

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE: Now Thank We All Our God, Instrumental Ensemble (*Gilbert only*)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC: The Church's One Foundation, Ringing Praise

GREETING:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God +, and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PENTECOST KYRIE:

**ALL: Blessed be God, the source of life,
Creator of all, our hope and song.
Blessed be God, the source of love,
Holy Three and Holy One.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of reformation,

we pray for your church. Fill it with all truth and peace.

Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, reform it;

where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it;

where it is divided, reunite it;

In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (vs. 1, 2, 4)

1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.

The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!

Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: ELW 575 Jesus Loves Me! (Sunday Tempe/Gilbert)

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.

Refrain

Yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
yes, Jesus loves me,
the Bible tells me so.

Sat 5pm Tempe: **NO** Children's Message
Sunday Tempe & Gilbert: *Sing at all services*

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

TEMPE SPECIAL MUSIC:
In Christ Alone,
Sanctuary Choir

GILBERT SPECIAL MUSIC:
Christ Our Wisdom,
Chancel Choir

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST LESSON: Psalm 46

¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

¹⁰ **"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**

¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PENTECOST GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, Come Holy Spirit

Refrain

Alleluia, come Holy Spirit, come,
Alleluia, we're gathered around Your throne.

Speak to Your people, ignite us with flame,
Fill us with power to speak of Your name.
Alleluia, our hearts are now Your home.

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GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

³¹ Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"
³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:	
<i>"Knowing"</i> Pastor Andrea Cain (Sunday Tempe)	<i>"Thunderstruck"</i> Pastor Thaddeus Book (Sat 5pm/Gilbert)

SONG OF THE DAY: No Longer Slaves (NEW)

Verse 1

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Verse 2

From my Mother's womb

You have chosen me
Love has called my name
I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Bridge

You split the sea so I could walk right through it
My fears were drowned in perfect love
You rescued me so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Write your law of love on the hearts of your people, that we remain steadfast in our witness to your grace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for the nations. Where they are in an uproar, bring wise leadership and comfort for those in distress. Bring your peace to every land. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We pray for those in need. Share your mercy with all who are facing illness, surgery, or a new diagnosis (especially). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for those who have gone before us in faith, especially Martin Luther and all reformers. Renew and reform us as we strive to continue in your word. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Trusting in your mercy, we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

Amen.

PEACE:

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

We share a word of peace with our neighbors.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING FOR COMMITMENT WEEKEND:

We are invited to commit ourselves and our whole lives to God's holy word and loving purpose this Commitment Weekend. As brothers and sisters in Christ, we share our gifts and talents that strengthen our ministries and the community that thrives here. We give thanks for our 2026 Stewardship campaign, *Gifted to Serve, Together in Faith*, which brings us together and sends out to serve in love as we share God's love in our neighborhoods and world. We give thanks for your faithful support.

As we continue worship with our regular offering, you are invited to come forward to place your commitment cards and hunger jar offerings into the hunger jar this weekend. We give thanks for the commitment cards you mailed in, brought to the office, or brought to worship today that promise support of God's mission through Desert Cross in 2027 as we grow our faith family to change the world in beautiful ways!

The Hunger Jar is a love offering designated to ELCA World Hunger.

You are invited to share your gifts in worship while others give electronically at www.desertcross.org with the giving button, text giving, or by QR code. We give thanks for all the ways you support God's mission of outreach through Desert Cross that changes lives for the sake of the gospel

OFFERING SONG: Undivided

Verse 1

Undivided purified
Clean my hands as I lift them high
Consecrated set apart
Refine me and create a clean heart

Chorus

Teach me Your ways
Open my eyes
Show me Your glory
Make me like Christ
Come burn away
What's taken Your place

There's nothing I'm hiding
Here's my heart undivided

Verse 2

You create me sanctify me
You walk me through the fire and try me
You sustain me and remake me
Now all I really want is to be holy

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PRAYER OF COMMITMENT:

On this Reformation Day, we are invited to commit ourselves and our whole lives to God's holy Word and loving purpose.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have called us together to be a church of love and service in the world. Keep us ever close to your word, that it might be written upon our hearts.

We commit our lives to you, O God.

Help us to grow in faith and love toward you, so that we might always live in trust and hope. Center us in weekly worship, daily prayer, and the mission of the church sending us to love our neighbors.

**By your word, O Lord, bless our offerings and our mission
as we commit our lives to you.**

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION:

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, 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, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

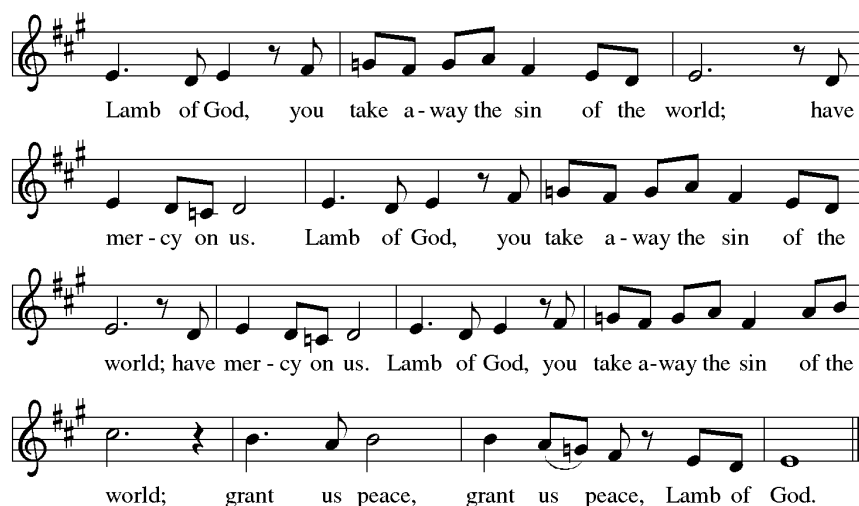
This is Christ's table. There is a place for you.

All are welcome.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

Come forward to receive the bread and a cup of wine/juice. Alert an usher for communion in your seat. All are welcome.

LAMB OF GOD: ELW p.191 - Lamb of God (Setting 8)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION SONG 1: ELW 472 Eat This Bread

Refrain

"Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst."

1 L: Christ is the bread of life,
The true bread sent from the Father.

Refrain

2 L: Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, but
this is the bread come down from heaven.

Refrain

3 L: Eat his flesh and drink his blood,
and Christ will raise you up on the last day.

Refrain

4 L: Anyone who eats this bread
will live forever.

Refrain

5 L: If we believe and eat this bread,
we will have eternal life.

Refrain

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DISTRIBUTION SONG 2: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

Verse 1

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
Who holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus

O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

Verse 2

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good

Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Verse 3

Unto the grave what will we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING & PRAYER:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Compassionate Christ,
you meet us at this table with mercy and peace.
Send us to share your healing love with open hearts and willing hands;
in your holy name we pray.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BENEDICTION: *(In Gilbert, the Junior Choir will sing May God Bless Us and Keep Us)*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor +

And give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW 660 Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain

2 All newborn servants of the Crucified
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.

Refrain

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw us all to thee.

Refrain

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified for victory! *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE:

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