As followers of Jesus Christ, we embrace, reflect, and proclaim God's unconditional love.
**GATHERING**

*Silence*

**Prelude**  *Prelude in F-Sharp Major*  Johann Sebastian Bach

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*We stand as able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, 
helper of our every ill, 
source of unending mercy. 
**Amen.**

Embraced in enduring grace and good hope, let us turn again to God, confessing the truth about ourselves.

*We kneel as able or remain standing. Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, 
*we come before you, beloved but broken.* 
*We have not always treated others* 
as we would want them to treat us. 
*We have not always called out injustice and abuse.* 
*We have not always been kind to ourselves.* 
*We have not always taken care of the world* 
*we share with other living creatures.* 
Remind us of who we are, 
*beloved children bathed in your love.* 
Renew us by your Spirit to live as your holy people, 
bringing healing to the brokenness around us. 
**Amen.**

At every moment you are held in existence by the love of God, renewed by the Spirit within and among you, and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus’ name: you are ☩ forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world. **Amen.**

*All stand.*
Gathering Hymn

ELW 855 Crown Him with Many Crowns
Hymns are found in the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal (ELW)

Greeting

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

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.

Canticle of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

2 Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Final refrain
This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Silence.

We respond: Amen.

We sit.

WORD

Children’s Moment

Children are invited to come forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Coming of the shepherd and righteous Branch who will execute justice

1 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord.
2 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. 3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.
5 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

The readings conclude: The word of the Lord or Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.
Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;

3 though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

6 The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
   God speaks, and the earth melts away. R

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
   the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

8 Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
   what desolations God has brought upon the earth;

9 behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
   who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

10 "Be still, then, and know that I am God;
    I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
   the God of Jacob is our stronghold. R
Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20 Hymn to Christ, firstborn of all creation; peace through his blood

11May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 12He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

15He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

We stand with the presiding minister to greet the reading of the gospel

Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Al-le-lu-ia.
Gospel

Luke 23:33-43 Jesus is crucified between two thieves: you will be with me in Paradise

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

33When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” 36The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, 37and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” 38There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” 39One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” 40But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” 42Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” 43He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ
We sing the acclamation; then we sit.

Sermon    Pastor Mark Sloss

We stand to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day  ELW 431  O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us
Apostles Creed

We have been made God’s people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

United with the saints of every time and place, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

After each petition: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers.

Rejoicing in hope, we lift our prayers to you, most gracious Lord, trusting that you have received them in your care.

Amen.
Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.
After sharing the greeting with those nearby as a sign of Christ’s presence, we sit.

Welcome and Announcements

MEAL

Offering  An offering is gathered for the mission of the church.

Musical Offering

(8:30) Improvisation on It Is Well
(11:00) Lift Up your Heads  Zebulon M. Highben

We stand as the gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward.

Offering Hymn

1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reaching out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,

bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain

Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!
Offering Prayer

Let us pray…Amen.
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

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 our duty and delight...we join their unending hymn:

Eucharistic Prayer
Lord’s Prayer

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

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to Communion

God keeps adding places to the table.
We come to the banquet that has no end.

We sit.

How we commune

- All are welcome at Christ’s table, including children.
- Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.
- Persons receiving only the bread or wine may be assured of the full presence of Christ in either element.
- If you or your child would like to come forward to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this.

Please approach the table as invited by the ushers and take a place at the rail. You may stand or kneel as you are able. You have the option of either receiving the wine from the common cup or an individual glass (please pick one up as you enter the table area and it will be filled at the table). If you are receiving the wine from the common cup, please take the cup from the communion minister, drink from it, and return it to the communion minister. If you are unable to come forward for Holy Communion, please tell the usher and the Pastor will give you the bread and wine at your pew. Please let the Pastor know if you wish only the bread or the wine. Please place your green communion card in the slot by the individual glasses.
Music during Communion

*Lamb of God*

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, grant us peace.

ELW 487  *What Feast of Love*

ELW 616  *Jesus, Remember Me*

*After all have returned to their place we stand.*

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

*Amen*
Post Communion Prayer and Sending of Communion to the Homebound

Let us pray…

Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

*The presiding minister proclaims God’s blessing.*

Amen.

Sending Hymn   ELW 634 *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude  *Fugue in F-Sharp Major*   Johann Sebastian Bach

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Welcome! Thank you for worshiping with us today.

- **If you are a guest**, we are so glad you came! We hope that you will fill out the yellow Welcome Friends card in your pew pocket and either drop it in the offering plate or leave it at the Welcome Place as you leave today. We hope to see you again soon!

- **We practice an open table at Holy Communion.** This is the Lord’s table. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here. You may also come forward to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this.

- **Children of all ages are welcome** in our worship services and will learn to participate at a young age if present. Small tote bags with quiet activities are available in the Gathering Area for their use. If your child needs to leave for all or part of the service, a staffed nursery for ages 5 (kindergarten) and under is located on the lower level and will welcome them during the 8:30 and 11:00 services.

- **If you have a prayer request** you would like forwarded to our staff and Prayer Team, please fill out the blue card in the pew and place in the offering plate when it is passed.

- **We invite you to join us for conversation** after each morning service in the gathering area adjacent to the worship area.

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