



## 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 sin in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

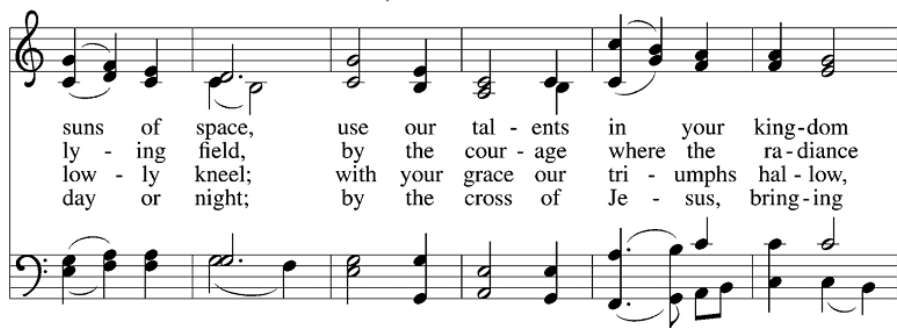
## Entrance Hymn

*Lord of Light*

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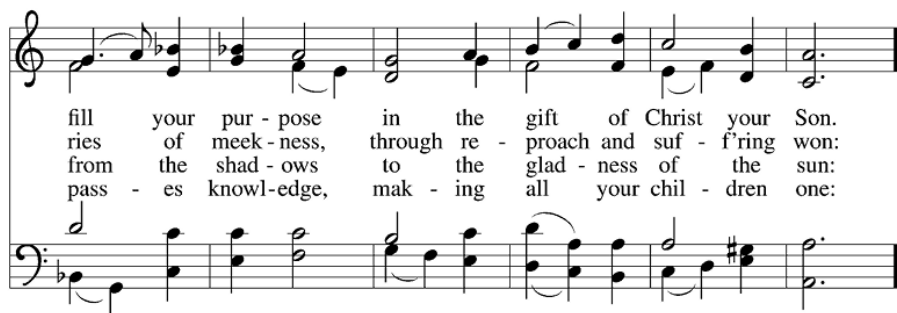
1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and  
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -  
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may  
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom  
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance  
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,  
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -  
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -  
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions  
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.  
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:  
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:  
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:

*Refrain*

Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

## 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*

*P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

*P: 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.*

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.*

A - men.

# Hymn of Praise

ELW Setting 2

## Refrain



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



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

## Refrain



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.

## Refrain



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.

*Refrain*

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 God's Word.*

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

*P: Let us pray:*

**C: Our God and Lord, Your wisdom is beyond our understanding; Your love beyond our apprehension. Through the transforming power of the Spirit You continue to reveal Your mercy to those to whom we are merciless and you welcome into Your Kingdom those whom we shun. Do not let us become discouraged with Your love. Rather, by the same Spirit, draw us more fully into Your mission, that we will experience the amazing fellowship destined through Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## First Lesson

Jonah 3:I - 4:II

*After having initially turned down God's command to go to the great city Nineveh to preach about its destruction, and after having been thrown overboard from a ship and swallowed by a large fish, and after having repented in the belly of the fish and been thrown up on the shore the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying,*

"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

So, Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the Word of the Lord.

Now, Nineveh was a very large city. It took three days to walk from one end of it to the other. When Jonah arrived, he walked in the city for a whole day before he cried out, "In forty days Nineveh will be overthrown!"

The people of Nineveh believed God! They declared a solemn fast, and everyone, from infants to the aged, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

Then the king had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, will eat anything. They will not feed, they will not drink water. People and animals will both be covered with sackcloth and cry mightily to God. Everyone will turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Then, who knows!? God may actually repent and change God's mind!! God may turn away from God's fierce anger so that we do not perish!"

When God saw how the people of Nineveh turned from their evil ways God changed God's mind about the calamity that God had said God would bring upon them; and God did not do it.

But Jonah was not happy with God's repentance. Jonah became angry.

