

*Gracious  
is the LORD,  
and righteous;  
our God is  
merciful.*

*Psalm 116.5, NRSV*

# The Order of Worship

## Pre-service Music Welcome

**Opening Hymn:** “All People that on Earth Do Dwell”  
*Christian Worship 233*

## The Invocation

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

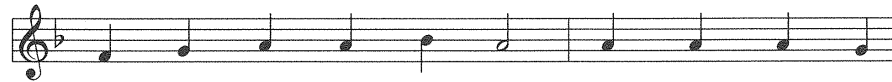


C: A — men!

## 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.

**Absolution**

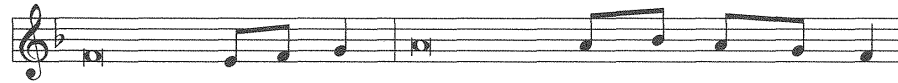
*God's Forgiveness Proclaimed*

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.



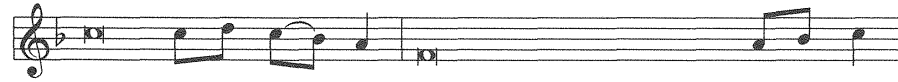
C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



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



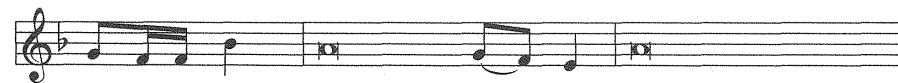
**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King,**



**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**



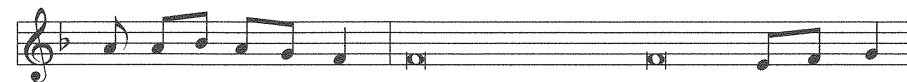
**sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the**



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: Blessed Lord, God of all mercy and compassion, we deserve nothing from you except your just judgment. However, because of your undeserved love, you call us to repent of our sins, and invite us to find forgiveness through Jesus' precious work. Give us the faith we need to hold tightly to your compassion. Never let us lose sight of what it means for our eternal welfare, not let the devil deceive us into believing Jesus' work is not important. Fill our hearts with joy in knowing your mercy knows no limits. Then send us your Spirit, so that we rejoice to show the same mercy we have received to all who need to know it and receive it. Hear us as we call to you—our true, compassionate, and faithful God—Father, Son and Spirit.



C: A — men!

The Lessons from God's Word  
*"God's Compassion is Undeserved and Boundless!"*

**Old Testament**

*Jonah 3:10–4:11*

<sup>10</sup>When God saw their actions, that they had turned from their evil way, God relented from the disaster which he said he would bring on them, and he did not carry it out.

<sup>4:1</sup>But to Jonah all this seemed very bad, and he became very angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD, "LORD, wasn't this exactly what I said when I was still in my own country? That is why I previously fled to Tarshish, because I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abounding in mercy, and you relent from sending disaster. <sup>3</sup>So now, LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>4</sup>But the LORD replied, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

<sup>5</sup>Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city. He made a shelter for himself there and sat in the shade under it, waiting to see what would happen in the city.

<sup>6</sup>Then the LORD God provided a plant and made it grow up over Jonah to provide shade over his head, to relieve him from his discomfort. So Jonah was very happy about the plant. <sup>7</sup>But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, and it attacked the plant so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind. The sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, so he said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?" Jonah said, "I do have a right to be angry—angry enough to die!"

<sup>10</sup>So the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this plant. You did not work for it or make it grow. It grew up in one night and perished after one night. <sup>11</sup>So should I not be concerned

for Nineveh, the great city, in which there are more than one hundred twenty thousand people who do not know the difference between their right hand and their left—and also many animals?”

**Psalm for the Day**

*Psalm 98*

*Refrain*

Sing to the Lord a new song, for  
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

*Psalm tone*

Sing to the LORD a | new song, \*  
for he has done mar- | velous things.

The LORD has made his sal- | vation known; \*  
and revealed his righteousness to the | nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the  
house of | Israel; \*  
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation |  
of our God.

***Refrain***

Shout for joy to the LORD, | all the earth, \*  
burst into jubilant song with | music.

Make music to the LORD | with the harp; \*  
with the harp and the sound of | singing.

Shout for joy before the | LORD, the King; \*  
he will judge the world in righteousness  
and the peoples with | equity.

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*

Sing to the Lord a new song, for  
he has done mar - vel - ous things.

### Epistle

*Romans 9:6–16*

<sup>6</sup>This does not mean that God’s word has failed, because not all who are descended from Israel are really Israel, <sup>7</sup>and not all who are descended from Abraham are really his children. On the contrary, “Your line of descent will be traced through Isaac.”

<sup>8</sup>This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are God’s children, but it is the children of the promise who are counted as his descendants. <sup>9</sup>For this is what the promise said: “I will arrive at this set time, and Sarah will have a son.”

<sup>10</sup>Not only that, but Rebekah also had children by one man, our forefather, Isaac. <sup>11</sup>Even before the twins were born or did anything good or bad, in order that God’s purpose in election might continue—<sup>12</sup>not by works but because of him who calls us—it was said to her, “The older will serve the younger.” <sup>13</sup>Just as it is written: “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

<sup>14</sup>What will we say then? Does this mean that God is unjust? Absolutely not! <sup>15</sup>For God says to Moses:

I will show mercy to whom I show mercy,  
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.

