

**Prelude:** Amazing Grace – arr. Cherwien

**Bible Verse:** Joel 2:13

Return to the Lord your God,  
**For he is gracious and merciful,**  
Slow to anger,  
**And abounding in steadfast love.**

**Welcome**

*Please fill out the friendship pad in your pew, (please be sure to date the top of the page.)*

*Please stand*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

*The confession will be prayed in dialog between the NORTH SIDE (windows side) and the SOUTH SIDE (pulpit side). The NORTH and SOUTH sides shall now turn and face one another (with center aisle between them).*

**NORTH:** I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word and deed. I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

**SOUTH:** Almighty and merciful God, grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

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**NORTH:** Almighty and merciful God, grant you healing, pardon, and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

**Gathering Hymn:** ELW #324, In The Cross of Christ I Glory

**Greeting**

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:** ELW Page 184 (setting 8)

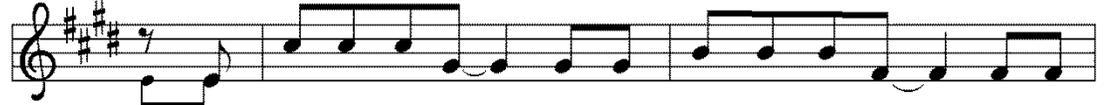
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Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



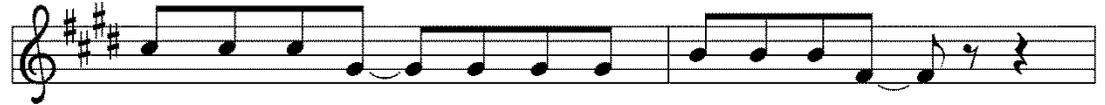
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for  
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**Prayer of the Day:**

*Let us pray, together:*

**Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated

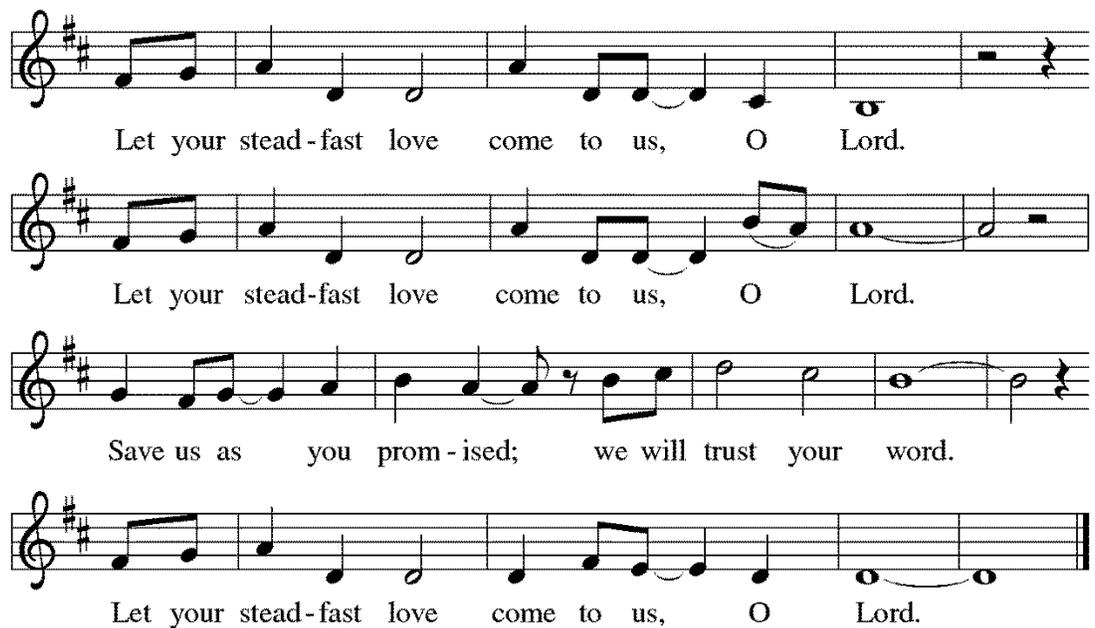
**First Reading:** Isaiah 55:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Ho, 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. <sup>2</sup>Why 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. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. <sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

**Gospel Acclamation:** ELW Page 189 (setting 8)



Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

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Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.

Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.

