

PRELUDE

"Children of the Heavenly Father" – arr. Don Wyrzen

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

By faith, we trust that we were created in the image of God.

By faith, we hope and dream and make plans.

By faith, we face our fears and insecurities.

By faith, we till the soil of our lives and plant seeds of love.

By faith, we follow where God leads.

By faith, we trust that God is present in our midst.

By faith, we gather in this place to worship God together.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The world teaches us many ways to love, but often based on selfish desires and needs. God teaches us how to love: completely, uniquely, unconditionally. Let us confess our difficulty in loving as God teaches us, as we pray, saying,

We are hesitant to confess, Holy God, how hard it is to love as you wish.

It is easy to love you with all that we are,

except when you ask us to love our neighbor with all that we have.

We find it hard to love our neighbor, when it is linked to the way we love ourselves.

And it is difficult to love anyone—even You—more than we love ourselves.

Forgive us, Love Eternal.

**As you took a risk in creating us, help us to take risks to love others compassionately,
to love ourselves genuinely, and to love you as completely as you love us
in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

In God's Kingdom, all are loved for who they are, not what they do; In God's Kingdom, all are forgiven for what they do, and don't; in God's Kingdom, all are welcomed and fed by God's grace and hope.

Forgiven, loved, sent forth—we are not far from God's Kingdom! In Christ's name, thanks be to God. **Amen.**

~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on **Lectionary Liturgies**. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

RECONCILING IN CHRIST (RIC) STATEMENT

(Stand) HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

ELW#556

GREETING

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 *ELW page 138; setting 3*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy. Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *ELW page 140; setting 3*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,

and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might

be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun his
reign.**

Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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.**

(sit) READING: Luke 6:27-30

²⁷ "But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again.

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Back to School Blessing for All Ages

1st GRADE & 3rd GRADE MILESTONE BIBLE BLESSING

(stand) GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *ELW page 142; setting 3*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:23-40

The holy Gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord

²³ The same day some Sadducees came to him saying there is no resurrection, and they asked him a question: ²⁴ "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.' ²⁵ Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. ²⁶ The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. ²⁷ Last of all, the woman herself died. ²⁸ In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her." ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "You are wrong because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. ³⁰ For in the resurrection people neither marry nor are given in marriage but are like angels of God in heaven. ³¹ And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, ³² 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is God not of the dead but of

the living.” ³³ And when the crowds heard it, they were astounded at his teaching. ³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” ³⁷ He said to him, “ ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ ³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment. ³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

The Gospel of our Lord. . . **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(sit) SERMON: Youth Trip Participants

Emerson Bartlett; Andrew Blasberg; Claire Fecht; Alison Frerichs; Remy Geerts; Nevaeh Mohl; Brighton Puls; Nate Puls; Daniel Slaughter; Anna Smith; TK Wright

(Stand) HYMN OF THE DAY

“Children of the Heavenly Father”

ELW #781

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

(sit) PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **Lord, make us instruments of your love.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

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SPECIAL OFFERING MUSIC

“For the Beauty of the Earth” – arr. Mary McDonald

Women’s Trio: Jan Fitkin, Linda Holm, Carolyn Jensen

GREAT THANKSGIVING ELW Page 144; setting 3



The Lord be with you. **And also 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... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow’r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION


THE LORDS 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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

LAMB OF GOD *ELW Page 146; setting 3*

 **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONG

"Here is Bread"
"I Come with Joy"

ELW #483

ELW #482

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

(Stand) SENDING HYMN

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

ELW #886

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"O For a Thousand Tongues" – arr. Melody Bober

Preaching/Presiding: Pastor Brian Julin-McCleary

Cantor: Sandy Gardner

Communion Servers: Tina, Carol Mae, Chris

Greeter:

Welcome Center Host:

Musician: Nicole Green

Reader: Tina Meyer

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