

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Keith Lentz

Confession and Forgiveness

Chad Larson

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

All: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

Gathering Song

“Glory To God Forever”

Olson Family

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¹ Before the world was made before You spoke it to be
You were the King of kings yeah You were yeah You were
And now You're reigning still enthroned above all things
Angels and saints cry out we join them as we sing

Chorus

(We sing) Glory to God Glory to God Glory to God forever
Glory to God Glory to God Glory to God forever (Yeah)

² Creator God You gave me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name all my days all my days
So let my whole life be a blazing offering
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King

Bridge

Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory
Take my life and let it be Yours take my life and let it be
All for You and for Your glory take my life and let it be Yours

Greeting

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

All: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Musical Offering

"In the Sweet By and By"
Words Sanford Fillmore Bennett, Music J.P. Webster

Holly Newton

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Elaine Clark

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!" ¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Message

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Offering

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Offering Song

"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Joel Frost

Text: John Cawood, 1775-1852, alt.

¹ Almighty God, your word is cast like seed into the ground;
now let the dew of heav'n descend and righteous fruits abound.

² Let not the sly satanic foe this holy seed remove,
but give it root in ev'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.

³ Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy,
but let it yield a hundredfold the fruits of peace and joy.

⁴ So when the precious seed is sown, life-giving grace bestow,
that all whose souls the truth receive its saving pow'r may know.

Apostles' Creed

Chad Larson

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

Words of Institution

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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.

Holy Communion

Closing Song

"As Rain from the Clouds"

Joel Frost

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¹ As rain from the clouds will your word come to earth, as snow from the heavens refreshing the land.
Then soften our soil that the good seed may grow and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.
We praise you, our God, for the dew of your word; we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil.
We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield, for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.

² As grain that is scattered your word has been sown on rocks and on roadways, in good earth and sand.
Make fertile our soil that the good seed may grow and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.
We praise you, our God, for the seed of your word; we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil.
We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield, for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.

³ As rays of the sun shall your word light the world, awaking and warming and healing our land.
Then shine in our hearts that the good seed may grow and ripen rich fruit to return to your hand.
We praise you, our God, for the light of your word; we thank you, good gard'ner, for your tender toil.
We bless you, best farmer, for hundredfold yield, for harvest of grace in our once-barren soil.

Blessing

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: **Thanks be to God.**