

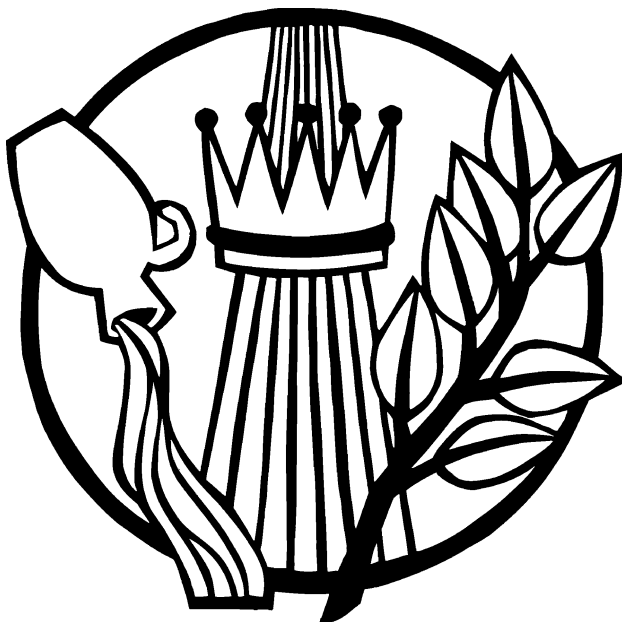
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## Sunday, September 15, 2024

Service of Holy Communion  
Hymns from ELW & WOV  
10:00 A.M.

# Order of Service

**PRELUDE**

*I Lift My Eyes Up*

Vicki Moore

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The congregation is invited to stand.*

**\*GATHERING SONG**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

WOV 767

**CONFESSION**

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

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us  
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first**

**we make distinctions among ourselves.**

**We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.**

**In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.**

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God promises to forgive our iniquity  
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,

your sins are 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**

Lord our God, you are our life and our salvation. From our first waking moments to the setting of the sun, you are with us, leading us, listening to us, and loving us. In your compassion, save us and spur us on to the life you desire for us. In the name of Christ, our Messiah. Amen.

*Assembly is seated.*

*High School & Middle School released for SPEAK.*

*Children's Moment*

Katy Wertz

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 116:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my supplications.

<sup>2</sup>**Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

<sup>3</sup>The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.

**<sup>4</sup>Then I called on the name of the LORD:**

**"O LORD, I pray, save my life!"**

<sup>5</sup>Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.

**<sup>6</sup>The LORD protects the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

<sup>7</sup>Return, O my soul, to your rest,  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

**<sup>8</sup>For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling.**

<sup>9</sup>I walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.

**SECOND READING:** James 3:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup>For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup>If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup>Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup>So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup>And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup>For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup>but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup>With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup>From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup>Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup>Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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:** Mark 8:27-38

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 8<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>27</sup>Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” <sup>28</sup>And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” <sup>29</sup>He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” <sup>30</sup>And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

<sup>31</sup>Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup>He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. <sup>33</sup>But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

<sup>34</sup>He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup>For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup>Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup>Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

*Assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

*The Holy Life*

Pastor Stephanie

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus*

ELW 802

*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**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

Hear us O God,  
**Your mercy is great.**

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

*Assembly is seated.*

**OFFERING**

*Come to the Table*

Vicki Moore

*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**

Blessed are you, O God,  
source of every gift of creation.  
By these gifts and with our lives,  
help us to serve one another and all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**



*(The table is prepared)*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

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**PREFACE - (Sung)**

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW Setting 3)**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**\*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.**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus welcomes you to this table.  
Come, here is God.

*The assembly may be seated.*

**LAMB OF GOD (ELW Setting 3)**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

Vicki Moore

**\*BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord and Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Holy God,  
you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.  
Send us now to welcome others  
and to be at peace with one another,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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**

God all mighty,  
God most merciful  
‡ bless you, keep you,  
and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**     *Lord Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*     ELW 545

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE**     *Lead On, O King Eternal*     Vicki Moore