

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting IV

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider. Today the church commemorates Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

ELW 886

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity: the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

P Sisters and brothers, bear with one another in love, maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P Holy and gracious God,

C **we confess that we have not led a life worthy of the calling to which we have been called. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not acted according to your will. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us. Forgive us according to the riches of your grace. Make us holy and blameless before you in love, so that we might live to the praise of your glory. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. You who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

C: **Amen.**

GREETING

P The blessing of the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious grace freely bestowed in the Son, and the power of the promised Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God Almighty! ELW 413

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty and merciful God,

C: we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Lamentations 3:22-33

The poet declares: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." ²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. ²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, ²⁸to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, ²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), ³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. ³¹For the Lord will not reject forever. ³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; ³³for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

PSALM: Psalm 30

(Read Responsively)

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-¹ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph¹ over me.

**²O LORD my God, I cried¹ out to you,
and you restored¹ me to health.**

³You brought me up, O LORD,¹ from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down¹ to the grave.

**⁴Sing praise to the LORD,¹ all you faithful;
give thanks in ho-¹ly remembrance.**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor¹ lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes¹ in the morning.

**⁶While I felt se-¹cure, I said,
"I shall never¹ be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong¹ as the mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was¹ filled with fear.

⁸I cried to¹ you, O LORD;

I pleaded with¹ my Lord, saying,

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down ^l to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de-^lclare your faithfulness?
¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mer-^lcy upon me;
O LORD,^l be my helper."**
¹¹You have turned my wailing ^l into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed ^l me with joy.
¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you ^l without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you ^l thanks forever.**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15

In a world where compassion burns out and people may limit their concerns to problems in their own backyards, Paul urges the Corinthian church to support the Macedonians.

Now as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you--so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others.⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something--¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has--not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little."

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the fifth chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage is ritually unclean, treated as an outcast in Jewish society. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P. The Gospel of Our Lord
C. **Praise to you, O Christ**

CHILDREN'S TIME THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Lord Whose Love in Humble Service"

ELW 712

APOSTLES' 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.**

THE PRAYERS

A: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray for the church, that we may offer our hands and the healing of Christ to anyone in need. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Let us pray for faith, like that of Bishop Irenaeus, to sustain us in every circumstance we face. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Let us pray for the gift of creation, that we may share the abundant harvest with all. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Let us pray for the world, that the healing power of Christ touch places of suffering and pain. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Let us pray for the sick and those suffering in spirit, especially Lou Hagadorn, Velma Pollock, and George Irwin, that they may be sustained by your presence. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Let us pray for the work of God's people, especially this congregation and our companions: Trinity in Hays, Faith in Oberlin, Zion in Phillipsburg, and Immanuel in Kansas City. May all your people manifest the presence of Christ in their communities. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other prayers are offered.

A: With thanksgiving for the faithful who have gone before us, we wait for your presence with confidence. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Loving God, you hear us when we cry to you. We commend to your embrace all for whom we pray, through Jesus Christ and by the power of your Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

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Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
Offering Song



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Holy God,

C: you open the doors of heaven, giving us every generous and perfect gift from above.

Lift our eyes from the food that perishes, and nourish us now with the food that endures for eternal life, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you...And so with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name, saying:

C: Holy Lord, Mighty God, Lord of All, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Lord, come, save your people.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth...we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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P: Remember us in your Kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN “*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me*”

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“*If You But Trust in God to Guide You*”

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COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in grace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Gracious God, in this meal you have rained down the true bread from heaven, the body and blood of your beloved Son. So by this promise bring us to abide in him, and he in us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

BENEDICTION

P Know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen

SENDING HYMN

“*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*”

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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