He prayed to the Lord saying, "O Lord! Didn't I say this was going to happen when I was still at home? This is why I ran away to Tarshish instead of coming here to Nineveh. I knew then that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. So now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

Then Jonah left the city and sat down east of the city. There he set up a small tent and sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

But the Lord God made a bush to grow over Jonah's head to shade him and save him from his discomfort. Jonah was very

happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God called over a worm that attacked the bush, so that it immediately withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die.

Jonah said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?"

And Jonah said, "Yes, angry enough to die."

Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

*Reader: The Word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!*

## Psalm

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*I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.*

**Every day I will bless you,  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
The Lord's greatness is unsearchable.*

**One generation will laud your works to another,  
and will declare your mighty acts.**

*On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.*

**The might of your awesome deeds will be proclaimed,  
and I will declare your greatness.**

*They will celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness,  
and will sing aloud of your righteousness.*

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

Paul writes: I wish *you* to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard, and all the rest - that my imprisonment is for Christ; and most of the brothers and sisters having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare, now, to speak the Word with even greater boldness and without fear. There *are* some who are proclaiming Christ out of envy and rivalry, but there are many others who proclaim Christ out of goodwill. *These* proclaim Christ out of loving fellowship, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel. *The others* proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. But, what does it matter? Just this, that *Christ* is proclaimed in all, whether out of false motives or true - and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this is my moment of stepping out into salvation. It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but have all boldness in everything, that now Christ will be exalted in my body - whether through life or through death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me - and I do not know which I will prefer. But, I am being hard pressed between the two: my passion is clinging to departing and being with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary - for your sake - and this may persuade you to understand that I will remain. And I will remain along with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, in order that your boasting in Christ Jesus may be abounding in me through my coming again to you.

Only, live your life in a manner *worthy* of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether coming and seeing you, or whether going and hearing about you, you *are* standing firm in one spirit - one soul striving together for the faith of the gospel, and not fearing any who are opposing it! For *them*, this is evidence of their destruction, but for *you*, it is evidence of your salvation - and this is from God. For you have been freely given this on behalf of Christ; not only the faith in Christ, but also the suffering on behalf



of Christ - since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Reader: The Word of the Lord!*   **C: Thanks be to God!**

### Verse



Al - le - lu - ia,   al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia,   al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel Acclamation

*P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord!**

### Gospel

Matthew 20

*Jesus told this parable:* "The kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who goes out with the morning hires into his vineyard. And agreeing with those hires about the daily wage, he sends them into his vineyard.

And going out about 9 o'clock, the head of the household sees others standing in the marketplace, idle, and he says, "You people - you go into the vineyard and I will give you whatever is righteous!"

And they go.

Again going out about noon and 3 o'clock, the head of the household does the same thing.

But going out about 5 o'clock in the evening, the head of the household finds others standing in the marketplace and he says to them, "Why are you standing here all day, idle?"

They say to him, "Because no one hires us."

The owner of the household says to them, "You people - you go off into the vineyard!"

But evening coming, the lord of the vineyard says to his manager, "Call those laborers and give back to them the wage, beginning from the last to the first."

And those coming to work at 5 o'clock each received the daily wage. And those who were hired at 6 o'clock coming in therefore thought they will receive more, but when they each received the daily wage, they grumbled against the head of the household saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you make them equal to us - we who were bearing the burden of the day and the scorching heat."

But replying to one of them the owner of the household says, "Comrades, I am not being unrighteous with you. Didn't you agree to work for me for the usual daily wage? So take what is yours and go! I will to give to the one who was last the same as I give to you. You would not take away my will to do what I want with what is mine, would you? Or are you giving me the evil eye because I am good?"

In this way, the last will be first, and the first will be last.