<sup>16</sup>So then, it does not depend on human desire or effort, but on God’s mercy.

### Verse of the Day

P: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people. It trains us to reject ungodliness and worldly lusts and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope, that is, the glorious appearance of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us, to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people who are his own chosen people.

### Alleluia!



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

### The Gospel

P: The Holy Gospel is recorded in the twentieth chapter of Matthew, reading from the first verse.



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

“<sup>1</sup>Indeed the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing to pay the workers a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>He also went out about the third hour and saw others standing unemployed in the marketplace. <sup>4</sup>To these he said, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will give you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup>When he went out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing unemployed. He said to them, ‘Why have you stood here all day unemployed?’

<sup>7</sup>“They said to him, ‘Because no one hired us.’

“He told them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When it was evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group



and ending with the first.’

<sup>9</sup>“When those who were hired around the eleventh hour came, they each received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>When those who were hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But they each received a denarius too. <sup>11</sup>After they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner: <sup>12</sup>‘Those who were last worked one hour, and you made them equal to us who have endured the burden of the day and the scorching heat!’

<sup>13</sup>“But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not make an agreement with me for a denarius? <sup>14</sup>Take what is yours and go. I want to give to the last one hired the same as I also gave to you. <sup>15</sup>Can’t I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup>In the same way, the last will be first, and the first, last.”

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.

Hymn of the Day “God Loved the World So that He Gave”  
*Christian Worship 391*

Sermon *Jonah 4:1-3*

<sup>4:1</sup>But to Jonah all this seemed very bad, and he became very angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD, “LORD, wasn’t this exactly what I said when I was still in my own country? That is why I previously fled to Tarshish, because I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abounding in mercy, and you relent from sending disaster. <sup>3</sup>So now, LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

“God is Merciful!”

“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.

## Praise and Thanksgiving

### Prayer for the Day

*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

“O God of Mercy, God of Might”  
*Christian Worship 499*

### Closing Prayer

P: O dearest Lord, what a privilege it is to be able to know and confess you as a compassionate and merciful God. Although there are times we are like Jonah and want to see the full fury of

your justice, we fail to understand this is not in keeping with your will for sinners. Help us see, know, and cherish your mercy. By your Holy Spirit increase our faith to make it our most cherished possession. As we live in and with your mercy, take control of our hearts so that the mercy we have received is daily at work in our life. Lead us to show patience, forgiveness and mercy to those who desperately need it. Hear us, help us, and bless us as we live to the glory of your name—Father, Son, and Spirit—our only true and merciful 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

“Forgive our Sins as We Forgive”

*Christian Worship 493*

*The melody from “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”*

*will be used for the Hymn*

“Forgive our sins as we forgive,”  
 You taught us, Lord, to pray,  
 But you alone can grant us grace  
 To live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless  
The unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let  
Old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals  
The truth we dimly knew;  
What trivial debts are owed to us;  
How great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls  
And bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love  
Our lives will spread your peace.

### **Silent Prayer**

#### **Announcements**

**Today**—*Welcome in Name of our gracious Lord and Savior!*

May the mercy and compassion our God has shown us, lead us to live our lives to his glory by showing all people the same mercy and compassion God has shown to us.

- If you are visiting this morning, please sign the guest book or a visitor card. Come back and worship with us again, soon.
- Following the worship service there will be time for some snacks, a cup of coffee, and the gift of fellowship in the Lord.
- Christian Education will follow the service and will review the Gospel lesson regarding God's gracious call and our blessed reward.

**Monday**—Handbell Choir practice at 7:00 pm.

**Tuesday**—Evening with Mike Novotny from Time of Grace Ministries. Dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. The presentation will begin at 6:30 pm. Please speak with Karolyn or Sonja for more information.

**Wednesday**—Bible Class at 7:00 pm. We will conclude the study of "Fragments of Truth." This evening we will learn why we can be so confident what we have in the Bible is still God's Word.

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

**Saturday**—Church Cleaning—Everson

- Mowing beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>—Todd

**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>—In Person Worship and Live-Streaming**

**at 9:30 am.** There is a temptation to look at the ways of the Lord and believe he is not fair. But have we ever considered, maybe it is a good thing the Lord is not fair? What does fairness have to do with his justice and mercy?

- The Lord's Supper will be offered during this service. You may register to receive it following today's service.
- Christian Education will follow the service. Philippians 2 is not only a beautiful confession of Jesus and the work he did, it is also an excellent encouragement of why we live our lives to his glory and praise.

**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 Sue Proeber for placing flowers on the altar—to the glory of God and in grateful thanks for his undeserved love and rich blessing; and to Jan Scheffler and Karolyn Hanna for serving snacks after the service

**Meet and Hear** \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Mike Novotny from *Time of Grace Ministries* will be at Our Redeemer, Tuesday, September 26th, 5:30 pm—8:00 pm.

There will be a light supper beginning at 5:30 pm with the program following at 6:30 pm.

If you are planning to attend, there will be a time for dessert following the program. If you can bring cookies, bars, etc., it would be greatly appreciated. Thank You!



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