

August 9, 2026



Prelude

Confession & Absolution

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit

C: Amen

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, let us gather with true hearts that confess our sins to God, that earnestly ask for forgiveness and that trust in our renewal through the work of our Savior Jesus the Christ.

A: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth. [Psalm 124:8]

A: I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And you forgave the iniquity of my sin. [Psalm 32:5]

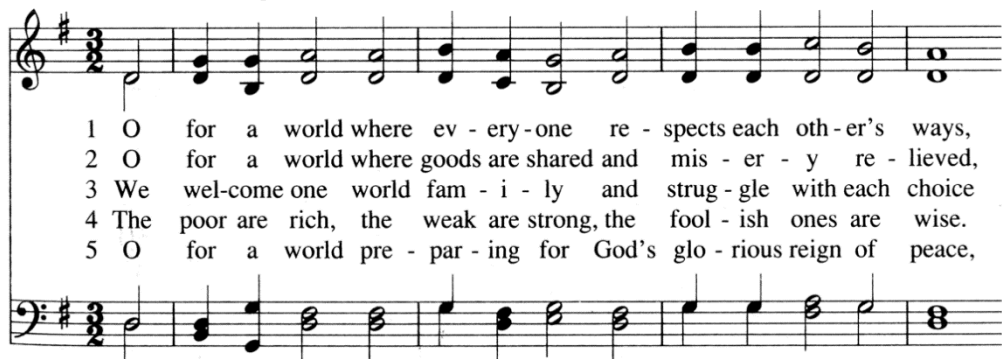
A: Almighty God, merciful Father:

C: I confess to you all my sins with which I have offended you and my neighbors. I am sorry for them. I devote myself to repentance and pray for your mercy. In your boundless grace and compassion send me your Holy Spirit that I may be strengthened in my faith and made ready for a life obedient to your will and your way.

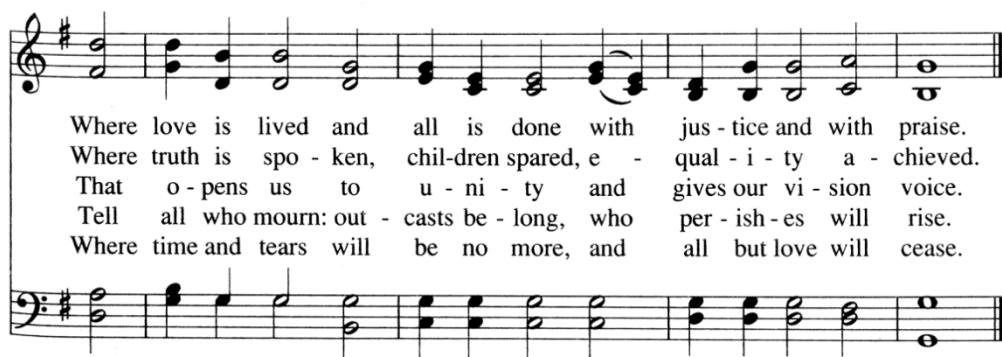
P: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and full of steadfast love. [Exodus 34:6] Therefore, in obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Entrance Hymn *O for a World Where Everyone*



1 O for a world where ev - ery-one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you

Kyrie

ELW Setting 2

S: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



S: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



S: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



S: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



S: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2

S121





Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

P: You are the treasured people of the Lord,

C: A people holy to the Lord our God.

A: We have seen what our God has done

C: We declare His faithfulness from age to age for all time.

A: We hear and keep His Word,

C: And all that God has spoken we will do.

P: Let us pray:

C: Gracious Lord, You have always been merciful and compassionate to Your people. As You have shown mercy and compassion even to us, inspire us to respond gratefully, following your example in our own relationships with each other, and, thereby, witnessing to the Gospel which transforms our lives. Amen.

LESSON

Genesis 50:15-21

[Joseph, of the special many-colored coat fame, was sold into slavery by his brothers, but eventually he became one of the rulers of Egypt. His brothers were afraid that Joseph had not taken revenge on them because he did not want to upset his father.] Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?"

So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father."

Joseph wept when they spoke to him.

Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves."

But Joseph said to them,

"Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So, have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones."

In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

R: *The word of the Lord!* C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 103:8-13

