

“Nothing can  
compare with  
God’s  
Undeserved  
Love  
for  
Us in  
Christ!”



# The Order of Worship

*A Service of Word and Sacrament*

## **Pre-service Music** **Welcome**

## **Opening Hymn**

“Christ is the World’s Light”  
*Christian Worship 343*

## **The Invocation**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **The Confession of Sins**

P: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to have mercy on us.

For the disobedience and rebellion we inherited from our first parents, and for our sin-stained hearts which put us justly under your judgment, we cry out;



**C: Lord, have mer — cy.**

P: For the sins of weakness and the sins of willfulness, for our disobedience in our thoughts, words, and actions, and because of the worthlessness of even our best works, we confess;



**C: Christ, have mer — cy.**

P: For your invitation to come to you with broken and burdened

hearts, for your undeserved love, and for your forgiveness which removes our guilt and punishment, we humbly pray;



C: Lord, have mer — cy.

**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.**

#### **The Assurance of our Forgiveness**

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 the 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: For the undeserved compassion of our God and Savior, let us rejoice with the psalmist who confessed, “How blessed is the one whose rebellion is forgiven, whose sin is covered. How blessed is the one whose guilt the LORD does not charge against him, in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

It is for this forgiveness that we joyfully proclaim: the works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise —



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glor-ious is your name in

all the earth. Al—might—y God, mer-ci-ful Fa—ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin;

you com—fort our spir—it; you make us pure and

Ho—ly in your sight. You did not spare your on—ly Son,

but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, e—ter—nal Word of the Fa—ther,

you came to live with us; you made your Fa—ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo—ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

**Prayer of the Day**

P: O gracious Lord, too often we look at the things we do not have in this life. Instead of being content with what we have, we complain. Forgive us for not recognizing everything we have is a gift from you. Teach us godliness and contentment to rejoice in the greater gifts you have given. Strengthen our faith to resist the temptation of the sinful world and our own sinful flesh. As the God who loves us with an everlasting love, keep us in your care until we receive the greatest blessing you can give, that of life in heaven. There in your presence we will praise you as Father, Son, and Spirit, throughout endless ages.

C: A — — men!

The Lessons from God’s Word  
*“Give Thanks to the Lord, for He is Good!”*

**Old Testament**

*Jeremiah 15:15-21*

<sup>15</sup>O LORD, you understand. Remember me and care for me. Take vengeance for me on those who persecute me. You are

slow to anger. Do not take me away. Keep in mind that for your sake I bear disgrace.

<sup>16</sup>Your words came to me, and I devoured them. Your words became my joy, the delight of my heart, because I bear your name,

O LORD God of Armies. <sup>17</sup>I did not sit with the band of partygoers, nor did I celebrate with them. I sat alone, because your hand was upon me. You filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unending? Why is my wound incurable, refusing to heal? Will you be as deceptive as an intermittent stream to me, like a source of water that a person can't depend on?

<sup>19</sup>Therefore this is what the LORD says. "If you repent, I will take you back, so that you may stand before me. If what you say is worthwhile and not worthless, you will be my spokesman. They must turn to you, but you must not turn to them. <sup>20</sup>I will make you like a bronze wall to this people. They will fight against you, but they will not overcome you, because I am with you to save you and to rescue you, declares the LORD. <sup>21</sup>I will rescue you from the hand of the wicked, and I will deliver you from the grasp of the ruthless.

### Psalm for the Day

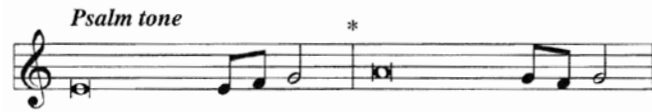
### Psalm 31

*Refrain*



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and  
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my  
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

*The Psalm continues on page 7*



In you O LORD, I have taken | refuge; \*  
deliver me in your | righteousness.

Be my rock of | refuge, \*  
a strong fortress to | save me.

Into your hands I commit my | spirit; \*  
redeem, O LORD, the | God of Truth.

***Refrain***

My times are | in your hands; \*  
save me in your un- | failing love.

How great is your | goodness, \*  
which you have stored up for those who | fear you.

You heard my cry for | mercy, \*  
when I called to | you for help.

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*

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not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my  
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

## Epistle

*Romans 8:18-25*

<sup>18</sup>For I conclude that our sufferings at the present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is going to be revealed to us.

<sup>19</sup>In fact, creation is waiting with eager longing for the sons of God to be revealed. <sup>20</sup>For creation was subjected to futility, not by its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in the hope <sup>21</sup>that even creation itself will be set free from slavery to corruption, in order to share in the glorious freedom of the children of God.

<sup>22</sup>For we know that all of creation is groaning with birth pains right up to the present time. <sup>23</sup>And not only creation, but also we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we eagerly await our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body. <sup>24</sup>Indeed, it was for this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is not hope, because who hopes for what he already sees? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for something we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with patient endurance.

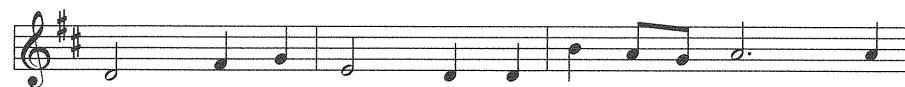
## Verse of the Day

P: See the kind of love the Father as given us that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are! The world does not know us, because it did not know him. Dear friends, we are children of God now, but what we will be has not yet been revealed. We know that when he is revealed, we will be like him, and we will see him as he really is.

## Alleluia!



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



These words are writ — ten that we may be—lieve that





Je—sus is the Christ, the Son — of God.



Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia!

