GOD GATHERS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Welcome and Greeting

Gathering Song: "We are Called" arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

Choir: Arise, O church of God...

We are called to be God's people going forth in love and grace...

Arise, O church of God...

We are called to serve each other...

We are called to love our neighbor.....

Arise, O church of God, proclaim in one accord....

Congregation: (ELW 454, v. 1,2,4)

Remember and rejoice, renewed by floods of grace. We bear the sign of Jesus Christ, that time cannot erase.

In life, in death, we trust in God's most holy name, Forever traced by water sign, and sealed by Spirit flame.

God, bless us by your grace; remind us of your care. Renewing Spirit, fill us now, inspire our work, our prayer.

Choir: We are called to be God's people, going forth in love and grace, We are called to shine in darkness as we journey from this place.

Arise, O church of God!

Prayer of Confession

L: Blessed be the 4-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. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN THE WORD

The Lesson: Ephesians 2:1-10

New Testament Pg. 170

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through our own efforts. We are brought into a right relationship with God by grace through faith for joining in the work that God is doing in the cosmos.

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"





The Gospel: John 8:31-36

New Testament Pg. 88

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

The Message: "God's Gift from Start to Finish"

Pastor Jeff Eisele

Hymn of the Day: "You Are Mine"

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Affirmation of Faith-The Apostles' Creed

ELW P. 105

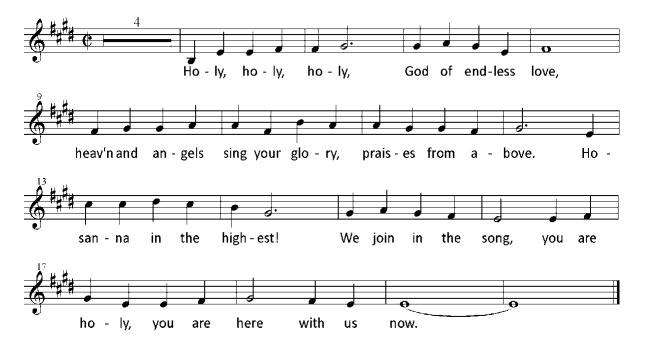
Prayers of the Church (As each prayer concludes, *Lord, in Your mercy*, the congregation responds, **Hear our prayer**.)

Opportunities to Offer Our Time and Tithes for Mission and Ministry

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.



The Words of Promise

L: 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.



The Lord's Prayer

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. Young children are invited forward to receive a blessing.



Communion Music:

"Here is Bread"	ELW #483
"The Church's One Foundation"	ELW #654
"The Church of Christ in Every Age"	ELW #729

GOD SENDS US INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

The Blessing

God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life. The hand of God protect you; the holy angels accompany you; and the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the 4 Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Song: "A Mighty Fortress" ELW #504

The Dismissal L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. P: Thanks be to God.