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9:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

†GREETING

- **P** The God who created space and time, journeyed with us in human form, and travels with us still, be with you all.
- C And also with you.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

₽ FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

A READING FROM ISAIAH THE 55th CHAPTER

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

A THE WORD OF THE LORD.

C Thanks be to God

♣ SECOND READING: Psalm 145:8-9 14-21

A A READING FROM PSALM THE 145th CHAPTER

⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹LORD, you are | good to all,

and your compassion is over | all your works. R

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall and lifts up those who | are bowed down.

¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon | you, O LORD, and you give them their food | in due season.

¹⁶You open | wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every | living thing.

¹⁷You are righteous in | all your ways and loving in | all your works. R

¹⁸You are near to all who | call upon you, to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹You fulfill the desire of | those who fear you; you hear their | cry and save them.

²⁰You watch over all | those who love you,

but all the wicked you | shall destroy.

21 My mouth shall speak the praise | of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever. R

A THE WORD OF THE LORD.

C Thanks be to God

- **P** THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW THE 14TH CHAPTER **C** Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

SERMON Bridget Gautieri

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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.

THE PRAYERS

A Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- A You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.
- **C** Your mercy is great.
- A You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A You desire peace among nations and peoples. Guard our neighborhoods from hatred, watch over police officers and firefighters, and teach us to advocate for those who live in fear. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.

- A You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you (especially) Lola Weedon, Justin Gingeleske, Diane Ebeling, Bev Currier, Emily Freely, John Iwanyshyn, Joanne Paras, Dick Peterson, Mabel Rapp, Carl Swenson, and Carolyn Swenson and those we name aloud, and in our hearts (pause). We also pray today, Lord for our homebound members and our military personnel, those struggling with mental health issues and persons facing abuse. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.
- A You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.
- **C** Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered

- P You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. Hear us, O God.
- **C** Your mercy is great.
- P Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C Amen.
- **⇔** PEACE
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C And also with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, ,through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- **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 him thanks and praise.

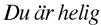
PROPER PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



SANCTUS ELW #525

You Are Holy





WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

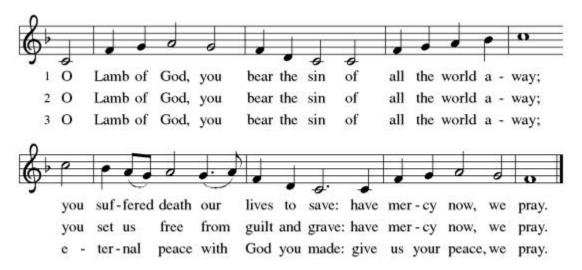
C Amen.

♣ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

In Christian fellowship you are welcome to the Lord's table. Come forward by the center aisle to receive the host and wine. (The pulpit side of the congregation communes first). If you prefer grape juice, the cups in the center of the tray are filled with juice. Wine is on the outside. Return to your pew using the side aisle after you have communed. Children are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing.



AGNUS DEI Setting 10



♣ COMMUNION HYMN "We Come to the Hungry Feast"

ELW #479

† POST COMMUNION BLESSING

- P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.
- C Amen.

† POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed ⅓ bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C Amen.

ELW #674

DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Share the harvest.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Prayers for the homebound

† Pray for our elderly members who are unable to attend worship and help us to minister to them faithfully (especially), Chris Mancinelli, Fong Yee, Helga Schalpe, Bill Culver, Eleanor Willert, Meta Brockmann, June Kaiser, Jean Kissack, Eddie Leicht, Nancy Leicht, Rocky Metroka, Fred Miller, Helene Miller and Chuck Sherrick.

Prayers for the military

† Protect and comfort our servicemen and women as they stand in harm's way (especially), Steven Bobrowski, Jeff Hill and Phillip Spatz. We pray for families and countries in conflict throughout the world.

