



Our Mission Statement - To Share Jesus and His Love

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Prelude

As We Gather

The letter to the Hebrews gives us a clear picture of our certainty of hope in Christ. It tells of Christ's once-for-all sacrifice that takes away all sin and supplies us with newness of life by His life-giving body and blood all our days!

Welcome

+ WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP +

Opening Song "Christ, Our Hope in Life and Death" SSP 89

**What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to Him belong
What holds our days within His hand
What comes apart from His command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand**

**O Sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death**

**What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is His grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ**

**O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death**

**Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ He lives Christ He lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with Him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore**

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Invocation

- A** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- P** I was glad when they said to me,
C **“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”**

- A** Christ Jesus is the mediator of a new covenant,
C **so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance.**

Confession and Absolution

- A** Scripture says, “under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. . . . But Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.” Let us prepare to receive forgiveness and cleansing from God our Savior by confessing our need and repentance of our sin.
- C** **Lord God, we come before You this day seeking Your mercy and grace for the forgiveness of our sins and the cleansing of our lives. We confess to You all our sins, both the wrong we have done as well as the love we have withheld and the good we have failed to do for others. Lord, have mercy on us.**
- P** God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith. I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Song of Forgiveness “My Chains Are Gone” SSP 39

My chains are gone I've been set free

My God my Savior has ransomed me

And like a flood His mercy rains

Unending love amazing grace

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Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray.

Lord God, as from the very beginning of our rebellion You have promised salvation and eternal life to those who trust in Your Word, grant us the faith and trust in the deliverance and redemption given by the blood of Your Son's eternal sacrifice; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

+ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD +

Old Testament

1 Kings 17:8–16

(The widow of Zarephath)

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for

yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Hebrews 9:24–28

(Christ, the sacrifice once for all)

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem: CLC Chimes "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Gospel

Mark 12:38–44

(The widow's offering)

A The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁸In his teaching [Jesus] said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

A This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,**

**being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Children's Song "Clap Your Hands"

Clap your hands

All you people

Shout unto God

With a voice of triumph

Clap your hands

All you people

Shout unto God

With a voice of praise!

Hosanna, Hosanna!
Shout unto God
With a voice of triumph
Praise Him, Praise Him!
Shout unto God
With a voice of praise!

Clap your hands
All you people
Shout unto God
With a voice of triumph
Clap your hands
All you people
Shout unto God
With a voice of praise!

Hosanna, Hosanna!
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With a voice of praise!

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Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (Quartet sings v. 4)

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bids the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we raise our plea
For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
O'er which our traffic runs amain
By mountain pass or valley low;
Wherever, Lord, your loved ones go,
Protect them by your guarding hand
From ev'ry peril on the land.**

**O Spirit, whom the Father sent
To spread abroad the firmament;
O Wind of heaven, by your might
Save all who dare the eagle's flight,
And keep them by your watchful care
From ev'ry peril in the air.**

Lord, guard and guide the men who fly
And those who on the ocean ply;
Be with our troops upon the land,
And all who for their country stand;
Be with these guardians day and night
And may their trust be in thy might.

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Message "Christ's All-Sufficient Sacrifice" Hebrews 9: 24-28

Prayer of the Church

- A** Lord God, our confidence and hope of life everlasting, graciously hear our prayer for Your whole church everywhere in the world, especially for those who hold steadfast to Your Word and promises. Sustain all faithful pastors with Your grace that they may deliver Your Word of salvation to all. Keep all Your people in peace and unity of faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** Give all nations and especially our own country trustworthy leaders who look to You for Your guidance in all their ministrations. Make their purpose to provide justice, peace, and freedom to all whom they have been called to serve. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- A** As we all live out our lives in a world disfigured by sin, sickness, and death, give to all who call upon You for help in times of trouble, anxiety, or illness Your healing presence, *Barbara Belz, Richard Duncan, Jeremiah Anighoro, David Glass, Joan Lothringer, Jerry Lawson, Burce Voelker, Charles Barber, Roger Kindt, Jessica Jones, Bill Nielson, Rawindog Tiwary, Jan Peterson, Steven Beckett, Kerstin Krueger, Vern Zehmns, Mary Fodor, Ed Mischen, Greg Coleman, Joseph Davis, Chris Quakenbush, Tammy Tolbert, Dave Peterson,*. Help all who attend to those in need with Your strength and compassion. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