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

## Sermon

## Hymn of the Day

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## *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: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

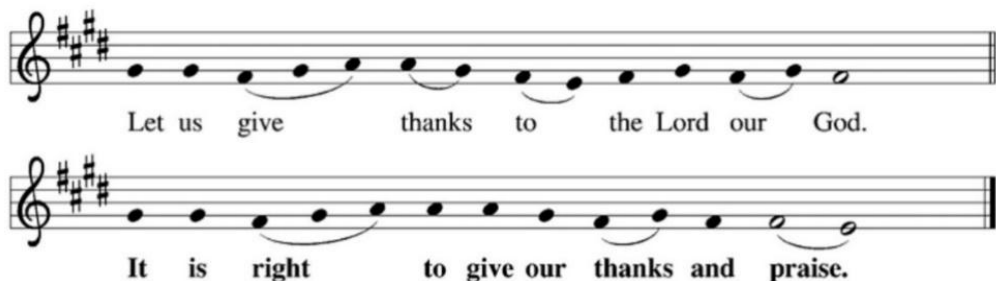
# Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



*P: It is indeed . . .*



## The Lord's Prayer

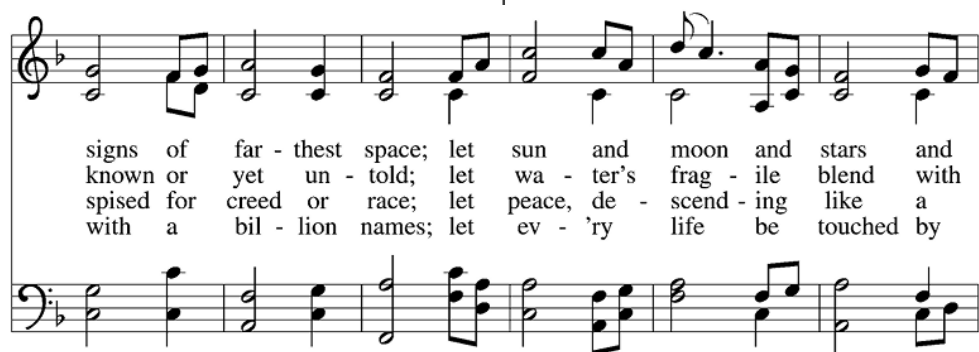
**C:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory now and forever. Amen.

# Distribution Hymns

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1 Cre - at - ing God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -  
 2 Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold earth's mys - t'ries  
 3 Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -  
 4 In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly



signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and  
 known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with  
 spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a  
 with a bil - lion names; let ev - 'ry life be touched by



light and what lies hid - den praise your might.  
 air, en - a - bling life, den pro - claim your care.  
 dove, make known on earth your heal - ing love.  
 grace un - til we praise you face to face.



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo-ments and my days; let them flow in cease-less praise.  
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau-ti-ful for thee.  
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes-sag-es from thee.  
 take my in-tel-lect, and use ev-'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

## Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

### Benediction

### Recessional

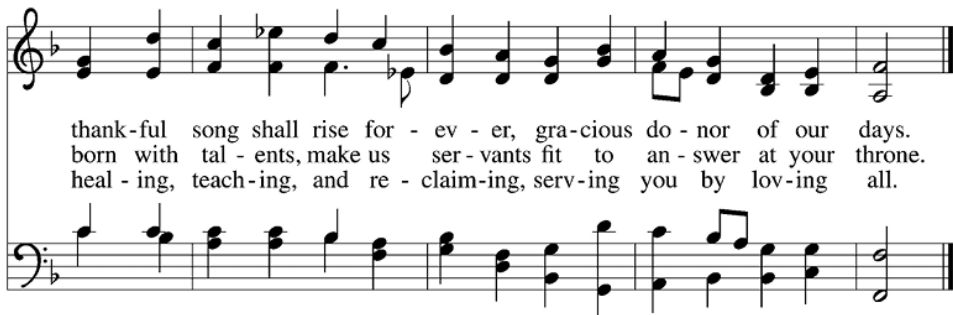
*God Whose Giving Knows no Ending*

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1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
 3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;

na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,  
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.  
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.

gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;  
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;  
 O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



## Postlude & Dismissal

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### **Sunday, August 16th**

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship

11:00 a.m. Worship

### **Monday, August 17th**

1:00 p.m. Grace Book Club

### **Wednesday, August 19th**

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Club

### **Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. Lutheran Revival @ St. Andrew's Lutheran Church Yorktown

### **Sunday, August 23rd**

*Last Day to RSVP for August Dining Out @ Oscars*

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Outdoor worship

11:00 a.m. Worship

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