



PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

P: Together, let us call on the name of the Lord: Father, + Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

↑ **GATHERING HYMN**

We Praise You, O God

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↓ **CONFESSION**

P: There is only One who knows everything about us and understands our lives. We come to God without excuse or fear and make our confession of sin.

C: Merciful God, we admit to each other and confess to you, our shallowness and willfulness, our folly and our selfishness.

We confess the careless, cruel word, the negative, cynical thought, the irresponsible deed, and the dithering inaction.

We regret the kindness withheld, the opportunity not taken, the high ideal betrayed, and the faith pretended or denied.

Please forgive us, cleanse us and amend us. Restore to us that zest for abundant life which we have witnessed in Jesus. Amen!

FORGIVENESS

P: My friends, "Christ Jesus came preaching peace to those who are near, and peace to those far off."

Trust, and let the mercy and peace of God embrace you.

Trust, put the past behind you and face the future with quiet confidence.

Trust, God is faithful and can be absolutely relied on.

Thanks be to God.

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

C: And also with you.

KYRIE ELEISON (PLEA FOR MERCY) *Hymnal page 22*



GLORIA IN EXCELSIS (SONG OF GLORY) *Hymnal page 23-24*

Cantor: Glory be to God on high and on earth peace, good will to all.



1 Lord, we praise your name on high, wor - ship you and glo - ri - fy.
2 You have borne the sins of all. Mer - cy, Lord, and hear our call.
3 You, a - lone, the Ho - ly One, You, a - lone, God's on - ly Son,



To the Lamb of God we cry and join the an - gel's song.
Ev - 'ry - one, both great and small, come join the an - gel's song.
In your name we've just be - gun to join the an - gel's song.



Glo - ri - a! Let the mu - sic flow. Glo - ri - a! To the earth be - low.



Glo - ri - a! Feel our hearts a - glow with the joy - ful an - gel's song.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (together)

Most holy God, glorious in your power, please bless us, one and all, as we gather in this sacred meeting house. Bless the people sitting to my right and to my left, behind and in front of me. As we open our hearts to you now, assist us to experience sincere gratitude and praise, repentance and renewal, encouragement and enlightenment. Through Jesus your divine Son. Amen!

OLD TESTAMENT READING: **Genesis 1:24-31 (NIV)**

²⁴ And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. ²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

²⁹ Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

R: The Word of the Lord C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 8 (NIV)

R: ¹ LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens.

C: ²Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

R: ³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,

C: ⁴what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them?

R: ⁵You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honor.

C: ⁶You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet:

R: ⁷all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

C: LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

R: The Word of the Lord C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 2:5-11 (NIV)

⁵It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. ⁶But there is a place where someone has testified:

“What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him?

⁷You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor

⁸and put everything under their feet.” In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. ⁹But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. ¹¹Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.

The Word of the Lord C: THANKS BE TO GOD!

↑HALLELUJAH



P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Mark Chapter 4
C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

²⁶ He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.”

P: This is the GOSPEL of our Lord! C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

MESSAGE “We Believe in God the Father” **Pastor Ben Unseth**

↑AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

C: I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

↓BAPTISMAL HYMN *All Who Believe and Are Baptized* **#75**

OFFERING and OFFERING RESPONSE

As ushers bring forward the offering, ↑ to sing

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

↑PRAYERS

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

↑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

BENEDICTION

P: May the Lord bless you and protect you. May the Lord lift his smiling face to you and be gracious to you. May the Lord show you his favor and give you his peace.

↓SENDING HYMN

Amazing Grace

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DISMISSAL:

P: Go in peace and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE