

WELCOME!

We are glad to welcome you today as we gather together to worship God! Please be sure you complete the salmon insert inside your bulletin and turn it in to the usher at the time of communion.

This bulletin will assist you in participating in worship. All parts spoken by the congregation are listed in **bold print and preceded by “C:”**

There are also instructions printed in *italics* that will indicate other helpful descriptions of the service.
Large Print Hymns are available. Please see an usher.

Thank you for turning off your cell phones or putting them on “silent” during the service.



*We are committed to invite and welcome all to Jesus Christ,
to equip all with an active faith that works in real life,
and together go into the world to serve in Jesus' name.*

ORGAN PRELUDE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

J. Wayne Kerr

Please stand

HYMN 853 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFSSION and FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: 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.

PRAAYER OF THE DAY

P: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 19:4-8

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

R: The Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

R: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of a single staff in G clef, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. It features a series of eighth and sixteenth note patterns. The lyrics are written below the staff: "Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word." A page number "S 205a" is located in the top right corner of the music staff area.



Let it burn like fire with-in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

P: The Holy Gospel according to the sixth chapter of John.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 6:35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN 472 "Eat This Bread"

SERMON

Pastor Seth Jersild

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Response:

P: ...Lord in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

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 Him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy.....

...and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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.

DISTRIBUTION

Please follow the instructions from the pastor for distribution.

Believing in the real presence of Christ's body and blood in the bread and wine of the Holy Communion for the forgiveness of sin, we practice Eucharistic hospitality. All baptized persons are welcomed to the Lord's Table.

BLESSING, PRAYER and BENEDICTION

HYMN 607 "Come Ye Disconsolate"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ORGAN POSTLUDE Hymn to Joy

Beethoven / arr. Paul Manz

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost – August 8, 2021

“...put off your old self...and be renewed...in the holiness of God...” (Ephesians 4:21-24)

Paul’s instructions, his way of shaping the life of the community of faith, continues this Sunday. Just as our muscles and ligaments need regular stretching and exercise, the structures holding together the body of Christ need constant training in holiness and moral living in this new manner of life. Holiness may be a powerful way to name this new life. Paul says that we have learned about Christ, and were taught the truth about him. That means we are to put off our old self and be renewed by letting go of our corrupt and deceitful desires. We are to put off lying but instead speak truthfully to our neighbor because we are of one body knit together in the one holy and righteous God.

Paul reminds us that the old Gentile life is marked by disobedience against the will and love of God. Gentiles, like you and me, are now a part of God’s people. But Gentiles are not going to just “will” themselves out of their old life. They cannot just decide to be peaceable, honest, or renewed all on their own especially when they have lived in disobedience and rebellion to God in the past.

There is a great truth behind Paul’s teachings for all to take notice. The practices of putting away lying and only telling the truth, putting away anger, slander, hatred, malice, and spite, are only possible because Jesus makes them possible through his birth, life, death, and resurrection. He who lived them out perfectly, enables their possibility in the world and in us, because of the one Lord, one faith, and one God. Paul also knows that we mature and our faith grows through interacting with and serving a community. We also need the witness of others who are struggling along with us to live into this new, radical life. We need other “saints and sinners” to help us and encourage us along the way.

This passage from Paul’s letter to the church in Ephesus is a shocking word for today’s church. Paul’s words are a simple reminder that we are given the gifts of tenderheartedness, gentleness, and forgiveness as a gift of the Holy Spirit, working through the one who forgives and shares his body and blood for the sake of the world. Amen.