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GATHERING

NOTE: Congregational Responses in Bold Type

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP CELEBRATION of the living Christ's presence in our midst. Christ comes to us with new life and strength for Christian living in daily life through the hearing of the Word, preaching, prayer, song, and community. **ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US** in the Fellowship Hall following worship for conversation, coffee, and snacks.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Trad. Melody
arr. Vandall

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

Amen.

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal God our creator,
in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.
In the mercy of almighty God,
Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.
Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Follows on the next page.

Earth and All Stars!

Hymn 731
v. 1 & 5



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
 5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



Refrain

God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987
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GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

OT 684

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures**

and leads me beside still waters.

³You restore my soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways ^l for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ^l fear no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ^l comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ^l of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,**

and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2: 11-22

NT 170

The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God's chosen people. Through Jesus' death, however, they are included in God's household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him

both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

NT 35

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began

to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Rev. Jason Talsness

Please stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Hymn 611
v. 1 & 2



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

APOSTLE'S 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 INTERCESSION

Response after each prayer: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Response at end: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.
Amen.

MEAL

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Lord God of pow'r and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ has set the table,

All who hunger will be fed.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

(Communion will be distributed by Pastor Talsness. For those who prefer grape juice, please indicate that to Pastor when he approaches your row.)

SPECIAL MUSIC

Standing in the Need of Prayer

American Spiritual
arr. Vandall

Please stand.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus Christ,

you have given us not only this bread and cup,

but your very self in this meal.

Filled again by your grace, may we live as witnesses

to your love, for you are Lord forevermore.

Amen.

SENDING

PASTORAL BENECTION

May God, whose power working in us,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING SONG

Follows on the next page.

I Love to Tell The Story

Hymn 661

v. 1 & 3



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude

Scarlatti

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Maurine Bagwell *to the glory of God* and by Fred Buck *in honor of Emma Tisdell's birthday (Mary Buck's mother)*.

THE ETERNAL CANDLE is given by Shirley & Phil Nack *in celebration of our anniversary this month and to the glory of God*.

SECOND HARVEST

The food for July is tuna fish.



THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Ministers	The People of Messiah
Pastor	Jason Talsness
Pastor Emeritus	James Peper
Presiding Bishop ELCA	Elizabeth A. Eaton
Bishop, SE Synod ELCA	Kevin Strickland
Organist & Interim Music Coordinator	Diane Boyd
Choral Director	Vacant
Altar Guild	Diana Wilson
Reader	Linda Turk
Ushers	George Lawrence and Phil Nack
Evangelism Greeters	Barbara Johnson and Peggy Pearson
Audio Visual	Ken McLauchlan
Coffee Hour	Marcia Stinson

MILESTONES THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: Fred Laist 07/19, Jennifer Nguyen 07/19, Jeff Samuels 07/21

Anniversaries: Elsa & Bob Lindenschmidt 07/19

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

REMINDERS FOR THIS TIME OF COVID-19

If you are ill, have a fever, or have potentially been exposed to COVID-19 in the past two weeks, please stay home. If you cannot follow these requirements, enjoy the live-streamed or taped worship service at home.

- Mask-wearing optional. Please note that the CDC continues to recommend mask-wearing for unvaccinated people and for those who are immune-compromised.
- Hand sanitizer is available in the Narthex and in the pews.
- Keep your physical distance.
- Place your offering in the offering plate on the stand as you enter the Sanctuary.
- Sit in a seat so that you are still socially distanced.
- Pew materials have been removed.
- There will be music, so please sing softly.
- Holy Communion is being served by a special distribution process.
- We will not pass the peace.
- You are welcome to bring a water bottle.
- The Nursery remains closed.
- Fellowship Hour will follow worship in Fellowship Hall.