

**If we live by
the Spirit,
let us**



**also be
guided by
the Spirit.**

Galatians 5:25, NRSV

The Order of Worship

(We will follow the Common Service which is also printed on page 15 in the front section of the Hymnal)

Pre-Service Music

Opening Hymn: “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”
Christian Worship 255

The Invocation

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



C: A — men!

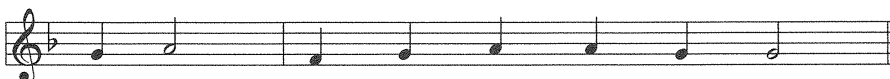
The Confession of Sins

P: Dearly loved in the Lord, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



C: Lord, have mer—cy on us. Christ, have mer—cy



on us. Lord, have mer — cy on us.



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lasting freedom. This freedom fills us with joy in serving our Lord and Savior. If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Everyone is invited to stay after the service to enjoy a cup of coffee and the gift of friendship in the Lord.
- Christian Education will begin at 11:00 am. We will consider the Gospel lesson and the question, “What must I do to be saved?”

Wednesday—Bible Class has officially come to an end for the summer. It will restart at the end of August. Watch for more information.

Friday—Office Hours from 10:30 am—2:30 pm.

Saturday—Church Cleaning—Aiktins

- Mowing beginning July 10th—Favuzzi

Sunday, July 17th—Worship and Live Streaming at 9:30 am.

We are very familiar with the account of Mary and Martha. We also know what the long-term outcome was for Martha—particularly at the death of her brother Lazarus. We want to learn from both of the sisters to make the right choice first.

- Following the worship service we will have our congregational meeting. It will be a beneficial review of the first half of 2022. As we look ahead we see opportunities as well as challenges. Come, lend you counsel and support.

Thank You

To Al Todd, our Hymnsoft operator; to Josh Schueler and Jim Everson for controlling the audio and video portions of the streaming; to Karolyn Hanna for providing flowers for the altar—to the glory of God and in grateful thanks for all of his blessings.

Congregational Meeting

The Quarterly Voters meeting will be held July 17th, after the worship service. Please make sure you attend this meeting because we need to address a challenge before our congregation and our Gospel ministry.

Absolution

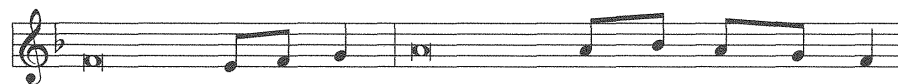
God's Forgiveness Proclaimed

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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: A — men!

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



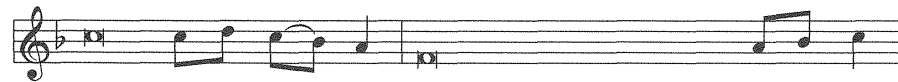
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,



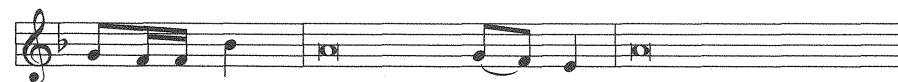
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,



God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the



sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the



sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;
 you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Spirit,
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Prayer for the Day

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al— so with you.

P: O gracious Savior and loving Lord, by means of your precious work you have set us free. No longer are we enslaved by the devil No longer are we seduced by the world. No longer are we driven by the desires of our sinful flesh. Daily remind us that as people who are truly free we can serve you freely and faithfully. Conform our will to your will, our desires to your desires, and our goals from what this world offers to the goal you have prepared for us in heaven. There will live in complete freedom to praise you—together with the Father and the Spirit.



C: A — men!

P: If it were not for your grace we would never be able to pursue and produce the fruits of the Spirit. Help us by your crucifixion and resurrection to put to death our sinful flesh. Then empower us by your Holy Spirit to walk in step with your will avoiding sin, producing good works, and moving toward eternal life in heaven.

C: If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.

P: Hear us, bless us, and strengthen us—all to the glory of your precious name—our faithful, loving and eternal God.



C: A — men!

The Benediction

P: Brothers and sisters, aim for perfection, listen to God’s Word, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and compassion will be with you.

The Lord bless you and keep you;
 The Lord make his face shine upon you
 and be gracious to you;
 The Lord look on you with favor, and give you peace.



C: A— men. A— men. A — men.

Closing Hymn

“Blessed are They, Forever Blest”
Christian Worship 383

**Silent Prayer
 Announcements**

Today—Welcome in name of loving and faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. It is because of his great work that we can know true and

Prayers for the Lord's Blessing
Special Prayers and Requests

The Lord's Prayer

(spoken by the congregation and pastor)

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory
are yours now and forever. Amen!**

Hymn

“Salvation Unto Us has Come”
Christian Worship 390 st. 1-5

Closing Prayer

(read responsively)

P: O gracious God and Lord, you have blessed us by your love and purified us by your shed blood. You have set us free from fear, from death, and from the control of the devil. Live in us by your Spirit. Keep us in your care. Strengthen us to live as people who are truly free.

C: It is for freedom that Christ has set us free!

P: Even though we enjoy freedom, the devil will never cease his attacks. Daily he seeks to enslave us again and bring us under his domination. We are also painfully aware of the influence of the world through its deceptions and distractions. It never surrenders its desire to put its yoke of slavery on us again.

