

**Sunday, September 18, 2022**

**Prelude**

***Halle Halle Halle***

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Hallelujah Hallelujah

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge that we do not love this world as Jesus does.

*God of mercy and forgiveness,*

**We confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey so that we might walk in the light of your love. We pray this through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

Beloved of God, your sins are forgiven and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit so that we might be about God's purpose of Faithful Living and Changing Lives.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

***Holy Holy Holy***

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee,  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea,  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,  
Which wert and art and ever more shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth, & sky, & sea,  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## **Invocation**

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

## **Liturgy**

### ***Change My Heart, O God***

Change my heart, oh God,  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart, oh God,  
May I be like you.  
You are the potter, I am the clay,  
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

## **Prayer of the Day**

O God of covenant, you promised to give Abraham land, descendants, and a blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor this covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Reading**

### **Genesis 12**

#### *God Calls Abram*

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

## **Message**

## **Hymn of the Day**

### ***Lord of Glory You Have Bought Us***

Lord of glory, you have bought us with your life-blood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.  
And with that have freely given blessings, countless as the sand,  
To the unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.

Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you, gladly, freely of your own,  
With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone,  
Till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe,  
That more happy and more blessed, 'tis to give than to receive.

Lord of glory, you have bought us with your life-blood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you,  
But, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew.

## **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.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

### **Offering**

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### **Offertory Song**

#### ***Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am***

Take, oh, take me as I am, summon out what I shall be,  
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

### **Closing Prayer**

Gracious God of our abundant life, you have refreshed our hearts in this worship with the bread of life.  
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Benediction**

May Almighty God, Creator, Christ, and Comforter, keep you in God's light, God's truth,  
and God's love, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn*****Sent Forth by God's Blessing***

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended, O now be extended,  
The fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall unite us,  
To work for your kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev'ry day life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
Embracing God's children the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us,  
Unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving,  
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**In Our Prayers this Week:**

Aiko Landgraf (niece of Sue Magnuson), Guenther Moesler  
(father of Heidi Guetzkow), Allison Roosevelt (sister of Dana Vraspir),  
Delmer Malo (father of Pam Olson), Rick & Laurie Mann,  
Lyle Kuntz (father of Kim Kuntz), Deanna Nelson (sister of Elvina Nelson),  
Sara Baluski (currently deployed in the U.S. military)