



**Sunday, August 28, 2022**

**Prelude**

***Jesus Won't You Come By Here***

**Welcome**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

*Merciful God,*

**We confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When we meet those in need on the road, we have too often passed by on the other side. When gathered together by your Spirit, we choose to scatter ourselves to distant places, away from you and away from each other. Through your Spirit, gather us again and set us on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Dear Friends, hear the good news! In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. You are free to live as God lives. The Holy Spirit has, indeed, gathered us once again, closer together, closer to God.

**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

***Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue***

1. Although I speak with angel's tongue, my faith, my knowledge all surpass,  
But have no love, my gifts are vain as clanging gong or blaring brass.
2. For love is patient, love is kind, and never vain with boasting pride,  
Love bears all things, all things endures. All things must end, love will abide.
3. For now we peer at darkened glass, our visions end, our tongues all cease.  
In part we know, in part now see, then we will see love face to face.
4. The gifts are many, the Body one, and into one are all baptized.  
Beloved, share one heart, one mind, one hope, one faith, one love in Christ.

**Invocation**

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

## A Litany of Gathering

Let the assembly of the people be gathered around you, O Lord, as you take your seat on high. *(Psalm 7)*

**Whenever we gather, O Lord, we glorify your name.**

May the name of the Lord be declared in Zion,  
when the people gather together to serve the LORD. *(Psalm 102)*

**Whenever we gather, O Lord, we glorify your name.**

Let the redeemed of the Lord be gathered from all the lands,  
from the east and the west, from the north and the south. *(Psalm 107)*

**Whenever we gather, O Lord, we glorify your name.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem, and gathers the outcasts of the earth. *(Psalm 147)*

**Whenever we gather, O Lord, we glorify your name.**

Just as the body is one and has many members, so it is with Christ.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. *(1 Corinthians 12)*

**Whenever we gather, O Lord, we glorify your name.**

Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." *(Matthew 18)*

**Whenever we gather, O Lord, we glorify your name.**

## Hymn of Praise

### Bind Us Together

*Chorus:*

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one king,

There is only one body, that is why we can sing. *(Chorus)*

You are the family of God, you are the promise divine,

You are God's chosen desire, you are the glorious new wine. *(Chorus)*

## Opening Prayer

Gracious Lord God, you have promised that, where two or three are gathered in your name, you are there in the midst of them. Be in the midst of us now, and bless this gathering with your holy presence so that we might be filled with your light, your life, and your love. In your name we pray.

**Amen.**

## Reading

### Luke 24

#### *The Road to Emmaus*

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." Then Jesus said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

**Hymn of the Day**

***Give to Our God Immortal Praise***

Give to our God immortal praise! Mercy and truth are all His ways.  
Wonders of grace to God belong, repeat his mercies in your song.

He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave,  
Wonders of grace to God belong, repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown, the King of kings with glory crown,  
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more.

**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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**Closing Prayer**

Almighty God, be our light in the darkness, and help us to follow the path you have set before us.  
Give us your courage, your patience, and your peace, so that we might shine your light in the world.  
We pray this through 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*****Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee***

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love,  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away,  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are thine,  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**In Our Prayers this Week:**

Guenther Moesler (father of Heidi Guetzkow), Sean Weber, Allison Roosevelt (sister of Dana Vraspir),  
John Millar (husband of Nancy Pickering), 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)

We extend our sympathy to Sue Burke and family upon the recent passing of  
Sue's mother Leona Thorsbakken. May God grant you peace and comfort.