

Synod Day Worship



call to worship

God is our light and our salvation;
whom shall we fear?

We are created to be brave.

Christ shines through our unique gifts,
giving glory to God.

We are created to be authentic.

The Spirit transforms us through God's Word,
renewing Christ's presence among us.

We are created to be free.

God is calling us to lives of justice,
following the example of Jesus.

We are created to be disruptive.

Guided by the Spirit,
we love others as God loves us.

We are created to be disciples.

confession & forgiveness

Blessed be our God, who makes us brave; who claims us with authentic love; who disrupts us with holy justice.

Amen.

Trusting in the promise of faith and rising together as faithful community, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

silence for reflection

Holy One:

We admit that it is easier for us to think that our ways of doing things are better than yours. We hear that you love us, but we don't always know how to trust in you. We hear your desire for us to love each other, but it feels too scary when people

look and act differently than we do.

Search our hearts. Forgive us for the harm we have done to ourselves and to each other. Meet us in the mess we have created, renewing us with the good news that there is nowhere we can go where you aren't with us. Amen.

Siblings in faith,

God has created us to be a part of Christ's mission of compassion, mercy, and justice.

Through the grace of this promise,

you are forgiven and set free to live and to love as you are loved.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

gospel reading

If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

It's a fact: darkness isn't dark to you; night and day, darkness and light, they're all the same to you.

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking!

Body and soul, I am marvelously made!

I worship in adoration—what a creation!

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body;

You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Investigate my life, O God, find out everything about me; get a clear picture of what I'm about; then guide me on the road to eternal life.

Response: Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Matthew 5:14-16

Response: The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

reflection time

prayers of god's people

sharing god's peace

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.

Blessed are you, O God. Before our beginnings, you have always been, the three-in-one being who was and is and is to come. From before time, you have been dreaming us up, imagining a world, forming us into creatures who might come to love you in return.

By your breath and with your hands, you made us from the dust of the earth, and have written us into the long story of your love.

words of promise

Around a table with the ones you called to carry on your story, you, Jesus Christ, took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to your disciples saying:

“This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and upon us, we pray.

Take, bless, break, and give US, that we might be your body in the world.

After the meal had ended, you, Jesus, took the cup of wine. Again, you gave thanks and praise, and gave the cup to your disciples, saying,

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for ALL people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Send your Holy Spirit upon this cup and upon us, we pray.

Take, bless, pour, and give US, that we might be your life flowing for the

world.

Lord's prayer Lord, unite us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

OPTION A:

**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.**

OPTION B:

**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.**

Let us pray: Gracious God,
in this meal you have drawn us
to your heart, and nourished us at your table.

**By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be your body in the world, that we
may show Christ's love to all people. Amen.**

blessing Brave, authentic, free, and disruptive siblings: You have

been created to use your voice,
to be a presence of hope,
to let your actions reveal the love of Christ
throughout God's creation.

May the blessing of God almighty,
creator, ☩ redeemer, and sustainer,
send you forth to do amazing things,
as creative and faithful disciples.

Amen. Thanks be to God.