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To glorify God, to grow in faith, to give in service, together in Christ

June 9, 2024

3rd Sunday after Pentecost
9:15 a.m.

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

Welcome visiting Pastor John Berntsen while Pastor Raabe is on vacation.

Prelude: Prelude on the Hymn of the Day

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

P. God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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 us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: You Servants of God ELW 825

GREETING

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



Prayer of the Day

P. All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. Amen

First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said. "I heard the sound of you in the



to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

15I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel."

Word of God, word of life. C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 130



¹Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

²O LORD, | hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

³If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

⁴Yet with you | is forgiveness,

in order that you | may be feared. R

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits; in your word | is my hope.

⁶My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,

more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love; with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

8For the LORD shall | redeem Israel from | all their sins. R

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing

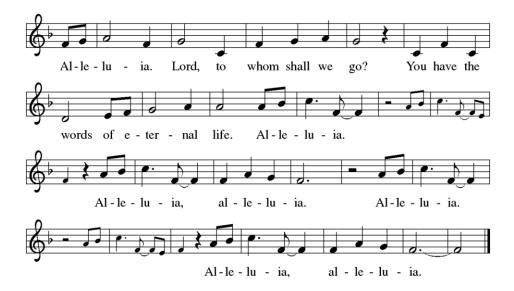
us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Word of God, word of life. C. Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

P. The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the 3rd chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables,

"How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor John Berntsen

HYMN of the DAY: Take Up Thy Cross

ELW 667

PRAYERS

To the petition "Merciful God," please respond: "Receive our prayer."



GREETING OF THE PEACE

P. The peace of Christ be with you always.

C. And also with you.

Please be seated.

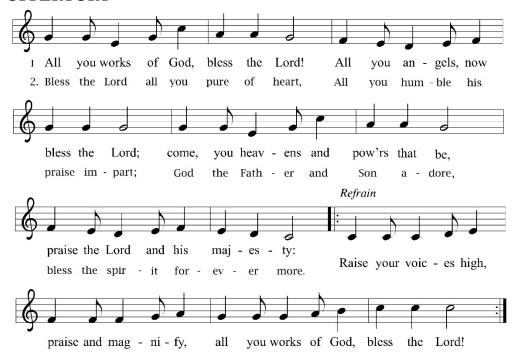
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Please stand.

OFFERTORY



OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **C. Amen.**

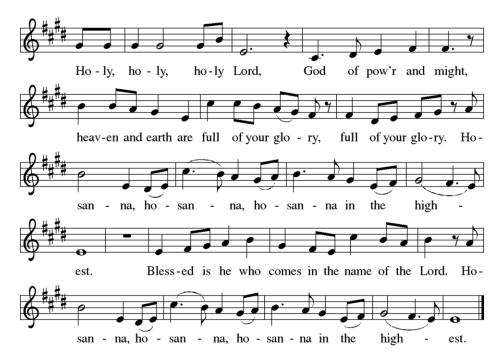
GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P. The Lord be with you. C. And also with you.
- P. Lift up your hearts. C. We lift them to the Lord.
- P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.



P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy....
....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



In the night in which he was betrayed...

P. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C. Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven....

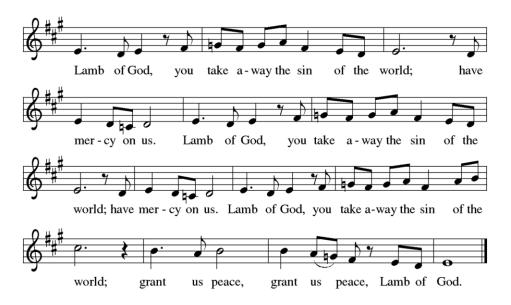
Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.

Come and eat at God's table.

Please be seated.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION HYMN: One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

BENEDICTION

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

中 be upon you now and forever.

C. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: The Church of Christ in Every Age ELW 729

DISMISSAL

P. Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.

C. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus George J. Webb (1803-1887)

Serving today - Thank You!!

Preacher and Presider, Rev. John Berntsen

Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector: Frank Stone

Ushers: Bob Smyrl and Don Capanear

Communion Asst: Frank Stone

Altar Guild: Kay Stone

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Coffee Hour: Diane Ball

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Bible School here on July 14-18. Ask your children to invite their friends!



Pastoral Care If you are ill, seeking pastoral care or need a helping hand for any reason, please contact Pastor Raabe through the office. Talk with her about prayer requests, illnesses, hospital stays, weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the joys in your life.



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