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## PRELUDE - RINGING OF THE BELL

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - and Happy Birthday Song to all October Birthdays

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **C: Amen.**

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

**C:** we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG: Open The Eyes of My Heart

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord . . . Open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You, . . . . . I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord . . . . Open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You, . . . . . I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up . . . . Shining in the light of Your glory,  
Pour out Your power and love . . . . As we sing holy, holy, holy . . . .

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord . . . . Open the eyes of my heart,  
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Pour out Your power and love . . . . As we sing holy, holy, holy . . . .

**CHORUS:** Holy, holy, holy . . . holy, holy, holy . . . Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You . . . .

Holy, holy, holy . . . holy, holy, holy . . . Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You . . . .

I want to see . . . . You.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

*Let Us Pray* - Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## FIRST READING Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup>O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous— therefore

judgment comes forth perverted. <sup>2</sup>I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. <sup>2</sup>Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. <sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. <sup>4</sup>Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

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

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **CHILDREN’S SONG Jesus Loves Me ELW595**

1) Je-sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi-ble tells me so,  
Little ones to him be-long, they are weak, but he is strong.

**REFRAIN: Yes, Je-sus loves me . . yes, Je-sus loves me . .  
yes, Je-sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so!**

2) Je-sus loves me! he who died, heav - en’s gates to o-pen wide;  
He will wash a-way my sin, let his lit-tle child come in. **REFRAIN**

3) Je-sus loves me! he will stay . . close be-side me all the way;  
When at last I come to die, he will take me home on high. **REFRAIN**

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## THE SERMON

### HYMN OF THE DAY: My Faith Looks Up to Thee ELW#759

- 1) My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal-va-ry, Sav-ior di-vine!  
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt a-way, oh, let me from this day be whol-ly thine!
- 2) May thy rich grace im-part, strength to my faint-ing heart, my zeal in-spire;  
As thou hast died for me, oh, may my love to thee; pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv-ing fire!
- 3) While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a-round me spread, be thou my guide;  
Bid dark-ness turn to-day, wipe sor-row's tears a-way, nor let me ev-er stray from thee a-side.

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## THE CREED

P: Let us confess our faith in the Triune God.

**C: 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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster: relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick, *especially*.....

And those we name now out loud, in our hearts,

Or add in the comment section at this time.....

(pause for names to be added)

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**P:** I invite you, at this time, to make a gesture of peace to your siblings in Christ.

## THE THANK OFFERING

*For those who desire to make a financial offering you may drop them off at the offering station before or after service. You may also go to [www.stpaulscasco.com](http://www.stpaulscasco.com) and click on the donate icon at any time or mail them to the church during the week.*

**THE OFFERING PRAYER** P: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **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: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples. He also took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink.

With these words he made us this promise. At this time, I invite you to lift the bread and cup. Please repeat after me the promise that our Lord gave us.

P: Take and eat; **C: Take and eat.**

P: This is my body, given for you. **C: This is my body given for you.**

P: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, **C: This cup is the new covenant in my blood.**

P: Shed for all people for the forgiveness of sin. **C: Shed for all people for the forgiveness of sin.**

P: Do this for the remembrance of me. **C: Do this for the remembrance of me.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** – P: Let us pray in the words our Savior taught us.

**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 MEAL** Pastor: All those who believe in the promise are invited to partake in God's amazing grace at this time.

## **COMMUNION SONG: People Need the Lord**

1) Ev-'ry day, they pass me by . . . I-can-see it in their eyes . . . emp-ty peo-ple filled with care . . .  
Head-ed who knows where . . . . . On-they-go through pri-vate pain . . . liv-ing fear to fear . . .  
Laugh-ter hides the si-lent cries . . . only Je-sus hears . . . . .

**REFRAIN: Peo-ple need the Lord . . . . . peo-ple need the Lord . . . . .**

**At-the-end of bro-ken dreams . . . He's the o-pen door . . . . .**

**Peo-ple need the Lord . . . . . peo-ple need the Lord . . . . .**

**When will we re-al-ize . . . peo-ple need, the Lord.**

2) We-are-called to take His light . . . to-a-world where wrong seems right . . .

What-could-be too great a cost . . . for-shar-ing life with one who's lost? . . .

Through-His-love our hearts can feel . . . all the grief they bear . . . . .

They-must-hear the words of life . . . on-ly we can share . . . . . **REFRAIN**

## COMMUNION, POST COMMUNION LITURGY

Pastor: May the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**DOXOLOGY** - Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Public Domain

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER** P: Let us pray. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C: Amen**

**BENEDICTION** P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **C: Amen**

### **SENDING HYMN: Go My Children With My Blessing ELW#543**

1) "Go, my chil-dren with my bless-ing, nev - er a-lone.  
Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you mine for-ev-er.  
Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own."

2) "Go, my chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's sto-ry, here you touched him, saw his glo-ry.  
Go, my children, sins for-giv-en, at peace and pure."

3) "Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me.  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, joy - ful and free.  
Here my Spir-it's pow-er filled you, here my ten-der com-fort stilled you.  
Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free."

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### **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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*Additional Reading for this week-- - Psalm 37:1-9*

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*Pastor's Midweek Facebook Devotional*

*7 p.m. this Wednesday, October 5, 2022*

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Note it will be left on the sight for viewing also at a later time.