

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting IV

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba; between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

“O Beautiful for Spacious Skies ”

ELW 888

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 Beautiful Savior

ELW 838

Beautiful Savior King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man;
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God of the covenant,

C: **in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, ²"My servant, Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. ³Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. ⁵No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. ⁶Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. ⁹I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

PSALM: Psalm 123

(Read Responsively)

¹To you I lift ¹ up my eyes,

to you enthroned ¹ in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand ¹ of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand ¹ of her mistress,**

³so our eyes look to you, O ¹ LORD our God,
until you show ¹ us your mercy.

⁴**Have mercy upon us, O ¹ LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough ¹ of contempt,**

⁵too much of the scorn of the in-¹ dolent rich,
and of the derision ¹ of the proud.

SECOND READING: Acts 27:18-26

We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, ¹⁹and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship's tackle overboard. ²⁰When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days, and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned. ²¹Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, "Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. ²²I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. ²³For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship. ²⁴and he said, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor; and indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you.' ²⁵So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. ²⁶But we will have to run aground on some island."

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the twenty third chapter.

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

GOSPEL: Luke 23:32-43

The soldiers led two other men out of the prison. These men had done some bad things. The soldiers would kill them when they killed Jesus. ³³They brought them to the place that is called "The Skull." There they fixed Jesus to a cross. They also fixed the two men to crosses. One of these men was on the right side of Jesus. The other was on the left side of Jesus. ³⁴"Father," Jesus said, "they do not know what they are doing. So please forgive them." The soldiers then picked up the clothes that Jesus had worn. Each soldier wanted a part, so they played a game among themselves to know who won each piece. ³⁵The people stood there. They were watching, but the rulers of the people were laughing at Jesus. "He saved other people, they say. He should save his own life! So then we will know that he is the Messiah. We will know that God has chosen him." ³⁶The soldiers also laughed at him. They came up to him and they offered him cheap alcohol to drink. ³⁷"If you are the King of the Jews," they said, "save your own life." ³⁸There was also a notice at the top of the cross. "This is the King of the Jews," it said. ³⁹One of the men on a cross at the side of Jesus started to speak badly to him. "If you are the Messiah," he shouted, "save your own life and our lives too." ⁴⁰But the other bad man told him that he should be quiet. "You should be more afraid of God. After all, all three of us will die. ⁴¹Both of us have done very bad things. So, it is right that we die. But this man has not done anything wrong." ⁴²Then the man spoke to Jesus. "Remember me, Jesus," he said, "when you go to God." ⁴³"I promise you", Jesus replied, "today you and I will go to God together."

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

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

**CHILDREN'S TIME
THE SERMON**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“In a Lowly Manger Born”

ELW 718

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: Bless your word whenever it is proclaimed; bless those who speak it and those who hear it.
God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Give wisdom and insight to those who protect and conserve the abundant resources; may they extend your blessing to all. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: You have blessed us to live in a place of peace and freedom; may all nations walk in your paths of peace. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Be with all who are ill or suffering; bless them with the presence of family and friends; grant them your healing. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: As you have welcomed us, teach us to welcome those who come to us. Extend your welcoming embrace through all your people, this congregation and our companions this week: Lord of Love in Belton, Unity in Bel Noir, Christ the King in Dodge City, and Assaria Lutheran in Assaria. God of mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other prayers are offered.

A: We give you thanks for all those who rest in you; may the example of their lives strengthen us in our witness and service. 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

ELW 184

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

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 "This Is My Song"

ELW 887

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

ELW 650

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

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

ELW 890

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

50 DAYS OF PRAYER FOR CHURCHWIDE ASSEMBLY: Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson is calling ELCA Members to read and reflect on the daily lectionary passages for the week of the Churchwide Assembly (August 17-22). This week, please read Joel 2:28-32, Psalm 104, Romans 8:18-27, and John 20:19-23. Consider the questions: Who are people you know, young and old, who dream or have vision? What are the sufferings of this present time that you see? Who is present when you sigh or cry? What paces are aching for the breath of the Holy Spirit to bring life and peace in your life, the life of this congregation, the ELCA? The hymns *“Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading,” “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying,”* and *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”* may further your reflection. Prayer for the Week: O God, by the Holy Spirit you gather the church from the four corners of the earth and open the hearts of your faithful people. Direct us by the light of that spirit that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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