

"We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to Jesus"

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME and INVOCATION

OPENING PRAISE: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (807)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Voices Raised to You We Offer" (795)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.

(We pause to remember our sin, but more importantly to remember God's great love and forgiveness)

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 in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE PRAYER (Spoken)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: 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.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together:

C: O Lord, grant us wisdom to recognize the treasures You have stored up for us in heaven, that we may never despair but always rejoice and be thankful for the riches of Your grace; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen!

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our Old Testament reading is **Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26**. Solomon laments that striving for wealth and legacy is "vanity," nudging us to loosen our grip on achievements and savor work and daily joys as sheer gifts from God.

The Psalm for today is **Psalm 100**. Psalm 100 calls us to shout thanks because the God who made us still shepherds us with unending, loyal love.

Our New Testament reading is **Colossians 3.1-11**. Having been raised with Christ, we are urged to aim our hearts heavenward, discard the old self, and let His renewing life shape every attitude and action.

Today's Gospel is **Luke 12.13-21**. Jesus' parable of the rich fool cautions that real security isn't found in stockpiling stuff but in being "rich toward God," investing in the only treasure that outlasts tonight.

Please stand for the Gospel reading out of respect for the Lord Jesus

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "Take My Life and Let it Be" (783)

SERMON

OFFERTORY and OFFERING

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, in
Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

**C (Loudly): CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL
COME AGAIN!**

THE BENEDICTION

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" (918)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed
and strengthened in God's love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let
us remember who we are and what we do:

**C: "We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to
Jesus."**

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing
in God's love. As God's beloved children, go in peace! Love one another!
Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: Thanks be to God!

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