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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 Fritz

↑ **GATHERING HYMN:** *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

ELW Hymn 678

Alternate Tune: HOLY MANNA

- 1 **God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**
- 2 **Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**
- 3 **Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.**

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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**

☐ Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. ☑ **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:20-23

☒ The first reading this morning is from Ecclesiastes, chapters one and two.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity . . .
²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun,
²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

☒ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4, 8-11

—*The Message*

☒ This morning's Epistle is from the third chapter from Paul's letter to the Christians at Colossae.

So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is. See things from his perspective.

³⁻⁴Your old life is dead. Your new life, which is your real life—even though invisible to spectators—is with Christ in God. He is your life. When Christ (your real life, remember) shows up again on this earth, you'll show up, too—the real you, the glorious you. Meanwhile, be content with obscurity, like Christ.

... You know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, dirty talk.

⁹⁻¹¹Don't lie to one another. You're done with that old life. It's like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you've stripped off and put in the fire. Now you're dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ.

☒ Word of God, word of life.

☑ Thanks be to God.

⬆ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah*

ELW Hymn 172

Halle, halle, hallelujah. Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.



⬆ **GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21**

☒ Listen for the Word of God from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 12.

☑ **Glory to you, O God.**

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

☒ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Fritz

⬆ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Be Thou My Vision*

ELW Hymn 793

- 1 **Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought both by day and by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2 **Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r, raise thou me heav'nward,
O Pow'r of my pow'r. ▶**

4
 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
 thou and thou only, the first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.
 4 Light of my soul, after victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!
 Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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↑ **OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Ⓟ Let us confess our baptismal faith together.
 © 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 "Merciful God," please respond, "receive our prayer."
 The prayers are ended with these words, "Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God,
 and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.
 Please respond, "Amen."*

OFFERING

*We acknowledge that you may have already offered your gifts electronically or by mail.
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OFFERING MUSIC: Take My Life, that I May Be Consecrated

ELW Hymn 583

*Refrain: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
 take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.*

1 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
 take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee. *Refrain*
 2 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
 take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*
 3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
 take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. *Refrain*
 4 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. *Refrain*

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↑ **THE 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.
 Ⓟ 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:

- ☐ **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

- ☐ 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

- ☐ **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: *O Living Bread from Heaven*

ELW Hymn 542

- 1 **O living Bread from heaven, how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing! O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing, in thankful song o'er flows.**
- 2 **My Savior, you have led me within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven, that now I shall not die.**
- 3 **You gave me all I wanted; this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor you have shown;
and all my soul and spirit bow down before your throne.**
- 4 **Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened, to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you glad songs in endless joy.**

↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

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

C Amen.

↑ SENDING HYMN: *God Grace and God of Glory*

ELW Hymn 705

- 1 **God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.**
- 2 **Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days, for the living of these days,**
- 3 **Cure your children's warring madness; bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.**
- 4 **Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.**

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↑ DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

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