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PRELUDE

PASTORAL WELCOME

Faith's Mission is to preach, teach, and share God's love in Christ.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.

C **Amen.**

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God of mercy and forgiveness,
C **we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.**

P Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING SONG:

Guide My Feet

Leader

All

1 Guide my feet
2 Hold my hand
3 Stand by me
4 I'm your child
5 Search my heart

while I run this race.

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me
I'm your child
Search my heart

while I run this race.

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet
Hold my hand
Stand by me
I'm your child
Search my heart

while I run this race,

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

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GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen

You may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST LESSON: JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1

A The First Lesson is from the 8th chapter of Jeremiah.

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

¹Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

“Is the Lord not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?”

(“Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?”)

“The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved.”

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,
so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 79 (*Sung responsively*)

O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your | holy temple;
they have made Jerusalem a | heap of rubble.

**They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds | of the air,
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts | of the field.**

They have shed their blood like water on every side | of Jerusalem,
and there was no one to | bury them.

**We have become a reproach | to our neighbors,
an object of scorn and derision to | those around us.**

How long will you be an- | gry, O Lord?
Will your fury blaze like | fire forever?

**Pour out your wrath upon the nations who | have not known you
and upon the kingdoms that have not called up- | on your name.**

For they have de- | voured Jacob
and made his dwell- | ing a ruin.

**Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be | swift to meet us;
for we have been brought | very low.**

Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory | of your name;
deliver us and forgive us our sins, | for your name's sake.

SECOND LESSON: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

A The Second Lesson is from the 2nd chapter of First Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

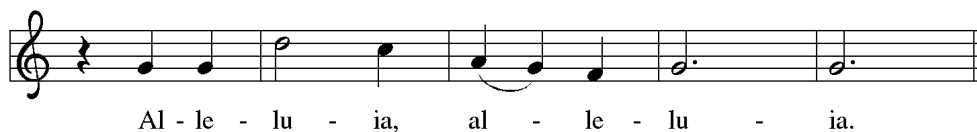
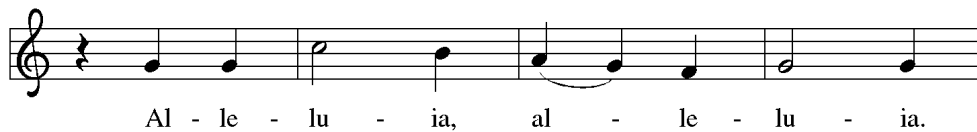
Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



GOSPEL

16:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

You may be seated

SERMON

Hymn of the Day: *Take My Life, That I May Be* ELW 685 (1-4)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters (*local outreach may be named*). God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us (*especially*), and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

(Please share a sign of peace without touching your neighbor, remaining in your spot).

FAITH MISSION MOMENT

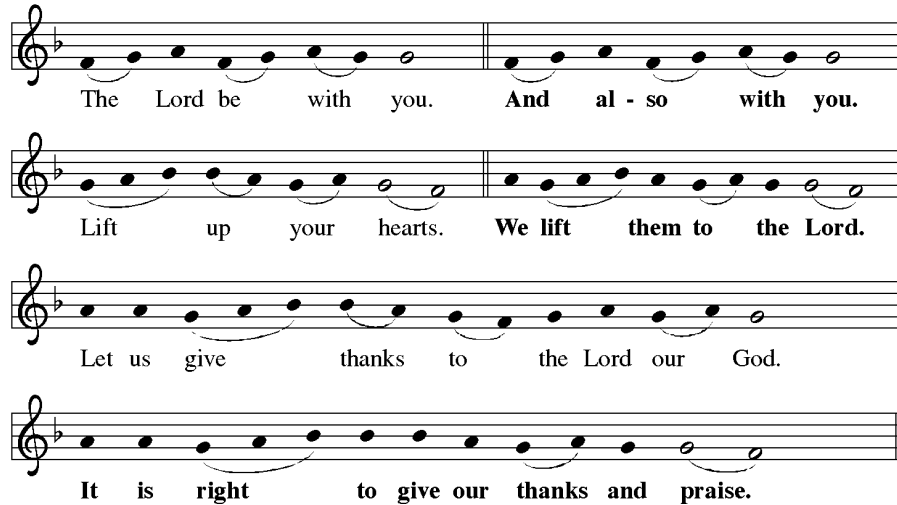
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OFFERING PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C **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

You may be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD

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.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song: *Let Streams of Living Justice* ELW 710

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE