

Prelude: How Firm A Foundation – arr. Hobby

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the strength of our ancestors,
the host of this meal,
the builder of the city that is to come.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ.
Let us confess our sin to the one who is faithful.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,
**we confess the many ways
we have failed to live as your disciples.
We have not finished what we began.
We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers.
We have been captivated by our possessions.
Lift our burdens, gracious God.
Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin.
Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent.
Put your trust in these promises:
God will never leave you or forsake you.
You who were lost have been found.
For the sake of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Rejoice with the angels at this good news.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn: ELW #768, Lead Me, Guide Me.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together:

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated

First Reading: Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶**the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

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

Gospel Acclamation: ELW #509, God's Word is Our Great Heritage

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage



God's word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for - ev - er;



to spread its light from age to age shall be our chief en - deav - or.



Through life it guides our way; in death it is our stay. Lord, grant while



time shall last your church may hold it fast through-out all gen - er - a - tions.

Text: Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Ole G. Belsheim, 1861–1925, alt.
Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546

Please stand

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

Please be seated

Sermon

Please stand

Hymn of the Day: ELW# 710, Let Streams of Living Justice

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:

Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Faithful partner, you will not leave us without a blessing. Wrestle with your church and renew it for the sake of the world. Preserve our life in you, so that we faithfully name you before the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant us joy in these autumn days. As the daylight shortens and summer's green abundance decays, scatter the seeds that will bring forth new life in the spring. Keep watch over your whole creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Mercifully extend your ancient promises to all people. Keep and defend the nations from all evil, and be their shade and protection. Held in your steadfast love, guide the human family in ways of mercy and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our help comes from you, maker of heaven and earth. Hear the cries of those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit and help us not to lose heart, so that your healing love prevails in our lives. Today we especially pray for The Scheivert Family on the death of Tony's mother, Susan Scheivert; The Dean Family on the death of Dave's father, Art Dean; Pete Whiteman, John Mitchell, Ayden Smaltz, Jim Alderman, George Kristof, Max Neff, Butch Franciscus, Karla Roth, Gail Hilton, Linda Adams, Brett Van Handel, Lydia Fresca, Bob McCorkle, Rae Coughlin, Allison Parkinson, Kent Snell, Louise Williams, Hedy Tranchitella, Dick Whiteman, Justin Roland and those we name before you now.....(brief silence).....Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Speak through us in our encounters with Holy Scripture. Hearten and strengthen ministers of faith formation, so that all who belong to you may be capable and equipped for good works in your name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for your grace made manifest in the saints who have gone before us. Living in hope, bring us all to the joyful feast that has no end. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God of wonder, hear the prayers of your servant's as we express our needs in the silence of the moment and the privacy of our hearts.....(long silence).....Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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: Love Divine – arr. Callahan

10:30 am: O God, Our Help Is Ages Past – arr. Miller, Adult Choir

Please stand

Offertory Response: ELW #181, Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Presentation of Gifts - Offering Prayer

Let us pray together:

God our provider, we bring nothing into this world and we can take nothing out of it. Accept the gifts you have first given us, which we bring to your table, and with them the offering of our lives. Nourish us now with the life that really is life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

Eucharistic Prayer:

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

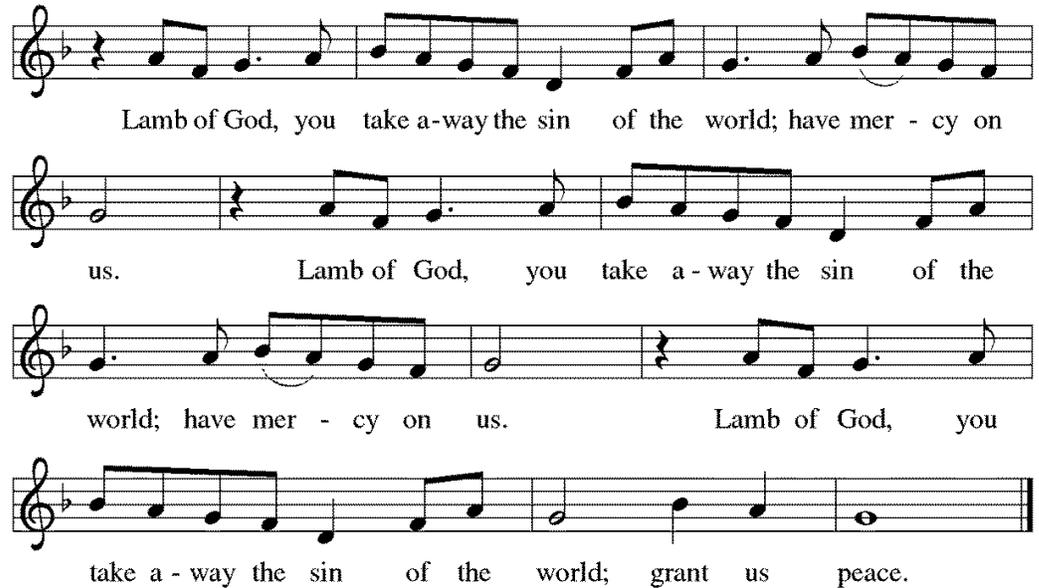
Invitation To Communion

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come, take your place at the feast.

We come to the table with hearts filled with joy.

Communion

Song: ELW Pg.
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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.

Please be seated, ushers will direct you to communion. Gluten free wafers are available, please ask your server.

Distribution

Communion Hymns: ELW #725, When The Poor Ones
ELW #614, There Is A Balm in Gilead

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

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us. Almighty God ☩ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: ELW #742, What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Please be seated

Announcements

Dismissal

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