

*We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today.
For parents with young children: a nursery is available during all services in the
lower level for children under age 5. If you are visiting, please complete the
Communication Card located on the chair backs. Hymnals and Bibles are located
under each chair.*

◆ ***Prelude***

◆ ***Gathering Song*** *All Depends on Our Possessing*

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◆ ***Welcome and Announcements***

◆ ***Sharing of the Peace***

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ ***Confession and Forgiveness***

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

C: **Amen.**

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

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: **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.

C: **Amen.**

◆ **Greeting**

P: Sisters and brothers, called to freedom in Christ: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

◆ **The Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray:

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

◆ **First Reading**

Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,

³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things--anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices

¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

◆ *Special Music* *My Lord, What a Mournin' Summer Singers*

◆ *Gospel Reading*

Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possession rather than one's relationship with God.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴ But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?"

¹⁵ And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸ Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.' ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰ But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

◆ *Children's Message*

Pastor Mark Nelson

◆ *Song* *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*

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◆ *Message*

Pastor Mark Nelson

◆ *Song* *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

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◆ *Apostle's 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.

◆ *Blessing of the Bells*

◆ *Giving Back to God/Offertory*

O God Our Help in Ages Past *Summer Bell Ringers*

◆ *Offering Response* *Create In Me*

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

◆ *Offertory Prayer*

P: God of mercy and grace,

C: the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

◆ *Prayer Song* *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* 752

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

◆ *Prayers of the Church*

*We remember in our prayers: **Peace Members:** Vi Turner, Joe Smith, Wendell Olson, Barbara Lockwood, Ardis Bogen, James Smith, Chirapaporn Ekegren, Lou Vietti/Pat Lahti family*
***Friends of Peace:** Ken Kjeldahl, Jerry Yeager, Barbara Howell, Roy Jacobson, Lee Jacobson, Mary Arvilla, Tracey Hill, Deb Simensen, Karen Fredricks, Evin Roley, Pat Schulz, Tom Bro, Dale Winegar*
***Military:** Joshua Lee*

◆ *Holy Communion*

Jesus gives of himself in the bread and wine and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. All are welcome at His table. In addition to red wine, white grape juice is also available. We also have gluten free/wheat free/corn free/soy free wafers. If you would like this type please identify yourself when receiving Communion. If you are not able to come forward to receive Communion please notify an usher and the bread and wine will be brought to you.

Words of Institution

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.

◆ *Distribution Music*

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty (v. 1-4)

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◆ *Communion Blessing and Prayer*

P: Let us pray:

God our creator, at this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace. Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

◆ *God's Blessing to Us*

P: Continue to walk in Christ Jesus, rooted and built up in him. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

◆ *Song*

God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1,2 4)

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Summer Bell Ringers

◆ *Sending*

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The altar flowers this morning are given by Ruth and Marilyn Carlson
in memory of Bob Carlson's birthday.*

Worship Assistants

Usher: Art and Gloria Johnson
Greeter: Darrell and Karen Bramer
Lector: Karen Bramer
Communion Assts: Dave and Nancy Dynneson
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