

Outdoor Worship

August 31, 2025

Opening

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

C: Amen.

P: Praise the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

C: Those who keep the Sabbath and call it a delight shall rejoice in God's kingdom.

P: All who hallow the seventh day shall be gladdened by God's goodness.

C: This day is the festival of the spirit, sanctified and blessed by God, the most precious of days, a symbol of the joy of creation.

Gathering Hymn



Lord pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - a - ry
I will live Lord, as you ask me,
With your Spir - it, Fath-er, fill me;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



pure and ho - ly tried and true - -
find - ing truth in your com - man - -
let me know your pres-ence he - - -
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men. _____



- With thanks - giv - ing I'll be a li - ving
ds 'Gainst all e - vils and temp - ta - tions,
re. I am long - ing for your sal - va - tion.
— Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia,



sanc - tu - a - ry fo - r you.
as your faith - ful, I will stand.
Come, I want you to be near.
Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

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.

Dialog & Prayer of the Day

P: For the beauty of the earth, Creator God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the rich abundance of the natural order, Lord,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the many ways that you provide for all creation, Sustainer,

C: We give you thanks.

P: For the material things that enable our survival and provide for our comfort, gracious God,

C: We give you thanks.

P: As we strive first for the Kingdom of God and its righteousness,

C: Teach us to pursue the work of justice.

P: We live in a world that has the resources to satisfy everyone's hunger, if only we will share our food.

C: Teach us to love kindness.

P: We long to live lives characterized by reckless generosity and hospitality.

C: Teach us to walk humbly with you.

P: We commit to sharing all that you have entrusted to us with all people,

C: That in so doing, we might be transformed into more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

P: Let us pray:

Almighty and everlasting God, come nurture our hearts, our minds and our souls with the wisdom of your word, the grace of your table and the encouragement of our fellowship. Refresh and sustain us for this life and for our hope in the eternal life promised through your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

After Adam and Eve confessed to God that they had disobeyedly eaten the fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, God explained the consequences of this sin to the Serpent who had enticed Eve to desire the fruit. Then God spoke to Eve who had given into her desire and taken a bite before presenting it to her husband, Adam, who also took a bite. Finally God spoke to Adam, saying:

"Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the soil because of you; with hardship will you eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it will sprout for you; and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you will return."

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

Psalm

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*Lord, you have been our refuge
in every generation.*

**Before the mountains were brought up,
or even before you had formed the earth and the world -
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

*You turn us back to dust,
and say, "Turn back, you mortals."*

**For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

*The days of our life are seventy years,
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;
even then their span is only toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.*

**So teach us to count our days
that we may gain a wise heart.**

*Turn, O Lord! How long?
Have compassion on your servants!*

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

*Let your work be manifest to your servants,
and your glorious power to their children.*

**Let the blessing of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands--
O prosper the work of our hands!**

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Matthew 5

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city has no power to be concealed when it has been laid out on the top of a mountain.

Likewise, no one lights a lamp and then places it under a trash can. No! The lit lamp is placed on a table where it can shine on everything that is in the house. So, you, likewise, should shine your light before everyone, so that they may, perhaps, see your good works and may, perhaps, give glory to your Father in the heavens.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *All Labor Gained New Dignity*

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) using a grand staff with two treble and two bass staves. The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the bass part providing a harmonic foundation. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a different voice part. The first line of lyrics is: '1. All la - bor gained new dig - ni - ty Since'. The second line is: '2. No work is com - mon - place if all Be'. The third line is: '3. Each small - est com - mon thing He makes Serves'. The fourth line is: '4. His ser - vice is life's high - est joy, It'. The music continues with a second system of lyrics: 'He who all cre - a - tion made Toiled done as un - to Him a - lone; Life's Him with its mi - nut - est part; Man yields fair fruit a hun - dred fold: be'. The third system of lyrics is: 'with his hands for dai - ly bread Right man - ful - ly. sim - plest toil to Him is known Who know - eth all. on - ly with his wand - 'ring heart His way for - sakes. this our prayer; "Not fame, not gold, but, Thine em - ploy.' The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines, and is numbered 3, 5, and 5 at the beginning of the third, fourth, and fifth systems respectively.

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 on - ly with his wand - 'ring heart His way for - sakes.
 this our prayer; "Not fame, not gold, but, Thine em - ploy.

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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

Words of Institution

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 God thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and responsible that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. We recall and proclaim that in your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who came as the Messiah, reaching out to heal the sick and suffering, preaching good news to the poor, and inviting all to your table through his sacrifice on the cross.

In that night in which he was handed over . . .

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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; 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.

Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: We rejoice that you use the harvests of the field, the fruit of the vineyard and the fellowship of the table to fulfill your promise of an abiding presence in our lives. As we leave this sacred time lead us out to faithful lives that manifest that presence through all that we say and do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Benediction

Recessional *Sons of labor, dear to Jesus, tune: 823*

Sons of labor, dear to Jesus,
To your homes and work again;
Go with brave hearts back to duty,
Face the peril, bear the pain.
Be your dwellings ne'er so lowly,
Yet remember, by your bed,
That the Son of God most holy
Had not where to lay His head.

Sons of labor, think of Jesus
As you rest your homes within,
Think of that sweet Babe of Mary
In the stable of the inn.
Think how in the sacred story
Jesus took a humble grade,
And the Lord of Life and Glory
Worked with Joseph at His trade.

Sons of labor, pray to Jesus;
Oh, how Jesus prayed for you!
In the moonlight, on the mountain,
Where the shimmering olives grew.
When you rise up at the dawning,
Ere in toil you wend your way,
Pray, as He prayed, in the morning,
Long before the break of day.
Sons of labor, be like Jesus,

Undefiled, chaste, and pure;
And, though Satan tempt you sorely,
By His grace you shall endure.
Husband, father, son and brother,
Be ye gentle, just and true —
Be ye kind to one another,
As the Lord is kind to you.

Sons of labor, seek for Jesus,
Where He tells you ye shall find,
In the children, 'mid the mourners,
In the sick, poor, lame and blind —
"Search the Scriptures," He entreats
you,
"For of Me they testify";
Love His altar, where He meets you,
Saying, "Fear not — It is I."

Sons of labor, live for Jesus,
Be your work your worship, too;
In His Name, and to His glory,
Do whate'er you find to do;
Till this night of sin and sorrow
Be for ever overpast;
And we see the golden morrow,
Home with Jesus, home at last!

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



**BLESSING
OF THE
BACKPACKS**

Sunday, Sept. 7th
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Bring your school backpack to worship on this Sunday for a special time of blessing by Pastor Chris.

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