

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Confession & Absolution**

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L Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
C **Amen.**

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C **Amen.**

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

**All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**Children's Sermon**

**Opening Hymn**

**Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

**ELW 533**

**Apostolic Greeting**

L 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.**

**Come, All you People**

**ELW 819**

**Prayer of the Day**

L The Lord be with you  
C **And also with you**

L Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

## First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup> They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup> Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup> They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. <sup>9</sup> The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? <sup>10</sup> I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings. Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **C Thanks be to God!**

## Psalm 1 *chanted responsively*

<sup>1</sup> Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel <sup>1</sup> of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats <sup>1</sup> of the scornful!  
<sup>2</sup> **Their delight is in the law <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching <sup>1</sup> day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that <sup>1</sup> do not wither;  
everything they <sup>1</sup> do shall prosper.  
<sup>4</sup> **It is not so <sup>1</sup> with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind <sup>1</sup> blows away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when <sup>1</sup> judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council <sup>1</sup> of the righteous.  
<sup>6</sup> **For the LORD knows the way <sup>1</sup> of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall <sup>1</sup> be destroyed.**

## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12-20

<sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? <sup>13</sup> If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; <sup>14</sup> and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. <sup>17</sup> If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. Holy Wisdom Holy Word. **C Thanks be to God**

***Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation***

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**C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel according to Luke in the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>17</sup> [Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>18</sup> They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. <sup>20</sup> Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. <sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.” This is the Gospel of Our Lord.

**C Praise to you, Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**Blest Are They**

**ELW 728**

**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.

## Prayers of the Church

- L Seeking the way of the Lord, and learning mercy from the teachings of Christ, we intercede for all people in any need. Let the people say **“Speak Lord, your servants are listening.”**
- AM For the whole Church, that we may not be tempted to forsake the way of Jesus for the ways of worldly power, and that no mere mortal may make us stray from Christ’s love for all humanity, we pray, **“Speak Lord, your servants are listening.”**
- AM For all who oversee the functions of civil government, that they may seek to foster equal justice for all, to include diverse voices in decision making, and to use wealth and power to alleviate human suffering, we pray, **“Speak Lord, your servants are listening.”**
- AM For our relationship with the natural world, that we may realize our interconnectedness to all creation, and that we may exercise careful stewardship of God’s world for our own and our neighbors’ sake, we pray: **“Speak Lord, your servants are listening.”**
- AM For any needs you may offer spoken or silently.....we pray, **“Speak Lord, your servants are listening.”**
- L For all these and any other needs, Lord, we offer prayers in the name of Christ,  
C **Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of God’s peace.*

*The Offering is received and the table is prepared.*

## **The Anthem Dropkick Me Jesus**

*Dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life; end over end, neither left nor to right. Straight through the heart of them righteous uprights dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life. Make me, old, make me, Lord, more than I am. Make me a piece of your master game plan. Free from the earthly tempestion below, i’ve got the will, lord, if you got the toe. Dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life; end over end, neither left nor to right. Straight through the heart of them righteous uprights drop kick me Jesus, through the goal posts of life. Bring on the brothers who’ve gone on before; And all of the sisters who’ve knocked on your door; All the departed, dear, loved ones of mine, stick them up front in the offensive line. Dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life; end over end, neither left nor to right. Straight through the heart of them righteous uprights dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life. A lowly bench warmer I’m contented to be until the time when you have need of me. A flash on the big scoreboard that shines from on high, a big super bowl way up in the sky. Dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life; end over end, neither left nor to right. Straight through the heart of them righteous uprights dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life. Dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life; end over end, neither left nor to right. Straight through the heart of them righteous uprights dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life. Dropkick me, Jesus, through the goal posts of life.*

## **The Offertory is sung**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

*The Leader speaks an Offertory Prayer*

## **The Great Thanksgiving –**

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**L The Lord be with you.**

**C And also with you.**

**L Lift up your hearts.**

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

**L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

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

*The Proper Preface is spoken*

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, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **Sanctus**

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**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*Leader continues with the Great Thanksgiving.*

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**C 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**

## **The Agnus Dei**

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**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace,  
Lamb of God.**

*All are welcome to the table of the Lord.*

*Communion is distributed.*

## Communion

## Post Communion Prayer

### Benediction *spoken*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace   **C   Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## Let Streams of Living Justice

ELW 710

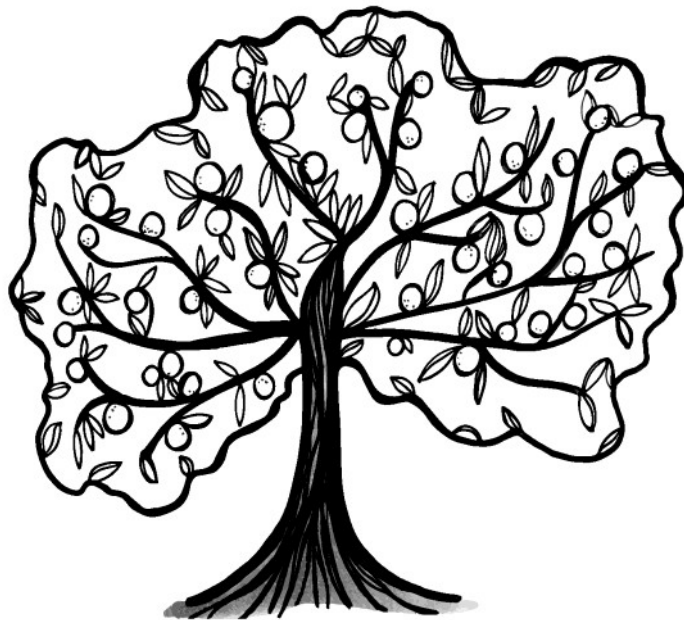
## Dismissal

AM   Go now in peace, to love, and serve the Lord   and your neighbors.

