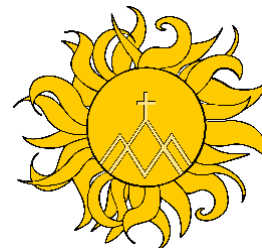


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TRUE WISDOM, ON THE WAY

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 by His Word to be 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 teach and 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 for whatever reason; there is a cry room near the back of the sanctuary and a restroom with a baby changing station is located by the elevator (to the left as you exit the sanctuary). **Guests**, we welcome you. If you will, please help us to get to know you by filling out the Guest side of the Welcome Card found in the pews/ chair backs and place it in the offering plates.

As We Gather: The season of Pentecost has arrived! With the arrival of the Holy Spirit, this season of the Church Year is marked by growth. We see evidence of the growth the Spirit is seeking in this week's Readings. The Lord and giver of life seeks to see His people grow faithful hearts through faithful worship, resulting in faithful service. When the way ahead isn't as clear or as comfortable as we would like, we rely on the Lord's wisdom, leading us back to His faithful servant, Jesus Christ.

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

OPENING HYMN

825 Rise, Shine, You People

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered Our human story; God in Him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.
- 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling, Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us. Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.

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OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 52:10; 48:17; 55:6

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

P The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations,

C and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

OPENING SENTENCES *(cont.)*

P Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel:

C “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you in the way you should go.”

P Seek the LORD while He may be found;

C call upon Him while He is near.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Isaiah 46:12–13

P Seeking our Lord, His wisdom, and His grace, we confess:

C Almighty and all-merciful God, in wisdom You have created all things, and in grace, You seek the lost and erring. Yet, through our selfish choices and sinful nature, we ignore Your wisdom and refuse Your grace. We prefer our own way, resisting the Holy Spirit and His work of bringing forth the fruits of faithfulness. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, console and correct us, that we might forsake our wicked ways and unrighteous thoughts and turn to You, the God who has compassion and abundant pardon.

P The Lord is gracious, for He declares, “Listen to Me, you stubborn of heart, you who are far from righteousness: I bring near My righteousness; it is not far off, and My salvation will not delay.” The Lord has brought His righteousness in giving His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for you. Through Him, and Him alone, you have forgiveness, life, and salvation. In the stead and by the command of Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

506 Glory Be to God the Father

- 1 Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit: Great Jehovah, Three in One!
Glory, glory While eternal ages run!
- 2 Glory be to Him who loved us, Washed us from each spot and stain;
Glory be to Him who bought us, Made us kings with Him to reign!
Glory, glory To the Lamb that once was slain!
- 3 Glory to the King of angels, Glory to the Church’s King,
Glory to the King of nations; Heav’n and earth, your praises bring!
Glory, glory To the King of glory sing!
- 4 Glory, blessing, praise eternal! Thus the choir of angels sings;
Honor, riches, pow’r, dominion! Thus its praise creation brings.
Glory, glory, Glory to the King of kings!

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. All-present, eternal Holy Spirit, who sustains Your church through trial, safeguards her against temptation, and secures her in the triumph of our Savior, Jesus Christ, produce in Your people the fruits of faithfulness, kept in true worship and service through the One who is the way, the truth, and the life, namely Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 2

(The Reign of the LORD's Anointed.)

2 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, ³ "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." ⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. ⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, ⁶ "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." ⁷ I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. ⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." ¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

801 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23-4:7

(We have put on Christ, becoming children and heirs, with hearts home to the Holy Spirit.)

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. ... 4 I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

VERSE

Luke 8:39a

P Alleluia. Return to your home,

C and declare how much God has done for you. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

(Jesus travels beyond Galilee, transforming a demoniac into a missionary.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eighth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶ Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³² Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. ³⁴ When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶ And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed man had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

MESSAGE HYMN

537 Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of
God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -
serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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MESSAGE

Please Stand – Children return from Children's Church

CATECHISM

The Third Petition

P The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer says:

C Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

P What does this mean?

C The good and gracious will of God is done even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

P How is God's will done?

C God's will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Prayer response after each petition...)*

P Let us pray to the Lord,

C Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

+ SACRAMENT +

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have sent Your only-begotten Son to bear our sin and be our Savior. To all the nations He declares, "I am the way". We give You thanks and praise that through the cross, Jesus Christ has made a way for us to receive forgiveness, reconciliation, and redemption. Feed us with His true body and blood that our lives might abound in faith and good works, and gather us with the faithful from the ends of

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(cont.)*

the earth. To the praise of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matt. 26:26–28; Mk. 14:22–24; Lk. 22:19–20; 1 Cor. 11:23–25

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Be Seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS *(see screens)*

*744 Amazing Grace
570 Just as I Am, without One Plea*

Please Stand

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

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.

CLOSING HYMN

643 Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

- 1 Sent forth by God’s blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave. The Supper is ended.
O now be extended The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of His teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all. His grace did invite us,
His love shall unite us To work for God’s kingdom and answer His call.
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will face. Our faith ever sharing,
In love ever caring, Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
With Your feast You feed us, With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share. Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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DISMISSAL

Into the world, knowing and sharing the wisdom of God on our way...

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