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☐ = Pastor ☒ = Lector [reader] ☑ = Congregation *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship*
↑ Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven." We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Miriam

↑ **GATHERING HYMN: O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate**

ELW Hymn 722

- 1 **O Christ, your heart, compassionate, bore ev'ry human pain.
Its beating was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast domain.
The heart of God, the heart of Christ combined in perfect rhyme
to write God's love in human deeds, eternity in time.**
- 2 **As once you welcomed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
so may all bruised and broken lives through us your help still find.
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep alone,
and help us bear another's pain as though it were our own.**
- 3 **O Christ, create new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
that, joined by faith with your great heart, become love's open doors.
We are your body, risen Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
that through our life and ministry your love may be revealed.**

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↑ **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**

- ☐ O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
☑ **Amen.**

PSALM 25:3-5

—*New International Version*

- ☒ The first reading this morning is from the 25th Psalm. Let us say it together.
☑ **Show us your ways, Lord, teach us your paths.
Guide us in your truth and teach us, for you are God our Savior.
Fix our hope in you all day long, for no one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame.**
- ☒ Word of God, word of life.
☑ **Thanks be to God.**

LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:11-16—*New Life Version*

☐ This morning's lesson is from the 30th chapter of the Old Testament book Deuteronomy.

“**F**or this Law I give you today is not too hard for you, or too far from you. ¹²It is not in heaven. You do not need to say, ‘Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to make us hear it, so we may obey it?’ ¹³It is not farther than the sea. You do not need to say, ‘Who will cross the sea for us and bring it to us to make us hear it, so we may obey it?’

¹⁴“No, the Word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, so that you may obey it.

¹⁵“See, I have put in front of you today life and what is good, and death and what is bad. ¹⁶I tell you today to love the Lord your God. Walk in his ways. Keep all his laws and all that he has decided. Then you will live.”

☐ Word of God, word of life.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

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↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Goodness Is Stronger than Evil*

ELW Hymn 721

**Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;
light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death;
Vict'ry is ours, vict'ry is ours, through God who loves us.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! It's God who loves us.**

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↑ **GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37**

—*New English Version*

☐ Listen for the Word of God from the Gospel of Luke, chapter ten.

☑ **Glory to you, O God.**

Gospel Writer Luke: ²⁵Now an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus, saying,

Expert in religious law: “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

Luke: ²⁶He said to him,

Jesus: “What is written in the law? How do you understand it?”

Expert “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.*”

Luke: ²⁸Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

Luke: ²⁹But the expert, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus,

Expert “And who is my neighbor?”

Luke: ³⁰Jesus replied,

Jesus: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him up, and went off, leaving him half dead.

³¹“Now by chance a priest was going down that road, but when he saw the injured man he passed by on the other side. ³²So too a Levite, when he came up to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan who was traveling came to where the injured man was, and when he saw him,

he felt compassion for him. ³⁴He went up to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring olive oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

³⁵“The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever else you spend, I will repay you when I come back this way.’

³⁶“Which of these three do you think became a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?”

Luke: ³⁷The expert in religious law said,

Expert: “The one who showed mercy to him.”

Luke: So Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “Go and do the same.” ▶



- P** The Gospel of the Lord.
G Praise to you, O Christ.

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SERMON

Pastor Miriam

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY: *Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace*

ELW Hymn 716

- 1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace to love all people, ev'ry race;
 and in each person may I see my kindred, loved, redeemed by thee.
- 2 Break down the wall that would divide thy children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
 My neighbor's good let me pursue; let Christian love bind warm and true.
- 4 Give me thy courage, Lord to speak whenever strong oppress the weak.
 Should I myself the victim be, help me forgive, rememb'ring thee.
- 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy Holy Spirit willed,
 that all I touch, where'er I be, may be divinely touched by thee.

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↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

- P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
- G** 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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

When the petition concludes "God of grace," please respond, "hear our prayer."

The prayers are ended with these words, "God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled

with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping."

Please respond, "Amen."

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OFFERING MUSIC: *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?*

ELW Hymn 659

- 1 Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
 Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey, we are trav'lers on the road;
 we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
 I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.

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↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
- C** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**
—ELW page 108

↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P** 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.

↑ THE LORD'S PRAYER

- C** **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.**

SHARING COMMUNION AT CHURCH or WITH YOUR HOUSEHOLD

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church.
Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.
You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or white grape juice.
You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine
(as we have been using throughout the pandemic).
At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:
"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

COMMUNION HYMN: *Spirit, Open My Heart*

[All Creation Sings Hymn 1043]

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving. Spirit, open my heart.

1 **God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender. Refrain**

2 **Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory. Refrain**

3 **May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of friend and neighbor.
As I live from day to day, love will be my finest labor. Refrain**

↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

☞ The God of peace, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

☞ **Amen.**

↑ SENDING HYMN: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

ELW Hymn 551

- 1 **The Spirit sends us forth to serve; we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor, God's favor to proclaim.**
- 2 **We go to comfort those who mourn and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream and help the blind to see.**
- 3 **We go to be the hands of Christ, to scatter joy like seed,
and all our days, to cherish life, to do the loving deed.**
- 4 **Then let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.**

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↑ DISMISSAL

☞ Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Invite everyone to Jesus' pathway of joy and life!

☞ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ POSTLUDE

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Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Laura Hawkins, in honor of her and Kevin's wedding anniversary.

