

**Sunday, September 4, 2022**

**Prelude**

***Gather Us In***

Gather us in, gather us in,  
God only knows where we have been,  
Gather us in, gather us in.

**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**

***All Are Welcome***

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace,  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions.  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.
2. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat,  
A banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us.  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

3. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard,  
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

### 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

#### **Kyrie Eleison**

*Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."*

*Refrain:*

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, every day.

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all  
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor,  
That we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family.  
For life and for love, for our work and our play,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord... *(Refrain)*

### 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 13

*Jesus Gathers His People as a Hen Gathers Her Chicks*

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

## Message

### Hymn of the Day

### *All God's Critters*

*Chorus:*

All God's critters got a place in the choir, some sing low, some sing higher,  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire, some just clap their hands, or paws or anything they got now!

1. Listen to the bass it's the one on the bottom, Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big to do, and the old cow just goes moo. (*Chorus*)
2. The dogs and the cats they take up the middle, while the honey bee hums and the crickets fiddle,  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs, and the old coyote howls. (*Chorus*)
3. Listen to the top where the little birds sing, all the melodies with the high notes ringing,  
The hoot owl hollers over everything, and the jaybird disagrees. (*Chorus*)
4. Singin' in the night time, singin' in the day, the little duck quacks and he's on his way,  
The possum ain't got much to say and the porcupine talks to himself. (*Chorus*)
5. It's a simple song of living sung everywhere by the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear  
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above, the sly raccoon and the turtledove. (*Chorus*)

### 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

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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

### *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

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.

*Chorus:*

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

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms,  
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (*Chorus*)

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), 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)