

GATHERING

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

PRELUDE

WELCOME Sarah

- Welcome to worship! Welcome to all those joining us via our Live Stream, welcome to those joining us through our Listen to Church service.
- If you are joining us from home, I invite you to gather some bread and wine/juice so you can join us in celebrating Holy Communion this morning.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS Sarah

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin
in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful and loving God,
we are your stiff-necked people.
We trample on the needy.
We grumble about your grace to others.
We turn away from the poor.
Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.
Rejoice over us as ones who were lost
and have been found.

Amen.

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
You who were lost have been found.
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #858 (vss 1-3)

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| 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King
of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your
health and salvation! | Let all who hear now to his temple draw
near,
joining in glad adoration! |
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2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is
wondrously reigning
and, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting,
sustaining.
Have you not seen all that is needful has
been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your
work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily
attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
if with his love he befriend you.

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY *Sarah*

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

And also with you.

Let us pray... Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Reader

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel. A reading from 2 Kings.

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and

went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease!" ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Word of God. Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 111

Reader

Our psalmody this morning is Psalm 111. We read together responsively by whole verse.

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

² **Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³ Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵ You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷ The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**GOSPEL****Luke 17:11-19**

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

The holy Gospel according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Faith in the Borderland"

Pastor Keith Ruehlow

HYMN OF THE DAY

Rise, Shine, You People #665

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord
has entered
our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin
surrounded,
with grace unbounded.
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil
reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and
healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are
driven,
now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high
unfurling,

your songs and prayers against the
darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.

- 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save
us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave
us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reader

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world.
By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in
parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for
safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness
endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you
and with one another. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world.
Comfort those in need of your healing; *especially Alice Kennedy (Denise Vick's aunt), Johnny
Foster (Brittany Cisneros's brother), Erica Peterson (Cheryl Merrill's granddaughter).* God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith (*especially*). Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE *Sarah*

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

BRIEFING THE MINISTERS *Sarah*

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Let All Things Now Living #881 (vs.2)*

- 2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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OFFERING PRAYER *Keith*

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Keith*

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE *Keith*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

*In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave
thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the
forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

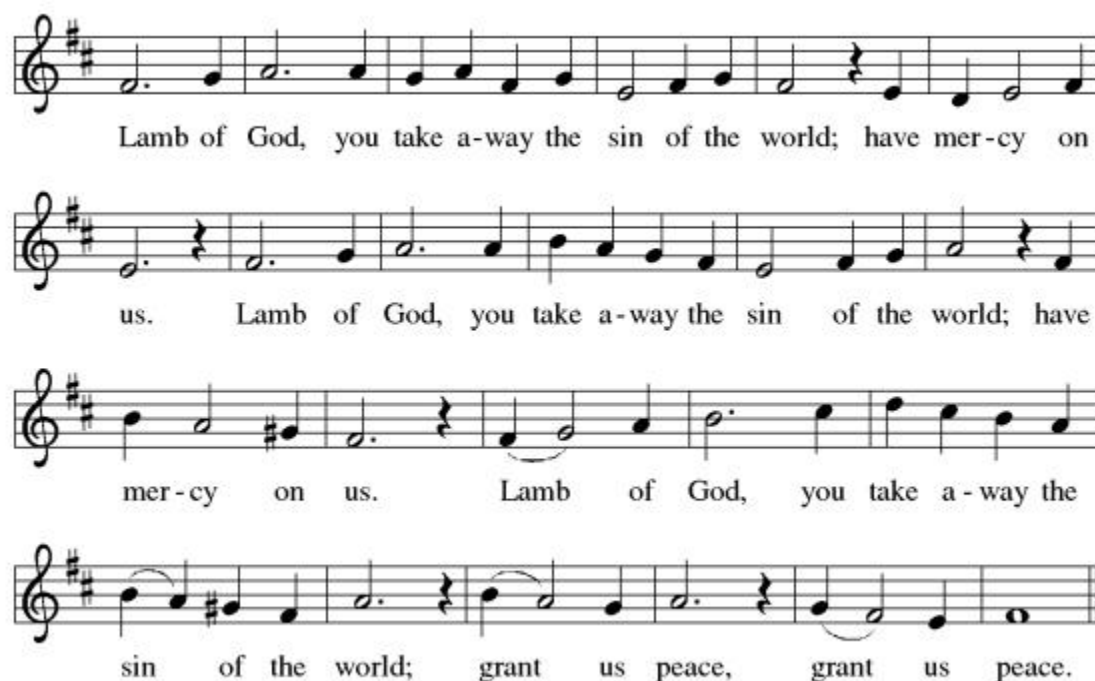
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Keith*

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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION *Lamb of God*



As the Grains of Wheat #465

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scattered on
the hill
were gathered into one to become our
bread;
so may all your people from all the ends of
earth
be gathered into one in you.

- 1 As this cup of blessing is shared within
our midst,

may we share the presence of your love.

Refrain

- 2 Let this be a foretaste of all that is to come
when all creation shares this feast with
you. *Refrain*

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Sing to the Lord of Harvest #694

- 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest
your songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices
your alleluias raise;
by him the rolling seasons
in fruitful order move;
sing to the Lord of harvest

a joyous song of love.

- 2 God makes the clouds drop fatness,
the deserts bloom and spring,
the hills leap up in gladness,
the valleys laugh and sing.
God fills them with his fullness,

all things with large increase
and crowns the year with goodness,
with plenty and with peace.

- 3 Bring to this sacred altar
the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest,

the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him
when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him
who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER *Keith*

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

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION *Sarah*

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God #840

- 1 Now thank we all our God
with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,

with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all harm
in this world and the next.

- 3 All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and Spirit blest,
who reign in highest heaven,

the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,

and shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1887

DISMISSAL *Keith*

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE