



# IDENTITY

KNOWING WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>

## PRELUDE

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. John Behnke

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

## OPENING HYMN “Oh, Worship the King”

## OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Moment of Silent Confession*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us by giving His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiven all our sins. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.

C: **Amen.**

## RESPONSE “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 103:6-14 [ESV]

The Lord works righteousness  
and justice for all who are oppressed.  
He made known his ways to Moses,  
his acts to the people of Israel.  
The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.  
For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.

R: This is the Word of Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## HOLY GOSPEL Luke 23:32-43 [ESV]

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

R: This is the Gospel of Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

**STATEMENT of FAITH** *the Apostles' Creed*

**HYMN** “Great is Thy Faithfulness”

**SERMON** “WHEN I’M TOO FAR GONE”

**OFFERING**

**RESPONSE** “Great God of Every Blessing”

**PRAYERS of the CHURCH**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**WORDS of INSTITUTION**

**THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

**DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

“Faith of Our Fathers”

*Organ*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**

**BENEDICTION**

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**POSTLUDE**

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

*Organ*

arr. Michael Burkhardt



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