each prayer, there will be a pause when you can add your prayers, either in your hearts or aloud. The prayer will end with “God of grace,” and your response is: **hear our prayer.**

P: Trusting in God's word and promises, we pray for the church, for those in need, and for all of God's creation.

We pray for the church, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel.

We pray for the well-being of creation.

We pray for peace and justice in the world, in all the nations, in our community, and for those in authority.

We pray for the poor, oppressed, sick, grieving, and lonely.

We pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

We pray for this congregation of Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church, and our mission and ministry together.

God of all compassion, gather our prayers in your mercy and grant to us what you know we need, that we may walk in the life and peace of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

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

Blessing

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Song "This Little Light of Mine"

1 This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.