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THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...



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Prelude

Welcome

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW #759, vv. 1-3

Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray.

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

First Reading

1 Kings 3:5-12

R: ⁵ At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I should give you."

⁶ And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you, and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

⁷ And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸ And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹ Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil, for who can govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰ It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹ God said to him, "Because you have asked this and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or for the life of your enemies but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹² I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you, and no one like you shall arise after you."

R: the word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

ACS #33 (Our Hearts Burn v.2)

Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 13th chapter

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

L: ³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Tim Pompey

Hymn of the Day

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW #777

Prayers of Intercession

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace.

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory

We Eat the Bread of Teaching

ELW #518, vv. 1,3

Offering Prayer

L: Let us pray.

Gracious God, you bless us with gifts of guidance, new life, growth in grace, and fruitful labor.

Accept the first fruits of time and toil, field and orchard we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy:

ACS #36

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

Lamb of God

ACS #40 (Lamb of God)

Prayer after Communion

L: Let us pray,

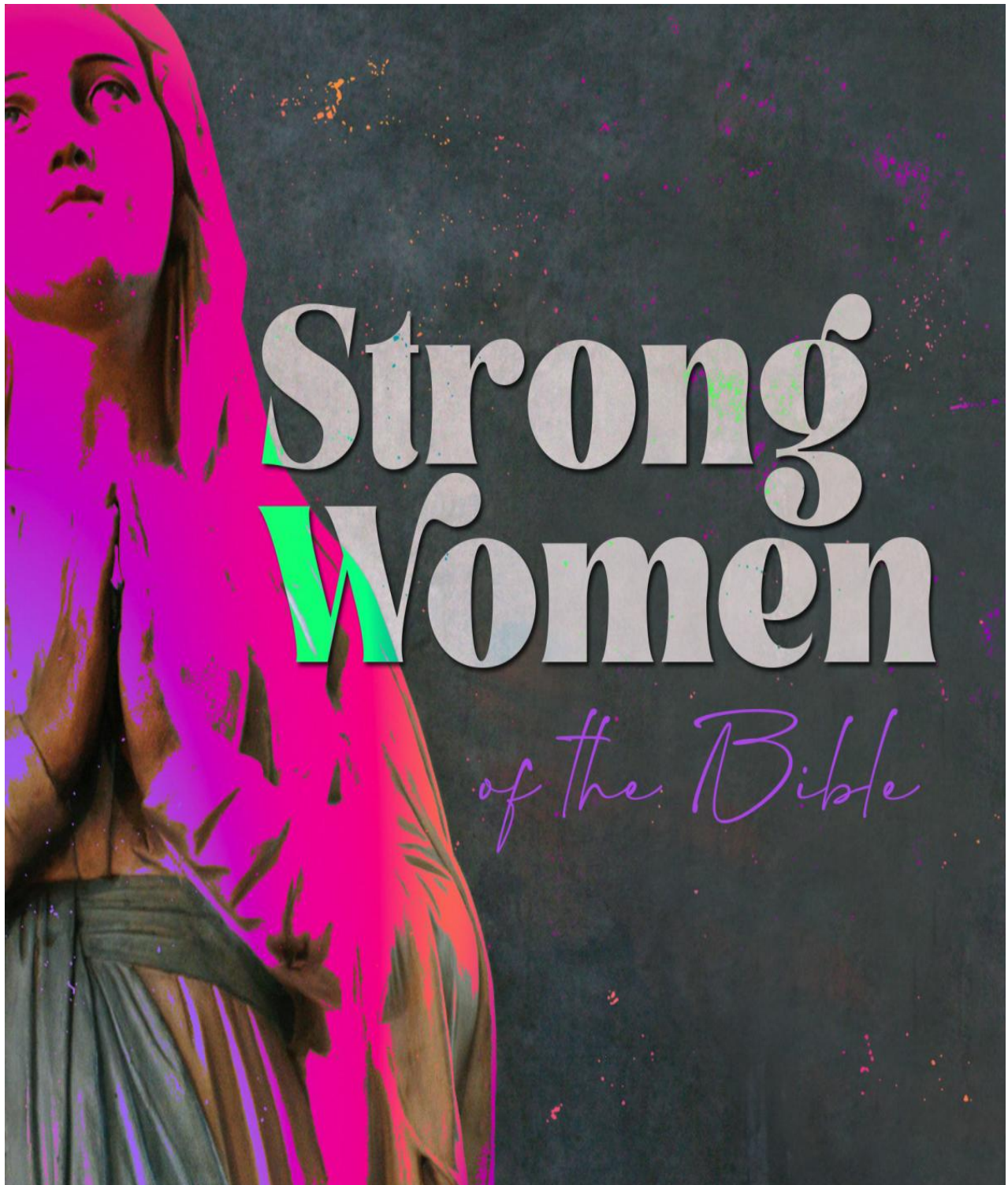
We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life.

In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Starting Next Week



Blessing

L: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending

In Thee is Gladness

ELW #867

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Arlin Scott is authorized to preside over Holy Communion at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer by permission of Bishop Brenda Bos of the Southwest California Synod.



† Karen Cherry former member recovering from a fall in her home; Linda Vahl (Robin's friend) recovering at Glenwood; Prayers for the family of Dale Dean; Special prayers for Sheena Ortiz having a difficult time with the loss of Dale Dean; Troy Ludwig; Chelsea (Betty's granddaughter); Brad (Robin's nephew); Bob suffering from depression (Donna's Brother in law); Gail Tenbus; Jan Ludwig; Darcy Ludwig; The Godwin family is dealing with Larry's Parkinson's disease.† Prayers for our nation as we face conflict in the Middle East.
† Prayers for all people affected by the war.
† Prayers for our Military and their families.

What's happening this month at Our Redeemer

Mondays, 5 pm Stretch & Prayer.

Wednesdays, 9 am Quilting and fellowship with The Love Ladies (and gents).

Service over Summer Project list of items needed available in the Narthex

Saturday, August 8 5pm Dinner Church

Monday, August 10 3pm Church council meeting

Saturday August 15 9am Quilting Saturday

Saturday August 22 9am Breakfast

Sunday, August 23 10:30 am Blessing of the Backpacks/Staff Installation

We are thankful for those helping with worship today

Worship Leader

Arlin Scott

Music

Tim Pompey, Jennifer Guzzo Lowry

Reader

Juanita Scott

Ushers

Teddy Ipock, Robin Tribbitt, Lloyd Tribbitt

We have a YouTube Page. Scan the Qr code below to Re-watch a missed worship service.



Scan below to see this week's grace notes!

