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Our Mission Statement:

We are a community of believers in Christ called to be servants to all people.

Page numbers (p.) are in front half of the hymnal.

Hymn numbers (#) are in back half of the hymnal.

Everyone is invited to join in **bolded responses**.

+ Please stand as you are able.

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Praise & Worship

"Lord Reign in Me"

Over all the earth, You reign on high, ev'ry mountain stream, ev'ry sunset sky. But my one request, Lord, my only aim is that You'd reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; over all my dreams, in my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again.

Over ev'ry thought, over ev'ry word, may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord; 'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing. So won't You reign in me again.

Lord, reign in me, reign in Your pow'r; over all my dreams, in my darkest hour. You are the Lord of all I am, so won't You reign in me again, won't you reign in me again, won't you reign in me again.

Text: Brenton Brown
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"Give Us Clean Hands"

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh Spirit, come make us humble. We turn our eyes from evil things; Oh Lord we cast down our idols.

Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to another. Give us clean hands, give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to another.

And oh God, let us be a generation that seeks, that seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob; And oh God let us be a generation that seeks, that seeks Your face, oh God of Jacob.

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"Awesome God"

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above With wisdom, power and love, Our God is an awesome God.

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+ Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

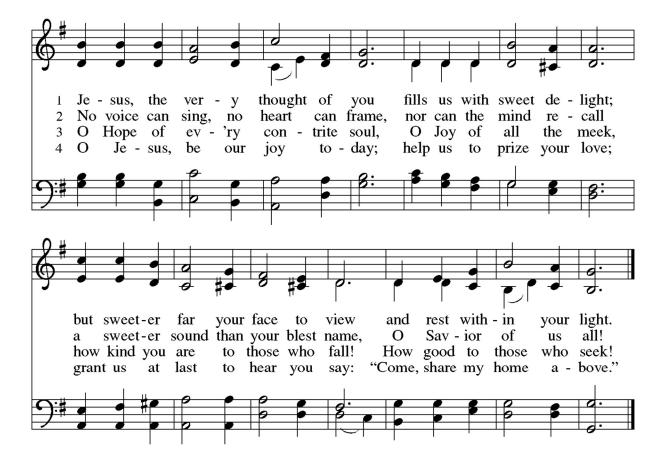
Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

Rejoice in this good news: In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God. **Amen.**

+ Gathering Song

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Jesus, the Very Thought of You



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+ Greeting ELW p.147

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

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Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+Word+

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading Jeremiah 17:5-10

A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Psalm 1

Let us recite together Psalm 1, as translated in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymnal.

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked.

nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD,

and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

4It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A reading from First Corinthians.

¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

+ Gospel Reading

Luke 6:17-26

The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with [the twelve] and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon.¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. 20Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 25"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Young at Heart Message & Sermon

The Rev. Leslie D. Weber

+ Song of the Day

ELW#479

We Come to the Hungry Feast



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+ Apostles' Creed

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With the whole church, let us confess our faith with the words of the 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.

* universal

+ Prayers of Intercession

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

Blessed are those whose trust is in you. Strengthen the faith of those who profess your name and bring reassurance to those who doubt or fear. Through your church speak continued blessing into the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Those who trust in you are like trees planted by streams of water. Bless fruit trees with an abundant harvest. Protect rainforests from destruction. Restore land that has eroded after deforestation. Resurrect woodlands after forest fires. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Search the hearts of those who govern, that they lead with humility. Inspire leaders to collaborate on policies that protect people and the planet. Sustain truth-tellers and social movements that challenge society to become more honest and just. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Send your blessings of mercy upon those who long for consolation. Tend to those struggling with poverty, unemployment, or uncertainty. Provide for all who are hungry. Console those who face persecution. Grant peace to all who suffer. We pray especially for those listed on our prayer list and those we name now aloud or silently (pause for names). God of grace, hear our prayer.

Christ is raised from the dead, and so we cling to the hope of the resurrection. We praise you for the lives of the saints who lived and died in the hope of eternal life with you. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

+ Peace

+Meal+

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

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Checks can be also be sent to church: 521 Providence Rd, Chesapeake, VA 23325



+ Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. **Amen.**

+ Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

+ Lord's Prayer

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Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Communion

Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

Where possible, commune one another saying "the body of Christ, given for you" and "the blood of Christ, shed for you."

Distribution Song

"We Remember You"

In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you. In broken bread and the cup that we share, we remember you. We remember you, Jesus. We remember your love for us. We remember the blood you shed. We remember you.

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+ Prayer after Communion

Please stand as you are able. Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

+ Sending +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

+ Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, & bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. **Amen.**

Announcements

+ Sending Song

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Let Justice Flow like Streams



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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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