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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 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. **Holy Communion** questions, please see purple sheets on *Info Table* or near the bulletins.

As We Gather: Big Idea of *I Give Thanks* Series: This series looks at the thanksgiving prayers in Paul's epistles. God has a wonderful plan for each of us as we work together for His glory. Sometimes we need to stop and pray intentionally for others to have the wisdom and insight God wants them to have and to find joy in knowing His plan.

WELCOME

Please Stand

CALL TO WORSHIP

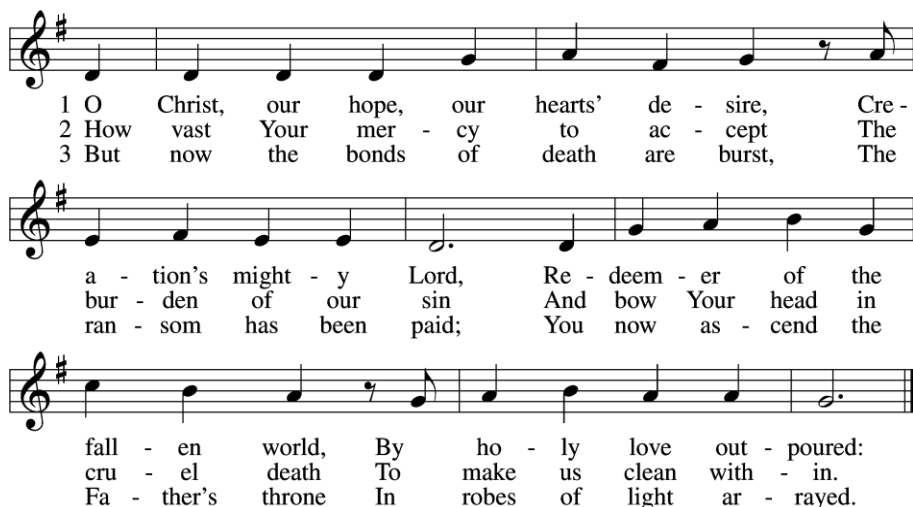
P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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

OPENING HYMN

553 "O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire"



1 O Christ, our hope, our hearts' de - sire, Cre -
2 How vast Your mer - cy to ac - cept The
3 But now the bonds of death are burst, The

a - tion's might - y Lord, Re - deem - er of the
bur - den of our sin, And bow Your head in
ran - som has been paid; You now as - cend the

fall - en world, By ho - ly love out - poured:
cru - el death To make us clean with - in.
Fa - ther's throne In robes of light ar - rayed.

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OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 22:27; Isaiah 43:1

- P All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,
C And all the families of the nations shall worship before You.
P Now thus says the LORD, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you;
C I have called you by name, you are Mine."

CONFESSION AND CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Colossians 1:13–14

- P The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness
C and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
P Almighty God and King,
C we confess that we have broken trust with You. We have doubted Your goodness, neglected Your ways, and sought to satisfy our sinful nature. We do not think, speak, or act like Your treasured possession. We bring before You our faults and failures, honestly and humbly recognizing that we deserve to be cast out of Your kingdom. Have mercy, O Lord, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Spare us from Your wrath, deliver us from death and darkness, and cleanse us from sin, that we serve You in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness now and always. Amen.
P On His cross, Jesus Christ, your Savior, was crowned with shame and given unto death for You. His blood pays the price Your sins deserve. Now crowned with glory, the risen and reigning Christ lives to declare sins forgiven. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of 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

INTROIT

- P Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world, both low and high, rich and poor together!
C Truly no man can ransom another, or give to God the price of his life, for the ransom of their life is costly and can never suffice. This is the path of those who have foolish confidence; yet after them people approve of their boasts. Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol; death shall be their shepherd. But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for He will receive me.
P Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
C both low and high, rich and poor together! Amen!

HYMN OF PRAISE

553 "O Christ, Our Hope, Our Hearts' Desire"

4 O let Your might - y love pre - vail To
5 Christ Je - sus, be our pres - ent joy, Our
△ 6 All praise to You, as - cend - ed Lord; All

purge us of our pride That we may stand be -
fu - ture great re - ward; Our on - ly glo - ry,
glo - ry ev - er be To Fa - ther, Son, and

fore Your throne By mer - cy pu - ri - fied.
may it be To glo - ry in the Lord!
Ho - ly Ghost Through all e - ter - ni - ty!

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SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 3:13-18

(The Lord makes His claim on His treasured possession, declaring "they shall be Mine.")

¹³ "Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, 'How have we spoken against you?' ¹⁴ You have said, 'It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? ¹⁵ And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evil-doers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.'" ¹⁶ Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name.

¹⁷ "They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸ Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

L *This is the Word of the Lord.*

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN

687 "Thine Forever, God of Love", vv. 1-4



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good-ness share.

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EPISTLE

Philippians 1:3-11

(I thank my God every time I remember you...)

³ I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶ And I am sure of this, that he who began a

EPISTLE (cont.)

good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸ For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

VERSE

Luke 5:15

P Alleluia, alleluia! Now even more the report about Him went abroad,

C and great crowds gathered to hear Him and to be healed of their infirmities. Alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 23:27–43

(Upon the cross, Jesus is enthroned as King and speaks of forgiveness and paradise.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³ And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Be Seated – Children Dismissed for Children's Church

MESSAGE HYMN

646 "Church of God, Elect and Glorious"

1 Church of God, elect and glorious, Holy nation, chosen race;
Called as God's own special people, Royal priests and heirs of grace;
Know the purpose of your calling, Show to all His mighty deeds;
Tell of love that knows no limits, Grace that meets all human needs.

(vv. 2-4 on next page)

Taking the cross of grace and peace to form a community of uncommon servants.

MESSAGE HYMN (cont.)

2 God has called you out of dark-ness In - to
3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers
4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the

His most mar - v'lous light; Brought His truth to
to God's heart of love; But He brought you
peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and

life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to
home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -
swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter

sight. Let your light so shine a - round you
bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,
sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing

That God's name is glo - ri - fied And all find fresh
Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may
Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in

hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.
know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.
joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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MESSAGE

Please Stand – Children return from Children's Church

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C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERING *(Thanks for your ongoing stewardship and support of God's mission here!)*

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

P In the name of Jesus,
C **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

Be Seated

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Please Stand

BENEDICTION

P Lift up your heads and open your eyes,
C **for He is coming!**
P Who is coming?
C **The King of glory!**
P Who is this King of glory?
C **The Lord of hosts; He is the King of glory!**
P The almighty and merciful God—the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and preserve you, and lead you into everlasting life.
C **Amen and amen!**

CLOSING HYMN

924 “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

- 1 Lord, dismiss us with Your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us; O refresh us, Trav’ling through this wilderness.
- 2 Thanks we give and adoration For Your Gospel’s joyful sound.
May the fruits of Your salvation In our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful To Your truth may we be found.
- 3 Savior, when Your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,
Let not fear of death appall us, Glad Your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever Reign with You in endless day.

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DISMISSAL

Into the world, making a clear confession of Christ...

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

Pastor	Pastor Rev. Jason Hoerth	Reader	Kathy Dreier
Children’s Message	Chris Graves, DCE	Musician.....	Cheryl Heck
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