A Thankfully we pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, asking that God may bless their work among us and for us in Jesus' name. May we as individuals and as a congregation prayerfully consider and discern Your purpose for us as SPLC. Guide us by Your Spirit to unite as one body to follow Your purpose for us. Banish our fears and instill in us a firm trust that You can provide all that is necessary to build Your Kingdom here. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Our Father in heaven, uphold and strengthen all families on the earth. Guide parents to teach their children all that You have done and promised. Be with each member of St. Paul, especially those we lift to You this day, Bobby & Becky Lothringer, Charles Lotz, Paul & Kim Luetke, Paul & Stacy Luthy. Bless the children of our CLC Riley, Annabelle, Michael, Charlotte, along with their parents and our staff. Unite the members of all families in a spirit of affection and service that they may show Your praise in our land and in all the world. Grant Your blessing wherever Your people gather around Word and Sacrament. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A For all those who have faithfully served You in the past, the patriarchs and prophets, the evangelists and apostles, and all Your saints, we give You thanks. Though undeserving, grant us communion and fellowship with all those in heaven whose victory we celebrate while still in our journey. Give us the faith and confidence to remain steadfast until we hear Your call to enter Your eternal presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

- A** Graciously receive our prayers, O God. Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who has taught 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.**

Passing of the Peace

(Having received the Gospel's grace, let us joyfully share "Peace of Christ" with one another.)

Offerings Are Received - video

Veteran Recognition

Prepare our Hearts for Communion

1. Do I believe that I am sinful, without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ Jesus?
2. Do I harbor resentment for another or refuse to forgive another's sin?
3. Do I believe that Jesus is God's Son and my personal Savior?
4. Do I believe that He is personally present with His Body and Blood?
5. Do I desire by the Holy Spirit's power to live a Godly life?

If this is what you believe, we invite you to come forward to share Communion with us. If this is not what you understand or believe you are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply cross your arms for the Pastor to bless you.

Communion Instructions

(For those who are intolerant to alcohol, grape juice is available in the center of each communion tray marked by purple cups. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

Prayer of Thanksgiving

A Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have not left us without hope, for You promised a Redeemer, who by His obedient death and victorious resurrection crushed Satan underfoot and opened to us the door of everlasting life. With repentant joy we receive the salvation He won for us on the cross. Gathered now at His bidding, we pray that You would grant us to faithfully eat His body and drink His blood, and thereby to receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in this Sacrament. Strengthen us to live in hope each day until we join saints and angels around Your throne in eternity.

C **To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

+ HEADING +

Song of Preparation "We Proclaim Your Death" SSP 9

L The Mystery of Faith

G **We proclaim your death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection
until you come again**

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"Lamb of God" SSP 10

L Lamb of God,

C **You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

L Lamb of God,

C **You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

L Lamb of God,

C **You take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

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Distribution Song "Grace Upon Grace"

Though the universe can't hold
All Your might and majesty
You're present with me here today
In a way that I can see

All of Heaven and Earth are Yours
Yet You chose to be a meal
Your promise fills this bread and wine
With a love that I can feel

You're giving us this day
Forgiveness we can taste
Thank You for this gift
Of grace upon grace
Grace upon grace

Lord I don't deserve Your love
Still You give Yourself to me
Your passion for the world is here
In a way I can receive

You're giving us this day
Forgiveness we can taste
Thank You for this gift
Of grace upon grace

As family here we'll stay
Once broken now embraced
Thank You for this gift
Of grace upon grace

Your table is set
Your body and blood
Are given and shed
So we praise You
Your death gives us life
Your life makes us new
Your victory is ours
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Distribution Hymn "Jesus, Thou Boundless Love to Me" LSB 683

Jesus, Thy boundless love to me

No thought can reach, no tongue declare;

Unite my thankful heart to Thee,

And reign without a rival there!

Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;

Be Thou alone my constant flame.

**O grant that nothing in my soul
May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,
My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.**

**This love unwearied I pursue
And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,
Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
And day and night, be all my care
To guard this sacred treasure there.**

**In suff'ring be Thy love my peace,
In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
O Jesus, in that final hour,
Be Thou my rod and staff and guide,
And draw me safely to Thy side!**

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Song of Blessing "Lord, Bid Your Servant Go on Peace" LSB 937

**Lord, bid Your servant go in peace,
Your word is now fulfilled.
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn,
This child so long foretold.**

**This is the Savior of the world,
The Gentiles' promised light,
God's glory dwelling in our midst,
The joy of Israel.**

**With saints of old, with saints to come,
To You we lift our voice;
To Father, Son, and Spirit blest
Be honor, love, and praise.**

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+ WE DEPART IN HIS PEACE +

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

A The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Dismissal

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **We go in His Name.**

Closing Song "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)" SSP 24

Praise is rising

Eyes are turning to You

We turn to You

Hope is stirring

Hearts are yearning for You

We long for You

'Cause when we see You

We find strength to face the day

In Your presence

All our fears are washed away

Washed away

Hosanna hosanna

You are the God who saves us

Worthy of all our praises

Hosanna hosanna

Come have Your way among us

We welcome You here Lord Jesus

Hear the sound of

Hearts returning to You

We turn to You

In Your Kingdom

Broken lives are made new

You make us new

**'Cause when we see You
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence
All our fears are washed away
Washed away**

**Hosanna hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises
Hosanna hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here Lord Jesus
Hosanna, hosanna
Hosanna, hosanna**

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Postlude

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