**C   Thanks be to God**

## Postlude

*Please allow a time of reflective silence during the postlude.*



## IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below.

Kay Ackley  
Francine Ahrens  
Ben, Sheryl & Nik Ahrens  
Peggy Ali  
Joyce Almsted

Connie Aparo  
Phil Bascetta  
Eli Boda  
Kathleen Bowler  
Cherie Brown  
Sharon Cable

Nancy Campbell  
Carol Cianciolo  
Cheryl Corey  
Leif Dallaire  
Emily Decker

Linda Dellano  
Carla Derrickson  
Sigrid Devita  
Irene Douglas  
Judy Elliott

Mark Ebbeskotte  
Jan Eucalitto  
Pamela Ewing  
Jennifer Ezzo  
Bruce & Liz Falls

Eric Fernandez  
Ashley Friday  
Rosemarie Foth  
John Fox  
Joan Gerard

Jack & Barbara Heintz  
Brayden Herzberg  
Kathleen Hilton  
Shannon Hilton  
Jake Hoadley

Sven Holmgren  
Erma Horn  
Amy Rose Jensen  
Ann Jones  
Eunice Jones  
Lynn Killingbeck

Marilyn Killingbeck  
Jason Lashbrook  
John Lewis  
David Little  
Rebecca Little  
  
Kari Machowski  
Mary Ellen Mackinnon  
Jerry MacManus  
Audrey & Ernie Marquard  
Abigail Marine

Eric Marine  
Michael Marine  
Richard Marine  
Janis Martin  
Gil & Marilyn Martin

Gladys Medina  
Michael Meyers  
Kate Merrow  
Colin Moore  
Brigitte Mueller

Bill Muhl  
Dennis Nalette  
Karen Ness  
Greg O'Brien  
Tom O'Brien

Lea Orriola & family  
Russell Palmer  
Maria Payne  
Jackie Quinn Wassik  
Caroline Quintal

Roman Radzins  
Ed & Susan Regner  
Jonathan Richard  
Louise Roche  
Judy Schaller

Rosemary & Otto Schibi  
Denae Seelye  
Teri Seleman  
Patricia Weingart Seymour  
Rob Simon

Matt Simpson  
Christopher Slate  
Dana Steele  
Sigrid Smitley  
Paul Smith  
Jennifer Stella

Deb & Jon Sterling  
RuthAnn Stone  
Diane Tanner  
Gloria Thibault  
Curtis Trippodi

Julia Thompson Carroll  
Susan Tycienski  
Chamo Vega  
Renee Woodard  
Clarence & Priscilla

Ed  
Jen O.  
Jaiden  
Shirley  
Steve

Lou W.  
Curtis  
Steve  
Todd  
Robert K.

Terry  
Joe  
Rosie  
Carol G.  
Kristen & Jared

Vinny  
Hagbard  
Carolina  
Robert P.  
Peanut

Colleen  
Ken  
Jaxson

### Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon  
Midge Rosenbeck  
Calvin Bensch

### Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.  
Tyler Quinn  
Eric Beyus  
Major Zachary Fulton  
Brandan Holbrook  
Jonathan Connell  
Tom Gregg, Jr.  
Eric Bremer  
Peter Hutchinson  
S/W Anderson James Ernst  
USCG  
SPC Dominic Boscarino  
PVT Noah Braatz  
PVT 2 Christian Braatz

Committee Meetings	Date	Time
Chris. Ed.	2/17	6:30 pm
I/T via Zoom	2/19	7:30 pm
Worship & Music	2/20	6:00 pm
Women of the ELCA	2/24	6:30 pm

**BIBLE STUDY Tuesdays 6 pm via Zoom and  
Wednesdays 10am**

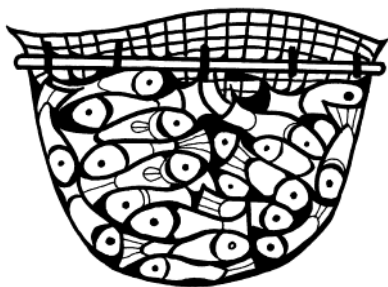
Tai Chi 11:00 am & Quilting Group 1:00 pm on  
Wednesdays



**Offerings Summary:**  
**Needed Weekly \$4,561**  
**Actually Received \$1,423\***  
**Shortfall (\$3,138)**  
**YTD Shortfall (\$5,771)**

**\*No service, snow day**

Around the Church	Date	Time
Contemporary Music rehearsal	2/18	7:30 pm
New Member Service	2/23	10:00 am
Ash Wednesday	3/5	
Hilltop Bingo	3/7	7 pm
Fellowship Dinner	3/29	5:30 pm



## Minimalist bulletin

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***The Women of the ELCA presents***

**Lil Sunflower Studio's Vicki McDonald**

**BUSTED CANVAS**

**A craft night for all!**

**Monday, February, 24, 2025 6:30 pm**

**\$12.00 per person**



WELCA event 2.24.25

Detach & Return with Payment (due w/order) to Offering Plate or  
St. Paul's Office

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# You're Invited!

## *A Retirement Party for Jean Schlapper*

Sunday, March 9, 2025 at Noon

St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

Details: After 20 years of devoted service, Jean is retiring from the bookkeeper position at St. Paul's! Come celebrate Jean with us on March 9th. Please bring a brunch dish to share, we will be having cake so dessert items are not needed. If you would like to spoil Jean with gifts and cards, go for it! She deserves it!

**\*\*FRIDAY ~ MARCH 7TH\*\***

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