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Sunday, September 24, 2023

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

Order of Service

PRELUDE

Quartet in F by Haydn

Kay Ringley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation is invited to stand.

*GATHERING SONG

Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 765

CONFESSION

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.
We are overwhelmed
by the world's violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In † Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
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**

Let us pray,
Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Assembly is seated.

Children are released for Jr. Church

FIRST READING: Exodus 16:2-15

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?” ⁸And Moses said, “When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

¹O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.

**²Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wonderful works.**

³Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**⁴Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually.**

⁵Remember the wonderful works he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered,

**⁶O offspring of his servant Abraham,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

³⁷Then he brought Israel out with silver and gold,
and there was no one among their tribes who stumbled.

**³⁸Egypt was glad when they departed,
for dread of them had fallen upon it.**

³⁹He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light by night.

**⁴⁰They asked, and he brought quails,
and gave them food from heaven in abundance.**

⁴¹He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed through the desert like a river.

**⁴²For he remembered his holy promise,
and Abraham, his servant.**

⁴³So he brought his people out with joy,
his chosen ones with singing.

**⁴⁴He gave them the lands of the nations,
and they took possession of the wealth of the peoples,**

⁴⁵that they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws.

Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:21-30

²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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:** Matthew 20:1-16

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 20th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ ⁹When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

Assembly is seated.

SERMON

Morning & Evening

Pastor Stephanie

HYMN OF THE DAY

Borning Cry

ELW 732

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**

Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

Assembly is seated.

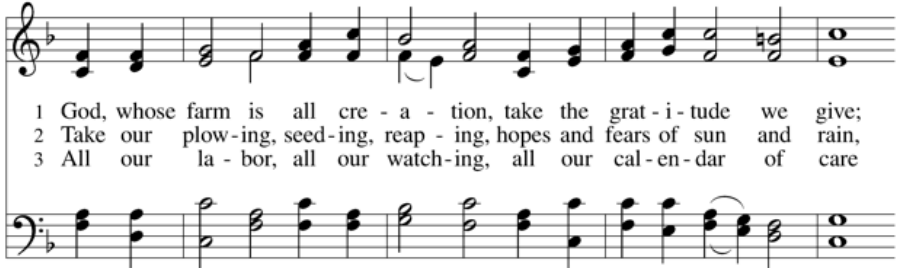
OFFERING

Peace Like a River

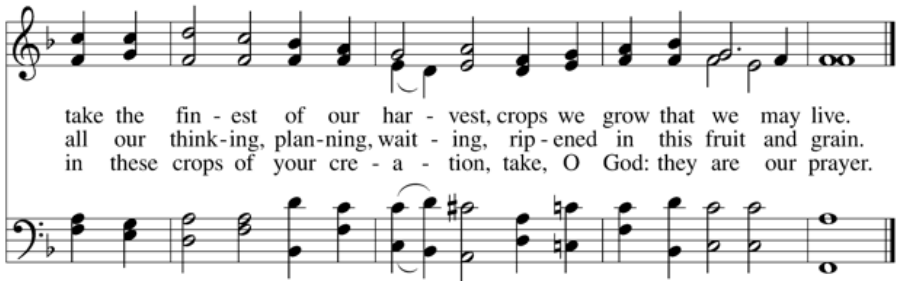
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The assembly stands

***OFFERTORY HYMN** *God, Whose Farm Is All Creation*



1 God, whose farm is all cre - a - tion, take the grat - i - tude we give;
2 Take our plow - ing, seed - ing, reap - ing, hopes and fears of sun and rain,
3 All our la - bor, all our watch - ing, all our cal - en - dar of care



take the fin - est of our har - vest, crops we grow that we may live.
all our think - ing, plan - ing, wait - ing, rip - ened in this fruit and grain.
in these crops of your cre - a - tion, take, O God: they are our prayer.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of field and forest, sea and sky,
you are the giver of all good things.
Sustain us with these gifts of your creation,
and multiply your graciousness in us,
that the world may be filled with your love,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***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**

May God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
In whose image you are created,
bless you with community,
sustain you in faith,
and walk with you through life,
today and every day.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *God Be With You Til We Meet Again* ELW 536

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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