

ORDER OF SERVICE

Evangelical Lutheran Worship ~ Setting IV

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them an actual flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the particular children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

“All Are Welcome”

ELW 641

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C **Amen**

P: Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, confessing our sin and trusting in God’s mercy.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P God of truth,

C **we have all sinned and fallen short of your glory. We have turned away from you. We have not kept your commandments. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have neglected the poor, and we have not welcomed all people in your name. You know the fullness of our sin. Forgive us, and turn us again to you, so that we may receive the fullness of your mercy. Amen.**

P Our great high priest, Jesus Christ, sacrificed himself for us and for our sins. In Christ, you are freed from your sins and given a place in God’s household forever.

C **Amen**

GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



Ⓑ Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo- ple of God. Pow- er and rich - es and wis- dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless- ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God. Al- le - lu - ia.



Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless- ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic- to- ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God, our teacher and guide,

C: **you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 11:18-20

Jeremiah declares: It was the LORD who made it known to me, and I knew; then you showed me their evil deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, “Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!” ²⁰But you, O LORD of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

PSALM: Psalm 54

(Read Responsively)

¹Save me, O God, ¹by your name;

in your might, de- ¹fend my cause.

²Hear my ¹prayer, O God;

give ear to the words ¹of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me,

and the ruthless have ¹sought my life,

those who have no re- ¹gard for God.

⁴Behold, God ¹is my helper;

it is the Lord who sus- ¹tains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who ¹spy on me;

in your faithful- ¹ness, destroy them.

⁶I will offer you a ¹freewill sacrifice

and praise your name, O LORD, for ¹it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from ¹every trouble,

and my eye looks down ¹on my enemies.

SECOND READING: James 3:13---4:3, 7-8a

James writes: Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace

of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you doubleminded.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

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

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

GOSPEL: Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” ³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

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

CHILDREN’S TIME

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

ELW 843

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: Lord of creation, with confidence in your abiding care, we are bold to pray for the world, the church, and all in need.

A brief silence.

A: We pray for your church in the world: may we rejoice in the gift of word and sacrament and use our talents and resources to bring good news to all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for our community: may our forums and conversations open us to new ideas and bold action so that all may live well in this place. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for our world: may all who exercise authority over others do so with mercy and kindness, and all who govern do so on behalf of those they serve. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for children, the weak and vulnerable, the hungry and thirsty: through the work of your people, bring forth loving homes, medical care, and futures that lead to life, not death. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for those around us: may this family of faith take the peace of the Lord into humble service in our daily lives. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray especially for our companion congregations this week: Faith in Prairie Village, Immanuel in Salina, Peace in Salisbury, Mo., and Hope in St. Charles, Mo. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other prayers are offered.

A: We give thanks for your faithful servants who have gone before us, and we pray for the courage to proclaim your grace, mercy, and forgiveness until we sing with them around your throne. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Lord of creation, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 God of majesty,

C **in your might you have created all things, and you entrust to our care that you have made. Receive our offerings, and make them a sign of our dedication to provide for the needs of all people and creatures, in the name of the one who sustains all things by his word, 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.

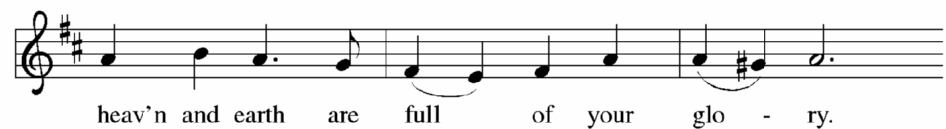
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Holy God...The universe declares your praise...with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness...into the future.

C: We bless you, O God.

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son...with us now.

C: We thank you, O God.

Words of Institution

P: Remembering his love for us...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: We pray for the gift of your Spirit...in your church without end.

C: Amen.

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 The feast is now ready; receive the Lord and live.

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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 “*Children of the Heavenly Father*”
“*As We Gather at Your Table*”

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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 Let us pray...
Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken. May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

BENEDICTION

P The life-giving God, who sets us free in Christ, encourage you with the presence of the Holy Spirit and + bless you now and forever.

C **Amen**

SENDING HYMN

“*Lord of Light*” (*verses 1, 3, & 4*)

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Remember the poor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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