

ORDER OF SERVICE
WORSHIP EXPERIENCE:
CAUTION! GOD AT WORK!

10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION

Today's worship experience is something that is being shared throughout the Central States Synod as part of a new missional emphasis to help "inspire and equip people to be a part of what God is up to in their everyday lives." For more information about this exciting new direction that we, as the Synod, are taking, please check out the synod website at www.css-elca.org.

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE HYMN

"Earth and All Stars" (verses 1,3,4)

ELW 731

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C **Amen**

P: Gathered together from all walks of life, from all kinds of jobs and vocations, and from all kinds of circumstances, let us be honest with each other and with God about ignoring the fact that God has been active in our daily lives.

Silence to think about where we have missed God's activity within the past week.

P: Let us confess our sin:

C: We have failed to notice you. We have failed to see where you have been working in our life. We have failed to be zealous for you. We have failed to be bold in our proclamation. We have been trapped in our own little worlds and cared very little for the people on the outside, at the fringes. We have neglected our duties towards others and we have failed to follow you in out the doors and into the world. We are sorry and we need you to change us.

P: Hear the good news: Because Jesus died and rose again, your sins are forgiven! He has sent the Holy Spirit upon you in order to inspire and equip you. God is out there in the world doing marvelous things and wants you to be a part of it. Through your baptism, God calls you to be a part of it. Through Holy Communion, you receive the strength and ability to follow. Through sin, your eyes and ears have been closed to God, but now, in this moment of forgiveness, Jesus says, "Be opened!" You are free to be part of what God is up to in the world.

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 Praise and Thanksgiving

Praise and thanksgiving, God we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown field, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood

God bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Gracious God,

C: **throughout the ages and every single day you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Isaiah declares: Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

PSALM: Psalm 146

(Read Responsively)

¹Hal- ¹lelujah!

Praise the LORD, ¹O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long ¹as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I ¹have my being.

³Put not your ¹trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there ¹is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- ¹turn to earth,
and in that day ¹their thoughts perish.**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob ¹for their help,

whose hope is in the ¹LORD their God;
⁶who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that ¹is in them;
who keeps promis- ¹es forever;
⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to ¹those who hunger.
The LORD sets the cap- ¹tive free.
⁸The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who ¹are bowed down;
the LORD ¹loves the righteous.
⁹The LORD cares ¹for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way ¹of the wicked.
¹⁰The LORD shall ¹reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. ¹Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: James 2:1-17

James writes: My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or “Sit at my feet,” ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works is dead.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GOSPEL

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

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

GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon was gone. ³¹Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

P. The Gospel of Our Lord

C. Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN’S TIME**THE SERMON****HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Take My Life That I May Be”

ELW 685

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 courage in the church, that we may take your love into places where healing is desperately needed, into lives where hope falters. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for unity of purpose and for your guidance as we strive to be better stewards of your good world, for our sake and for those who follow us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray that all who labor receive just compensation, that the unemployed find meaningful work, and that all employers create workplaces where justice, fairness, and equity thrive. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for those who give their lives for peace, for international organizations bringing medicine, food, shelter, and comfort into forsaken places and into refugees' shattered lives. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for competence in exercising the ministry of healing you place into our hands for all who need your presence. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: We pray for faith to be your body on earth, that your work be done through us and in us, in this congregation and especially our companions: Atonement Lutheran in Overland Park, St. John in Salina, Our Savior in Salem, Christ and Trinity Lutheran Churches in Sedalia. Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: We give thanks for those whose lives have pointed us to you. Keep us in union with them through faith until we celebrate together at your heavenly feast. 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.

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



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

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION

P: Dear Christian friends: Baptized into the priesthood of all believers, we are all called by the Holy Spirit to offer ourselves to God in thanksgiving for what he has done and continues to do in our lives. It is our privilege to affirm all who are seeking to live out their faith through their vocation as Christians in the world. Through Holy Baptism we are each called to live a life of faith. Through the study of Scripture and receiving Holy Communion, we are nourished and strengthened so that we can continue to live out

that calling. As you continue to live out your baptismal promises in your daily life, will you seek to pattern your life and service after our Lord Jesus in all you do?

C: Yes, with God's help.

P: Raise your hands as a sign of dedication of your work and labors to God. Now say, "*May our hands be God's hands in the world.*"

C: May our hands be God's hands in the world.

P: Make the sign of the cross over your heart as we pray for compassion in our labors, saying: *May we have compassion for all who need God's compassion.*

C: May we have compassion for all who need God's compassion.

Blessing of the Tools of our Trade

P: Let us pray ... Gracious God,

C: thank-you for allowing us to serve you with these tools. Please bless them to your glory. By using them in our vocations, help us to glorify you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

P: Join hands with those around you as we pray ...

Almighty God, you have blessed each of us with unique gifts, and you have called us into specific occupations, relationships, and activities using those gifts. Enable us to use our talents to witness to our faith in you and to communicate your love to the people we meet each day. Empower us to be ministers of your reconciliation, love, hope, and justice. Keep us steadfast in our commitment to serve actively in our everyday lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: God of majesty,

in your might you have created all things,
and you entrust to our care what 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.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

p. 152

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

P. 154

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."

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 “*Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen*”
 “*The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*”

ELW 548
 ELW 551

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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,
 give strength to our hands, patience to our ears, inspiration to our mouths, and courage to our
 hearts so that we may praise you and proclaim you to the entire world. Through the Holy Spirit,
C: Amen

BENEDICTION

P: May God go in front of you to show you the way.
 May God go behind you to encourage you.

May God go above you to watch over you.
May God go beside you to shoulder your burdens.
May God go within you to give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

ELW 574

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Serve God everyday.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ELW Holy Communion ~ Setting Four Liturgy (Words & Music) Copyright © 2006 Augsburg Fortress Publishers
Reprinted by permission.

Confession and Prayers reprinted (or adapted from) Sundays and Seasons, Copyright c 2007 Augsburg Fortress.
Used by permission.

Scripture Passages are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible Copyright c 1989, Division of Christian Education of the
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved