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A SERMON SERIES

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**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“Prelude on HANOVER”

arr. Robert Hobby

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

## OPENING HYMN “Ye Servants of God”

## OPENING LITURGY

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the LORD,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Remember that you were once separated from Christ, having no hope and without God in the world.

**C: But now in Christ Jesus we who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace.**

*[Moment of silent reflection]*

P: Although God has graciously showered the light of His love on us, we have not responded in lives of total devotion. But because He has graciously promised to forgive, let us go to Him in the name of “Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.”

**C: Gracious Lord, we confess that we have not feared, loved, and trusted in You above all things. We have allowed other things to distract us from Your presence in our homes and Your mission in our lives. We have not extended Your saving love to others as we ought, choosing to keep Your good blessings to ourselves instead of sharing them with those around us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. Grant us the Spirit of Jesus, who cleanses us from our sin that we may worship You with joyful hearts and proclaim Your kingdom all our days. Amen.**

P: Hear this Good New: even when we were dead in our trespasses,

**C: God made us alive together with Christ.**

P: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,

**C: that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.**

P: God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us,

**C: made us alive together with Christ.**

P: God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,

**C: but in order that the world might be saved through Him.**

P: By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: In peace, “holy and blameless before Him,” let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For peace from God’s blessing us in Christ, choosing “us in Him before the foundation of the world,” let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, in which all things work “according to the counsel of His will,” let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and all places where people hear “the word of truth, the gospel of Your salvation,” let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord, until we acquire possession of our inheritance.

**C: Amen.**

**RESPONSE “O Love, How Deep”**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Ephesians 4:11-16 [ESV]

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

R: This is the Word of Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

### RESPONSE "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

### SERMON "LESS COMING TO, MORE SENDING OUT"

### OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

*Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells*

arr. Lloyd Larson

### PRAYERS of the CHURCH

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## PROPER PREFACE

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

## SANCTUS

## WORDS of INSTITUTION

## THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

arr. Jack Schrader

*Organ*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## BENEDICTION

## NUNC DIMITTIS

## POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Hal Hopson

*Organ*



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