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Sunday, August 7, 2022

Service of Word and Prayer
Hymns from ELW
10:00 A.M.

In the name of our risen Savior, we welcome each of you to worship with us this morning. We pray that your time of worship and praise will bring you closer to God's presence in your life. If you are seeking a church home, we encourage you to consider St. Peter where *"As compassionate people we desire to reflect Christ's love."*

Order of Service

PRELUDE

Blessed Assurance

Kay Ringley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is invited to stand.

***GATHERING SONG**

Blessed Assurance

ELW 638

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God and each other.

Merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of the of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE – *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

God of the lilies, who clothes the flowers in beauty, give us eyes to see the extravagant gifts you provide us, trusting I your care and attention, so that we might not worry about what we do not have, but trust that you are giving us all the things, just as you gave Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars.

Amen.

Assembly is seated.

Youth are released for Jr. Church.

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ²But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage.

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all humankind.**

¹⁴From where he sits enthroned he watches
all the inhabitants of the earth —

¹⁵**he who fashions the hearts of them all,
and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.

¹⁷**The war horse is a vain hope for victory,
and by its great might it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their soul from death,
and to keep them alive in famine.**

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and shield.

²¹**Our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.**

²²Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-16

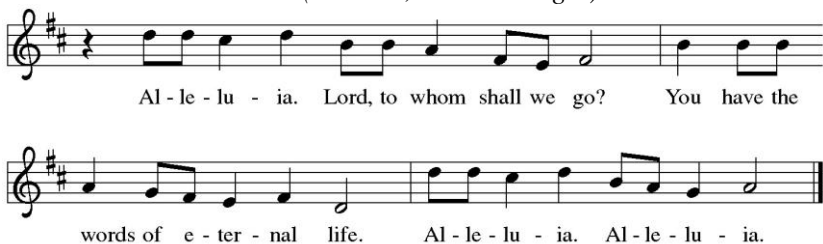
¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old — and Sarah herself was barren — because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Alleluia, ELW Setting 3*)



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL:** Luke 12:22-31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

²²He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Assembly is seated.

SERMON	<i>Seen and Unseen</i>	Pastor Stephanie
HYMN OF THE DAY	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	ELW 856

The assembly stands.

***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.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

Gracious God,
hear our prayer.

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we commend our prayers, spoken and unspoken, into your holy keeping.
Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Assembly is seated.

OFFERING

His Eye is on the Sparrow

Kay Ringley

The assembly stands

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *Create in Me a Clean Heart (WOV 732)*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of abundance; you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

***SUNG BLESSING** to the tune of "*Edelweiss*"

**May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.
Grant you peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.
Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever.
May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever.**

***BLESSING**

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.

***HYMN HIGHLIGHTER**

Bill Pim

***SENDING HYMN** *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Majesty

Kay Ringley

Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain
This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER

1. When the trum - pet of the Lord shall sound, and time shall be no more,
 2. On that bright and cloud - less morn - ing when the dead in Christ shall rise,
 3. Let us la - bor for the Mas - ter from the dawn till set - ting sun,

And the morn - ing breaks, e - ter - nal, bright and fair; When the saved of earth
 And the glo - ry of His res - ur - rec - tion share; When His cho - sen ones
 Let us talk of all His won - drous love and care; Then when all of life

shall ga - ther ov - er on the o - ther shore, And the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there.
 shall ga - ther to their home be - yond the skies,
 is ov - er, and our work on earth is done,

When the roll is called up yon - - - der, When the roll
 When the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there, When the roll

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 is called up yon - der, I'll be there, When the roll is called up

yon - - der, When the roll is called up yon - der, I'll be there.