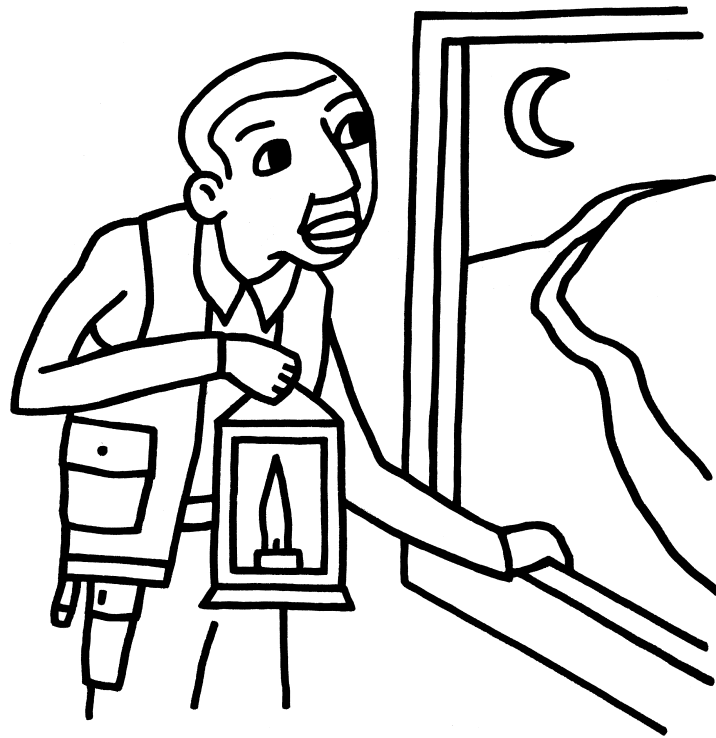


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☐ = Pastor    ☒ = Lector [reader]    ☑ = Congregation    *ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

↑ 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:** *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine*

*ELW Hymn 638*

**1      Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

**2      Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***

**3      Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *Refrain***

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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**

☐      Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑      **Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Hebrews 11:1-2, 39-40**

*Evangelical Heritage Version*

☒      The first reading this morning is from the letter to the Hebrew Christians, the eleventh chapter.

**F**aith is being sure about what we hope for, being convinced about things we do not see. <sup>2</sup>For by this faith the ancients were commended in Scripture. [Among the Ancients of long ago, were Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, King David and Samuel.]

<sup>39</sup>All of these were commended in Scripture by faith, yet they did not receive what was promised,

<sup>40</sup>because God had planned something better for us, namely, that they would not reach the goal apart from us.

☒      Word of God, word of life.

☑      **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Have No Fear, Little Flock*

- 1 **Have no fear, little flock; have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen to give you the kingdom; have no fear, little flock!**
- 3 **Praise the Lord high above; praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you, uplift and restore you; praise the Lord high above!**
- 4 **Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God!**

Text: Luke 12:32, stanza 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4

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↑ **GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40**

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

🗣️ **Glory to you, O God.**

[Jesus said:] Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.<sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.

<sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>“Be dressed, ready for service, and keep your lamps burning.

<sup>36</sup>Be like people waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him.

<sup>37</sup>Blessed are those servants, whom the master will find watching when he comes. Amen I tell you: He will dress himself and have them recline at the table, and he will come and serve them.

<sup>38</sup>Even if he comes in the second or third watch [that is, in the middle of the night], they will be blessed if he finds them alert.

<sup>39</sup>But know this: If the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into.

<sup>40</sup>You also be ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour when you are not expecting him.”

📖 The Gospel of the Lord.

🗣️ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Miriam

↑ **HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Don't Be Afraid*

[ACS Hymn 1027]

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger, my love is stronger than your fear.**

**Don't be afraid. My love is stronger and I have promised, promised to be always near. [Repeat]**

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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**

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Thank you.*



**OFFERING MUSIC:** *How Great Thou Art*

*ELW Hymn 856*

**1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;**

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!*

**4 When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!”**

*Refrain*

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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: *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

[ACS Hymn 1086]

- 1 **O God, who gives us life and breath, who shapes us in the womb,  
who guards our lives from birth to death, then leads us from the tomb:  
deliver us from fears that kill the life we have from you.  
Help us to know your Spirit still is making all things new.**
- 2 **O God, who calls your people out to venture and to dare,  
to plumb the bleak abyss of doubt and find you even there:  
when we despair in wandering through wastes of empty lies,  
refresh us with the living spring of hope that never dies.**
- 3 **O God of covenant and law, revealed in cloud and flame,  
your mighty deeds evoke our awe; we dare not speak your name.  
Yet we by faith are drawn to you and will your people prove,  
as on our hearts you write anew the covenant of love.**

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### ↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☞ 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.
- ☛ Amen.

### ↑ SENDING HYMN: *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

[ACS Hymn 949]

- 1 **Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work’s almost done. Refrain**

*Refrain: Children, don’t grow weary; children, don’t grow weary;  
children, don’t grow weary, for this work’s almost done.*

- 2 **Darker midnight lies before us, darker midnight lies before us,  
darker midnight lies before us, for this work’s almost done. Refrain**
- 3 **Lo, the morning soon is breaking, lo, the morning soon is breaking,  
lo, the morning soon is breaking, for this work’s almost done. Refrain**
- 4 **Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, keep your lamps trimmed and burning,  
keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for this work’s almost done. Refrain**



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### ↑ DISMISSAL

- ☞ Go in peace. Love your neighbor. Invite everyone to Jesus’ pathway of joy and life!
- ☛ Thanks be to God.

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*Altar Guild: Betty Schmidt and Sue Forward*

*Tech Crew: Davida Kilgore and Dakota Atkins (8:30);*

*Brad Milburn and Linda Volckmann (11:00)*

*Ushers: Tor Brunso and Gus Reed (8:30);*

*Tom Conrad and Ben McCumber (11:00)*

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Kathie Manes, in memory of her husband, John Manes.*

