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Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness based on Psalm 32

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit. **When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my shortcomings. I said, "I will confess my sin to the LORD."** Let all the faithful pray to you while you may be found

Silence for repentance

God you are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance. Therefore I need only confess my shortcomings and trust that you will counsel me with a loving eye turned toward grace...

God's unfailing love surrounds the one who trusts in God. Your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad!

Opening Hymn

Come to the Water of Life ACS 955

All who are thirsty for mercy, all who are thirsty for love, all who are thirsty for love, for mercy come, come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for healing all who are thirsty for touch; all who are thirsty for touch, for healing come, come to the Water of life.

All who are thirsty for beauty; all who are thirsty for truth; all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty come, come to the Water of life

All who are thirsty for justice; all who are thirsty for peace, all who are thirsty for peace, for justice come, come to the Water of life.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

God of our Life song, the psalms sing of joy and mourning; peace and longing; contentment and lament. All of our life is lived in your loving presence. May the psalms speak hope to our hearts and bring us closer to you. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Children's Message

We give you thanks, O God, for the ways you stitch us together by your grace. Bless this fabric as a tangible symbol of our prayers for Bishop Elect Martin Halom as he prepares to lead us in Your creative work. You have given us all unique gifts for the work and mission of Your church. Stitch us together in you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Centering Song

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Welcome the Word

Great is Thy Faithfulness WOV 771 (refrain)

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Scripture Reading

Psalms 85:6-13

Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?
Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.[a]

**Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him and will make a path for his steps.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day
(refrain)

One Bread, One Body WOV 710

One bread, one body, one Lord of all; one cup of blessing that we bless, and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more (refrain)
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. (refrain)
Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one for all (refrain)

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. 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 People

Merciful God, receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Let us praise God together on our knees, let us praise God together on our knees, when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun O Lord have mercy on me.

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us; ourselves, our time and our possessions; signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Words of Consecration

Written by Beth Merrill Neel
on her blog [Hold Fast to What is Good](#)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a privilege, and joy to praise you, O God, because you made Life: the universe, and this earth, and the flowers we love to water in the summer, and the berries we eat like candy. You made the dogs we walk in the morning, and the cats who sit on our laps even when it's hot. You made us in many shapes and sizes but all in your image. We praise you for creation this day and with great thanks we join our voices with the heavenly host as we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are blessed, O God, as is Jesus our Christ, who invited all of us carrying heavy burdens to come to him. He bore our burdens; he healed us; and he saved us. He invites us to this table where he gathered with friends, took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave to his disciples saying take and eat, this is my body given for you, do this in remembrance of me. Again after supper Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink saying this cup is the new covenant in my blood which is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. And now, O God, we pray for your Spirit. We pray that your Spirit will descend upon our hearts and on these gifts of bread and cup, to transform them from their daily use into a sacred meal. By your Spirit may our hunger and thirst be satisfied, and may we be nourished to go

out into the world to bear the burdens of others. For so much, we offer grateful hearts as we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us....

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, bread of life, we give you thanks for inviting us to your table and sharing your feast. May we know that we have been fed with love and grace, and may we follow you out in the world, ambassadors of your hope and peace. Amen.

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sending Hymn

Go My Children With My Blessing WOV 721

Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.

In my love's baptismal river. I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing - You are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story; Here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;

Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;

I the Lord will smile upon you and give you peace;

I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother.
Go, my children; I will keep you and give you peace.

Dismissal

Go in peace with a psalm in your heart
Thanks be to God!