C: Help us stand firm so we can serve one another through love.

The Lessons from God's Word
“God's Son has Made us Free!”

Old Testament

Ruth 1:1–19a

¹During the days of the judges, a famine occurred in the land. So a man left Bethlehem in Judah to stay awhile in the territory of Moab—he, his wife, and his two sons. ²The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were from the clan of Ephrath from Bethlehem in Judah. They entered the territory of Moab and remained there.

³But Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, so she was left with her two sons. ⁴They then married Moabite wives. The name of the first was Orpah, and the name of the second was Ruth. They lived there for about ten years. ⁵But Naomi's sons, Mahlon and Kilion, also died. So the woman was left without her two children and without her husband.

⁶Then Naomi set out with her daughters-in-law to return from the territory of Moab, because while she was in the territory of Moab, she had heard that the LORD had graciously visited his people by providing them with food. ⁷So she left the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law left with her. They set out on the road to return to the land of Judah.

⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go back. Both of you return to your mother's house. May the LORD show you kindness as you have shown kindness to the dead and to me. ⁹May the LORD grant that each of you finds security in the house of a husband.” Then she kissed them, and they wept loudly.

¹⁰But they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.”

¹¹Then Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters. Why should you go with me? Am I going to give birth to any more sons who could become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters. Go! For I am too old to be married to another husband. Suppose I say, ‘I have hope, and I will be married to another husband tonight, and I will even give birth to sons.’ ¹³Would you wait for them

until they grow up? On the basis of that hope would you give up the chance to marry another husband? No, my daughters. It is much more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has reached out against me.”

¹⁴They once again wept loudly. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth would not let her go.

¹⁵Naomi said, “Look, your sister-in-law has returned to her people and to her gods. Go back! Follow your sister-in-law.”

¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to abandon you or to turn back from following you. Because wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you make your home, I will make my home. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God.

¹⁷Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD punish me severely and double it if anything but death separates me from you.”

¹⁸When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

¹⁹Then the two of them traveled until they arrived at Bethlehem.

Psalm for the Day

Psalm 25

Refrain

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Psalm tone

To you, O LORD, I lift | up my soul; *
in you I trust, | O my God.

Remember, O LORD, your great mer- | cy and love, *
for they are | from of old.

Hymn of the Day

“Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice”
Christian Worship 377 st. 1-4, 6

Sermon

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

“What Freedom is and What Freedom Does!”

It rejects the way of the flesh
It walks in the way of the Spirit

“Create in Me”

Psalm 51

C: 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. A-men.

Thanksgiving and Prayer
“Give Thanks to the Lord for He is Good!”

gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him. Whatever extra you spend, I will repay you when I return.'
³⁶Which of these three do you think acted like a neighbor to the man who fell among robbers?"

³⁷"The one who showed mercy to him," he replied.
Then Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

P: This is the Word of our God.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Confession of Faith

(we will unite in the words of the Apostles Creed)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church—the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and my
re- | bellious ways; *
according to your love remember me, for you are |
good, O LORD.

Refrain

Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me, *
for I am lonely and af- | flicted.

Look upon my affliction and | my distress, *
and take away | all my sins.

Guard my life and | rescue me; *
for I take re- | fuge in you.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son, *
and to the Holy | Spirit,
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

Psalm tone



Epistle

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

¹It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not allow anyone to put the yoke of slavery on you again.
¹³After all, brothers, you were called to freedom. Only do not use your freedom as a starting point for your sinful flesh. Rather, serve one another through love. ¹⁴In fact, the whole law is summed up in this one statement: "Love your neighbor as your-

self.”¹⁵ But if you keep on biting and devouring one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶What I am saying is this: Walk by the spirit, and you will not carry out what the sinful flesh desires. ¹⁷For the sinful flesh desires what is contrary to the spirit, and the spirit what is contrary to the sinful flesh. In fact, these two continually oppose one another, so that you do not continue to do these things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the spirit, you are not under the control of the law.

¹⁹Now the works of the sinful flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, complete lack of restraint, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, hatred, discord, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, heresies, ²¹envy, murders, drunkenness, orgies, and things similar to these. I warn you, just as I also warned you before, that those who continue to do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²But the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the spirit, let us also walk in step with it.

Verse of the Day

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if anything is excellent, and if anything is praiseworthy, think about these things. ⁹The things that you learned, received, heard, and saw in me: Keep doing these things. And the God of peace will be with you.



C: Al - le - lu — ia! Al - le - lu — ia! Al - le - lu — ia!

The Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel is recorded in the tenth chapter of Luke, reading from the twenty-fifth verse.



C: Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

²⁵Just then, an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus, saying, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶“What is written in the law?” he asked him. “What do you read there?”

²⁷He replied, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind; and, love your neighbor as yourself.”

²⁸He said to him, “You have answered correctly. Do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. He fell among robbers who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹It just so happened that a priest was going down that way. But when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²In the same way, a Levite also happened to go there, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³³A Samaritan, as he traveled, came to where the man was. When he saw him, he felt sorry for the man. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He put him on his own animal, took him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day, when he left, he took out two denarii,