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*Welcome in Jesus' name.*

*We extend a special welcome to guests and visitors.*



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# WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Prelude/Procession/Bells

Welcome and Announcements

L: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, ✠ Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: Steadfast and faithful God,

**C: you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

L: Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In ✠ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

## **\*Gathering Hymns:**

"Lord, I Need You"

(See Insert)

1 Lord, I come. I confess bowing here, I find my rest.  
Without You, I fall apart, You're the One that guides my heart.

### **Chorus 1**

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.  
My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God, how I need You.

2 Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.  
Where grace is found is where You are.  
where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me.

### **Bridge**

So, teach my song to rise to You when temptation comes my way.  
And when I cannot stand, I'll fall on You. Jesus You're my hope and stay.

## Chorus 2

Lord, I need You, oh I need You, Ev'ry hour I need You.

My one defense, my righteousness, Oh God how I need You so.

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“Now Thank We All Our God”

ELW #840 (vs. 1,2)

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm In this world and the next.

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### \*Apostolic Greeting:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the  
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

### \*Kyrie:

ELW, Setting 3, Page 138

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have Mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

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*Refrain:*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God. *Refrain:*

2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
*Refrain:*

3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen *Refrain:*

4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. *Refrain:*

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**\*The Prayer of the Day:**

Beloved God, **from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:**

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem

and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Psalm Reading:**

Psalm 80:7-15

L: Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

**C: You have brought a vine out of Egypt; you cast out the nations and planted it.**

L: You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.

**C: The mountains were covered by its shadow and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

L: You stretched out its tendrils to the sea and its branches to the river.

**C: Why have you broken down its wall, so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

L: The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

**C: Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;**

L: behold and tend this vine; preserve what your right hand has planted.

**Scripture Reading:**

Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul writes: <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Sermon

**\*Gospel Acclamation:** "Alleluia"

ELW, Setting 3, Page 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the works of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**\*Holy Gospel:**

Matthew 21:33-46

L: The Holy Gospel according to the Book of Matthew.

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

Jesus said to the people: <sup>33</sup>“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup>When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup>But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup>Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? <sup>43</sup>Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>44</sup>The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” <sup>45</sup>When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup>They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

L: The Gospel of our Lord.     **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

**\*Hymn:**     “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

ELW #803

1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God;  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did ever such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life my all.

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**\*Apostles' Creed:**

**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.**

**\*Prayers of the People**

**\*Peace:**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you always. **C:** **And also with you.**

**Offering**

**\*Offertory Prayer:**

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

**\*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.**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy:**

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest.

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**\*Words of Institution**

**\*The Lord's Prayer:**

**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 of Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymns:**

**"Lamb of God"**

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Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
Grant us peace.

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**"This is Christ's Body"**

This is Christ's body, broken and blest.

Feed us with mercy and love.

We are Christ's body, broken and blest.

Heal us and make us one.

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**"What A Fellowship"**

ELW #774

Chorus

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
O how bright the path grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms

3 What have I to dread what have I to fear  
Leaning on the everlasting arms  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near

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## **\*Communion Blessing**

### **\*Communion Prayer:**

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

### **\*Benediction:**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

### **\*Sending Hymn:** "God's Work, Our Hands"

1 God's work, our hands: working together,  
building a future, repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.  
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,  
following Jesus to places unknown,  
walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
running the race with God's future the goal.  
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

3 God's work, our voice: singing together,  
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
praying for peace, shouting for justice,  
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
sharing the good news of your gospel.

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### **\*Dismissal:**

**L:** Go in peace. Share the harvest.      **C: Thanks be to God.**