**Gospel:** Luke 13:1-9

The holy Gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.' "

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Children's Sermon, 10:30 am only**

## **Sermon**

*Please stand*

**Hymn of the Day:** Compassion Hymn, by Getty (*See attached photocopy*)

## **Apostles' Creed**

**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 power of 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**

*Please kneel as you are able*

## **Prayers of Intercession:**

Your Response today is: **Your mercy is great.**

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, build up the body of Christ and cause the gifts of your Spirit to grow among us. Lead us to recognize your saving work through the spiritual practices you encourage. Bless us in our mission to know, live and share your word. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Water the earth with gentle rains and melting snow. Provide clean water for drinking, washing, and nourishing plants that will bear fruit for your creatures. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Uphold people who speak your righteousness in the face of religious or political persecution. Receive martyrs into your everlasting peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Provide relief for those suffering and in pain. Grant wisdom to health care workers who seek to diagnose ailments, and bring healing to patients. Today, we especially pray for The family of Jean Funk, Karen Wendland, Pastor Susan Lynch, Edie Reed, Ruth Anderson, Kennette Anderson, Mereda Senter, Ann White, Mandi Barnett, Dean Phillips, Louise Williams, Michelle Shea, Julia Adams, Gail Morris, Hedy Tranchitella, Susan Scheivert, Sam Horton, Sonny Reeder-Horton, Dick & Mary Barringer, Dick Whiteman, Justin Roland, Judy Rose, Jennifer Jimenez, Kasen Colbach. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Promote unity within your church and among the nations. Uncover the common threads in our shared humanity, and keep us from making hasty judgments about others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Knit together the communion of saints, and bind us to Christ, our head. Through the diversity of gifts present in our communities, help us to overcome our limitations and increase our understanding of ourselves and others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

God of wonder, hear the prayers of your servants as we express our needs in the silence of the moment and the privacy of our hearts.....(long silence).....Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## **Offering**

**Offertory:** 8:00 am: Meditation in d Minor - Stevens  
10:30 am: Kyrie Eleison (Have Mercy) – arr. Angerman, Adult Choir

*Please stand*

**Offertory Response:** ELW #725, When The Poor Ones, vs. 1 & 4

When the poor ones, who have nothing, still are giving;  
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;  
when the wounded offer others strength and healing;  
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;  
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;  
when the nations work to change war into peace;  
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor;  
We see God, here by our side, walking our way;  
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## **Presentation of Gifts - Offering Prayer**

*Let us pray, together:*

**Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need. Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest. Amen.**

## **Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

## **Words of Institution**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

## **Lord's Prayer**

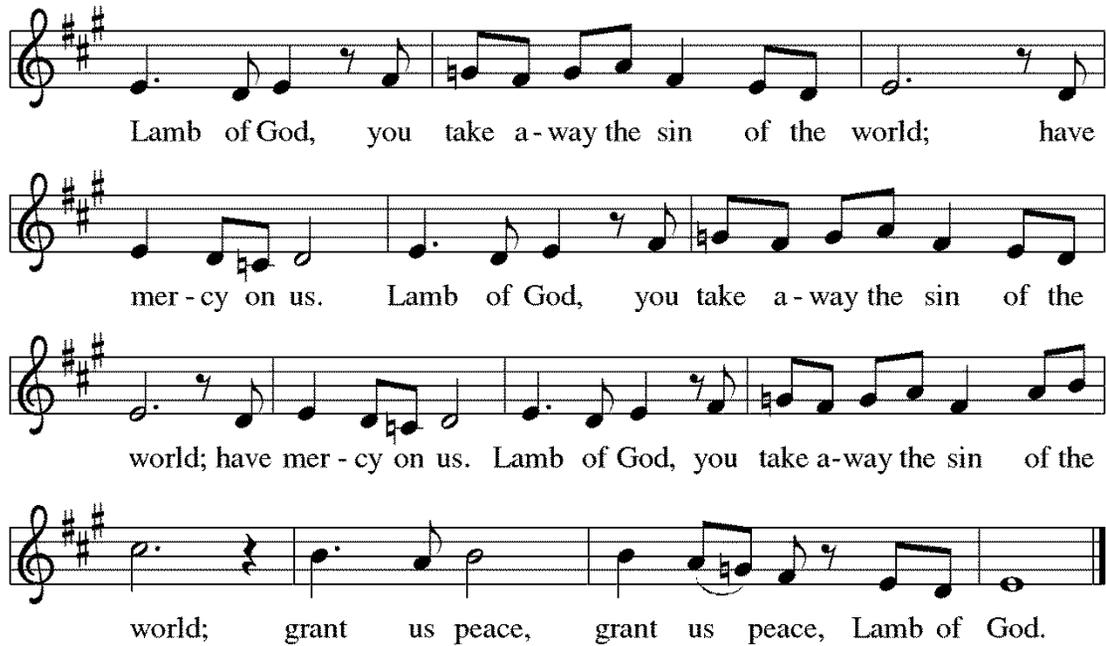
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

## **Invitation To Communion**

Christ has prepared the feast.

**Let us go to the table where all are welcomed home!**

## Lamb of God: ELW, Page 191, (setting 8)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

*Please be seated. Ushers will direct you to the communion railing.*

### **Distribution**

**Communion Music:** ELW #779, Amazing Grace How Sweet The Sound  
ELW #623, Rock of Ages

*Please stand*

### **Post Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, ☩ bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** ELW #638, Blessed Assurance

**Announcements**

**Dismissal**

Now go in peace, to Know, to Live, and to Share God's Word. **Thanks be to God.**