### **Gospel**

*Matthew 16:21–26*

<sup>21</sup>From that time, Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and experts in the law, and be killed, and on the third day be raised again.

<sup>22</sup>Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “May you receive mercy, Lord! This will never happen to you.”

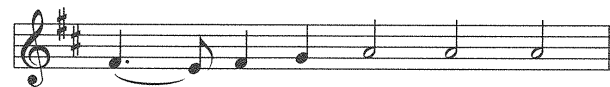
<sup>23</sup>But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a snare to me because you are not thinking the things of God, but the things of men.”

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples, “If anyone wants to follow me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. <sup>25</sup>In fact whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>After all, what will it benefit a person if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul? Or what can a person give in exchange for his soul?”

### **Children’s Message**

*“What Do We Want Jesus to Be?”*

P: This is the Word of our God!



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**Hymn of the Day**

“All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall”  
*Christian Worship 378*

**Sermon**

*Romans 8:18-25*

**“When All is Said and Done —**  
All creation suffers because of sin  
All creation is redeemed because of Jesus

**The Confession of Faith**

*(We join in the words of the Nicene Creed)*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance  
with the Scriptures;**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the  
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is**

worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen!**

## Thanksgiving

### **Prayers for the Day**

*Special Prayers and Requests*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*(spoken with the 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 of Preparation**

*"Soul, Adorn Yourself"*

*Christian Worship 311 st. 7-8*

Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor,

Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,

Jesus, Joy of my desiring,

Fount of life, my soul inspiring —

At your feet I cry, my Maker:

Let me be a fit partaker

Of this blessed food from heaven

For our good, your glory, given.

Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you,  
Let me gladly here obey you.  
By your love I am invited;  
Be your love with love requited.  
By this supper let me measure,  
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.  
Through the gift of grace you give me  
As your guest in heav'n receive me.



### **Personal Prayers**

#### Before Communion

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the cross. This wine is your shed blood, which purified me from all guilt. At your invitation, I humbly come. Receive me, my Savior, forgive my sins, and restore the joy of your salvation. Amen.

#### After Communion

Thank you, Lord Jesus, for nourishing me in this Sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and the confidence of heaven. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out with your rich blessing and the power of your Spirit to live and serve to the glory of your blessed name. Amen.

## The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He comforts us with his ever faithful promises and reassures with his never-failing presence. Through him have come salvation, power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority to rule over all things. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor and glory for ever and ever.

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

*Sanctus*



C: Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly, is the Lord of hosts;



The whole earth is full of your glo—ry.



You are my God, and I will ex—alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be—come my sal-



va—tion. Ho—ly, ho—ly, ho—ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo — ry.

### **The Words of Institution**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

### **The Blessing of Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



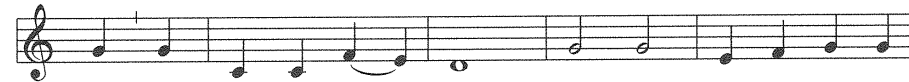
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**O Christ, Lamb of God**

*Agnus Dei*



**C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the**



**world; have mer—cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you**



**take a—way the sin of the world; have mer—cy on us.**



**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a—way the sin of the**



**world; grant us your peace. A ——— men.**

*The congregation may be seated for the Distribution*

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Jesus Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. If you have not communed with us before or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today. We also encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.

## Thanksgiving

### Song of Thanksgiving

*(Congregation rises and sings)*



**Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done**



**Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.**



**He re- news his prom- is- es and leads his peo- ple forth in joy with**



**shouts of thanks- giv- ing. Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu — ia!**

### Closing Prayer:

P: O dearest Jesus, how good are you are and how blessed you have made us. We have come burdened with our guilt, stained with sin, and humbled by our rebellion, and you have forgiven us. Through your gracious Word, together with your body and blood, you have declared all completely washed away. Make this good news the foundation for our life. When we daily struggle with temptation and sin, lead us to acknowledge our weakness and humbly confess our sinful rebellion. Then reassure us we are completely washed clean for your sake. Make every blessing you secured by your death and resurrection our highest good, and the confidence of your never-failing presence. As we live in anticipation of life in heaven, be our comfort, our refuge, and our guide. Bless us, now and always, as we live in your love—our true, Triune and gracious God.





C: A ——— men.

### The Benediction:

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make his face shine on 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

“Take the World, but Give Me Jesus”

*Christian Worship 355*

### Silent Prayer

#### Announcements . . .

**Today**—*Welcome in Name of our Lord who blesses us with his rich and undeserved love, providing everything we need for body and soul.* If you are visiting this morning, please sign our guest book or a visitor card, and visit us again—soon!

- Following the worship service there will time for a cup of coffee, and the gift of friendship in the Lord.
- There will be Bible Class this morning at 11:00 am. When we consider the cost of discipleship in the Lord, do we welcome it, or do we shy away from it?

**Tuesday**—Church Council Meeting at 7:00 pm.

- Church Committees will meet at 8:00 pm.

**Friday**—Office hours from 10:30—2:30 pm.

**Saturday**—Church Cleaning: Todd

- Lawn mowing beginning September 9<sup>th</sup>: Todd

**Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**—Live Streaming and Worship at

**9:30 am.** All three lessons underscore the importance of Christian Discipline which is commanded by the Lord. It is a challenge. It is done in humble love. It is made powerful and effective by the Word.

- Bible Study will follow on focus on the instructions Jesus gives when a “brother sins against you.”

### Thank You

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### Bible Class Restarts!

On Wednesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm, the evening Bible Study will resume. The new class will evaluate the soundness of the texts from which the Scriptures are taken—are they reliable and trustworthy, even though we only have fragments of the original manuscripts?

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