



# WELCOMING OF GUESTS AND VISITORS

## GATHERING

### Prelude

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

P In the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

### HYMN

*This is my Song*

*ELW 887*



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,  
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.  
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,  
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.  
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
a song of peace for their land and for mine.  
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

## **THE BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Together we pray,

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**     *SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD*

*W&P 129*

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Spirit of the Living God    Fall fresh on me

Spirit of the Living God    Fall fresh on me

Melt me mold me    Fill me use me

Spirit of the Living God    Fall fresh on me

## **THE GREETING**

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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

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**P** Together we pray,

**C** **Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

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### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 6:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup>The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup>The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”

<sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

**L** The word of God.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### SECOND READING

*Romans 8:12-17*

<sup>12</sup>Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**L** The word of God.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE

### GOOD SOIL

W&P 52



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

## GOSPEL

*John 3:1-17*

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

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup>He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” <sup>4</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup>Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup>What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup>Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup>Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

<sup>11</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup>If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

<sup>13</sup>No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup>And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

**PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

HYMN

*Son of God*

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1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,  
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.  
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;  
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,  
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.  
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.  
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:  
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;  
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,  
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.  
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.  
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.  
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

**Reception of New Members**

*Presentation of the candidates: Donald Penrod and Bob Wormuth*

P Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you, members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, into our fellowship in the Gospel.

P Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of

God's people, you have learned from his Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at his holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Jesus Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize. Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

**C I do.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

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

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C 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.**

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

To live among God's faithful people,

To hear his Word and share in his supper,

To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed

To serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**C I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their lives with us in Christ?

**C We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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A We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*each petition concludes...*

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## OFFERING

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*In thanksgiving for God's blessing, we respond with our tithe and offering*

## OFFERTORY HYMN

WOV 732



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



spir-it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres-ence, and



take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store un - to me the



joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.



## OFFERING PRAYER

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A Together we pray,

**C Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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A Together we 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.**

## DISTRIBUTION

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As we celebrate the meal of our Lord, all are invited. If you are a guest and regularly commune at your church, you are welcome to commune here. For those not communing, please keep your hands folded and you will receive a blessing. Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available at communion. If you prefer a gluten-free wafer, notify the server. If you are unable to come to the altar rail and would like to receive communion in your seat, please notify an usher.

*after all have communed*

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C Amen.

A Together we pray,  
C **Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. Amen.**

P The blessing of God, Father, † Son and Holy Spirit, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

ELW 888



1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:  
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,  
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

## **DISMISSAL**

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**P** Go in peace filled with the Holy Spirit. You are the body of Christ.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Postlude**

#### ***Faith's Weekly Announcements***

*Welcome to all of you attending this morning!*

#### **Sunday School**

You are invited to join our Sunday School after worship today (10:30). Meet in the doublewide.

#### **Special Offering**

We will be taking a special offering today for AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrants with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities), an ELCA ministry to migrants. There is a basket in the narthex for your contributions.

#### **Ladies Luncheon**

By popular request, the June Ladies Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am, at Mango Bistro. It's located on Dearborn Street, at the corner of Mango St., in Olde Englewood. We will order off the menu with separate checks. Deadline is next Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex. For more information, see or call Kathie Wiley (941-662-5383).

**Note:** If you signed up for emails from the church but have not been getting them lately, go to the church website ([alivingfaith.org](http://alivingfaith.org)) and sign up again. That has been working for most folks.

#### **Food Pantry**

This week the food bank especially needs packaged meals (like rice or macaroni and cheese). All donations should be placed in the bin in the narthex.

**Attendance Last Week: 52**

## WE PRAY FOR...

Lou Taylor

Nancy Smith

Marcia and Gary Wilkins

Shirley Rice

Sandy Cox

Tom and Linda Jackling

Linda Schleede

Sandy McKitterick

## Serving Today

**Altar Guild:** Kay Culver

**Lector/ Worship Assistant:** Ellen Lindhurst

**Ushers:** Debby Porter, Ken Stephens, Marcia Wilkins

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

**Every week day morning**

6:30 am

AA meets at church

**Monday**

8:00 pm

AA meets at church

**Office Closed -- Memorial Day**

**Tuesday**

7:30 am

Work Crew

9:00 am

Lutheran Chicks

5:00 pm

Girl Scouts

## Your Church Council

Jeff Kamm (President), Larry Bennett (Vice President), Sandy Cox (Secretary), Art Hanson (Treasurer), Jim Taylor, Jeff Petersen, Gene Newlon, Jay Fisher and Sue Baran.

