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Welcome! We're excited you're here. In our service, we gather before Almighty God to offer Him our worship and praise. We come together to be strengthened through the study of God's Word and empowered to live as His witnesses.

Families, if you brought your children with you today, we want you to know that the spiritual well-being of your child is very important to us. Many families wish to encourage their younger child(ren) to be in church and get what they can out of it. If you feel that you need to take your child out; our staffed nursery is downstairs, in the Children's Ministry area. A restroom with a changing station is also located by the rear parking lot entrance to your left as you exit the atrium doors of the Multi-Ministry Center (MMC).

Guests, we welcome you. Please help us to get to know you by filling out the *Guest* side of the *Welcome Card* found in the chair backs and place it in the offering baskets.

As We Gather: In Christ, we are not overcome by our work but empowered by him to live our everyday moments in light of eternity. *Some questions to ponder on:* What do you do for work? Do you enjoy it? Why or why not? What would you consider sacred work, and what would be secular work? How does Colossians 3 and Jeremiah 1 challenge the idea that there is a division between sacred and secular? Does spiritual growth impact your work life? In what ways? What is a task during your workday that you could use to remind you to pause and recognize God with you in your work? How might that change your outlook on your job?

A HUGE "Thank you" to those that served to make worship happen today...

Elder.....	Glen Brueggemeier	Tech	Fred Pfalzgraf
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome

Opening Worship

*House of the Lord
Living Waters*

Call to Worship

Opening Sentences, Confession and Absolution

Children's Message

God's Word

*Jeremiah 1:4-10
Colossians 3:1-11, 16-17, 23-24
Luke 16:19-31*

(Children dismissed for Children's Church (CC))

What We Believe

Creed, Second Article and Meaning

Today's Message

Offering

(Thanks for your support of God's mission here – Children return from CC.)

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord/

Reception of Communion / Song

King of Kings

Blessing

Song

The Saving One

Dismissal

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10
(The Call of Jeremiah.)

⁴ Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." ⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." ⁹ Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-11, 16-17, 23-24
(Whatever you do work for the Lord.)

³ If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷ In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸ But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹ Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. ...¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. ...²³ Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not

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EPISTLE *(cont.)*

for men,²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 16:19-31

(The story of the rich man and poor Lazarus)

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man's table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried, ²³and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. ²⁴And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ ²⁷And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father's house— ²⁸for I have five brothers—so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ ³⁰And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ ³¹He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

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