*The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

**The Lord will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.**

*The Lord does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.*

**For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is the Lord's steadfast love toward those who
fear him;**

*as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.*

**As parents have compassion for their children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

Lesson

Romans 14:1-23

Welcome the person who is weak with respect to the faith, but not for the goal of disputing over differing opinions. On the one hand, one person believes in eating everything - on the other hand, another person who is weak eats just vegetables. However, let the person who eats everything not disdain the person who doesn't eat everything, nor let the person who doesn't eat everything pass judgment on the person who does eat everything - for God welcomed that person and who are you to be judging the household servant of another - especially when they are a servant of God?!?! You stand or fall now before your own superiors, but, in The End, there will be no question about your standing, for the Lord has the power to make a person stand. For, one person passes judgment about one day over another day and another passes judgment on all days. However, let each in their own mind be fully committed. For, the person who evaluates a single day, evaluates it for the Lord's interest. And the person who

eats, eats for the Lord's interest - for they give thanks to God. And the person who doesn't eat everything, doesn't eat everything for the Lord's interest and they give thanks to God - for *none of us* lives for our *own* interest - for, if we may live, we live for *the Lord's* interest and if we may die, we die for *the Lord's* interest. Therefore, whether we live or die we belong to the Lord. For this purpose Christ died - and lives! - in order that *Christ* exercise lordship over *both* the dead *and* the living. So, then, why do *you* pass judgment on your brother and sister? Also, you, why do you disdain your brother or sister? For all of us will appear before God's judgment seat. For it is written,

*" I live, says the Lord, because to me every knee shall bow,
and every tongue shall make confession to God."*

(Isaiah 45:23)

. . . Therefore, don't let your good become a lie about the truth of God - a blasphemy. For God's reign is *not* food or drink, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. . . So, let us pursue the things of peace and the things that build each other up. Do not tear down the work of God on account of divisive issues! . . . The faith which you hold, hold to for yourself before God. Congratulations are given to those who are *not* passing judgment on themselves by what they approve. But, the one who doubts, whatever they think that are "more righteous" about actually condemns them because it isn't from faith. Anything which isn't derived from faith, is sin.

R: The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!

Verse

ELW Setting 3

S 142a



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

The Parable of the Indebted Slave

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often do I forgive my brother or sister in the faith if they sin against me - as much as seven times?"

Jesus said to him, "I tell you, not seven times, but up to seventy-seven times. For example: The Kingdom of the Heavens is like a man - a king - who wanted to resolve the word he had with his slave. As the king began this process, he had brought before him a slave who was indebted to him for 10,000 talents. But, this slave did not have that amount to hand back to his king, so the king ordered him and his wife, and his children and all that he had to be sold and then proceeds were to be handed over. Therefore, the slave falls down to do obeisance to the king, saying 'Have patience with me and I will hand back everything I owe!' But, the king, moved with compassion for that slave, releases the slave and forgives the slave of his debt.

But later, that slave goes out and finds one of his fellow slaves who owed him a mere 100 denarii and seizing him, chokes him saying, 'Hand back what you owe!' Therefore, the fellow slave falls down pleading with him, saying, 'Have patience with me and I will hand back everything I owe!' But not wanting to, the first slave goes away and throws his fellow slave into prison until he would hand back what he owed.

Seeing this, his fellow slaves, grieving greatly, go and explain to their lord all that is happening. Then, summoning him, the lord says to him, "Wicked slave. All that debt I forgave you because you pleaded with me. And was it not necessary for you to have mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger, his lord handed him over to the Inquisitors until he would hand back all he owed.

And, thus, my heavenly Father will also do to you, if you may not forgive each of your brothers or sisters from your heart."

P: The Gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Called As Partners in Christ's Service



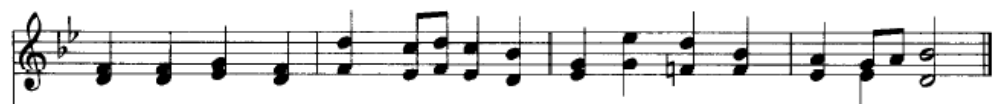
1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-equal part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



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 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.

Prayers & Passing of the Peace

Offering / Offertory

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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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

A: Let us Pray

C: God of grace and abundance, we joyfully offer these gifts of thanks for your blessings in our lives. We pray that you find what we bring in this moment to be an acceptable and adequate reflection of our gratitude, that you will continue to look on us as your faithful people, worthy of your favor and beneficence. And with humbleness in the face of our hubris, we beg your forgiveness for our lack of attention, respect and care for all you provide. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

ELW Setting 3

S 152

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

P: It is indeed . . .

S 144b

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

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1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy blood was
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y_a con - flict,
 3 Just as I am, thou wilt re - ceive, wilt wel - come, par - don,
 4 Just as I am; thy love un - known has bro - ken ev - 'ry

shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
 man - y_a doubt, fight - ings and fears with - in, with - out,
 cleanse, re - lieve; be - cause thy prom - ise I be - lieve,
 bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea, thine a - lone,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction & Recessional

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;
 2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,
 3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;
 4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,

O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:
 thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:
 the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.
 in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;

we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;
 We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;

we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Dismissal A: Go in peace, serve the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!



Sunday, August 9th

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship

11:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 10th

9:30 a.m. Widowed Support Group

7:00 p.m. Social Ministry/Green Team Meeting

Wednesday, August 12th

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Club

Sunday, August 16th

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship

11:00 a.m. Worship

Grace thanks Bryan Carson's father's company, "Perfect Pitch Gutters" for solving Grace's gutter overflow and clogging issues so quickly and reasonably! If you need any work on your own gutters, here is their information:

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