

GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Prelude: “Love the Lord”

Welcome and Greeting

Gathering: “Jesus Paid it All”

Music on the screen

Prayer of Confession

L: Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

P: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

L: Source of all life,

P: we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

Announcement of Forgiveness

L: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ✠ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

P: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

Praise God in the tem - ple, in the high - est heav-ens.
Praise God's might-y deeds and no-ble maj-es-ty!
maj-es-ty!

Verses:

1 Praise God with the trum-pet. - blast, praise God with the lute and harp!
2 Sing praise to God, Cre - a - tor; to Christ, who sets us free,

Praise God with tim-brel and dance, with strings and pipes!
and to the Spir - it of life who makes us one.

Praise God with crash - ing cym - bals, with loud and ring - ing
Praise God with sing - ing voic - es, with strong and faith - ful

cym-bals!
voic - es! All that is a-live Praise the Lord!

to Refrain

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: O God, our teacher and guide,

P: you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **P: And also with you.**

A Message for Children and Walking with Jesus Milestone

L: Good and Gracious God,

P: We thank you for these children and their families. We thank you that you are with them when they wake up in the morning and when they go to bed at night. You are with them at preschool and daycare. You are with them when they eat, when they play, when they are happy and when they are sad or afraid. Help them to trust this great promise. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

The Lesson: Psalm 54

ELW #54

The composer of the Psalm reminds us, "God is my helper; it is the Lord who sustains my life."

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Words on the screen

Al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of ev - er - last - ing life. Al - le - lu - ia, - al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 6/8 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 6/8 time signature. It features a triplet of eighth notes on the first beat, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the' are written below the staff. The second staff continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics 'words of ev - er - last - ing life. Al - le - lu - ia, - al - le - lu - ia.' are written below this staff.

The Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

New Testament Pg. 39

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

The Message: "Called as We Are"

Pastor Jeff Eisele

Hymn of the Day: "Take My Life"

Music on the screen

Affirmation of Faith-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 of the Church (As each of the prayers concludes, *Lord*, in your mercy, the congregation will respond, **Hear our prayer.**)

Opportunities to Offer Our Time and Tithes for Mission and Ministry

Offering Music: "I Will Follow"

Performed by One Sunday

GOD COMES TO US IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Great Thanksgiving

L: *The Lord be with you.*

P: **And also with you.**

L: *Lift up your hearts.*

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

L: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

The 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.

The Communion

All persons seeking the forgiveness of sins and a renewed relationship with Jesus Christ are invited to meet the Risen Christ by eating and drinking at our table. You may choose from red wine or white grape juice in our tray of cups. Young children are invited forward to receive a blessing.



Communion Music:

“Come Just As You Are”

“Be An Offering”

“The Wonderful Cross”

Performed by One Sunday

Music on the screen

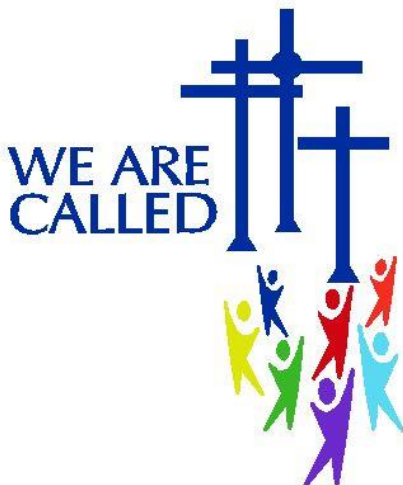
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GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE


The Blessing


L: God, creator of all things, speaking new life into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

P: Amen.



Sending Song: "Send Us Out"

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Send us out with a pas-sion for jus - tice,



send us out with a wel - com - ing heart. Send us out with a joy - ful spir - it

Last time to Coda 



to do your work in the world. To bold-ly seek your truth,

D.S. al Coda



to love our neigh - bors, to be your hands, your feet, your love!

Coda 



to do your work in the world. Send us out!

The Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Sound the Good News!

P: Thanks be to God.

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