

asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. 11 Is there anyone among you who, if your child asked for a fish, would give a snake instead of a fish? 12 Or if the child asked for an egg, would give a scorpion? 13 If you, then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**
“Now To The Holy Spirit Let Us Pray” ELW Hymn 743

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**
... God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

...Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

***PEACE**
The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY
"My Lord, What a Morning" Arr. by Mark Hayes, Sung by Linda Taylor

***OFFERING SONG**
“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful” ELW Hymn 183

***OFFERING PRAYER**
Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** ELW Page 152
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.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord...

...with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

***LORD’S PRAYER** ELW Page 154

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**
At the direction of the usher, please come forward by the center aisle and return by the side aisles. Gluten-free bread is available upon request, and you may choose wine (glass) or alcohol-free juice

(stainless steel). To receive communion at your seat, simply notify an usher. All who seek to receive Jesus in bread and cup are welcome to dine at this table.

COMMUNION HYMNS
“Lamb of God” ELW Page 154
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus” ELW Hymn 742

***TABLE BLESSING**
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**
Mothering God,
you gathered us to your table
and we drank deeply of your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit
to love our neighbors as ourselves
and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name.
Amen.

SENDING

***BLESSING**
The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace.
Amen.

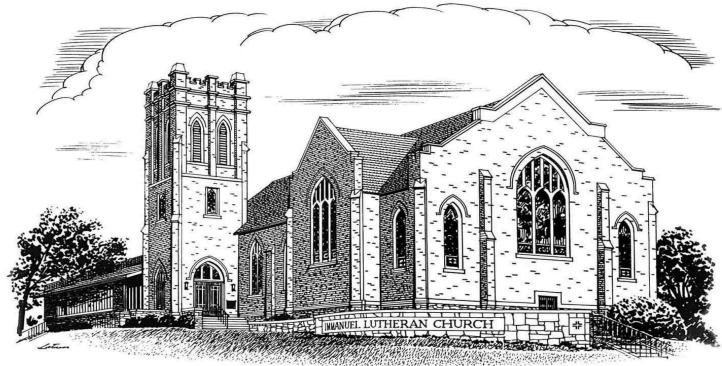
***SENDING HYMN**
“Go, My Children, With My Blessing” ELW Hymn 543

***DISMISSAL**
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE
"How Firm a Foundation," by David M. Cherwien (b. 1957)
Based on ELW 796

Welcome to Worship

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Find page numbers in the front of the ELW
(red hymnal), and hymns in the back.

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*Please stand as you are able

PRELUDE

"Voluntary II," by William Boyce (1711-1779)

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.
Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God’s children through faith.
In the cross of ☩ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN

“We Who Once Were Dead”

ELW Hymn 495

*GREETING

May 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.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we
are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve.

Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh
on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

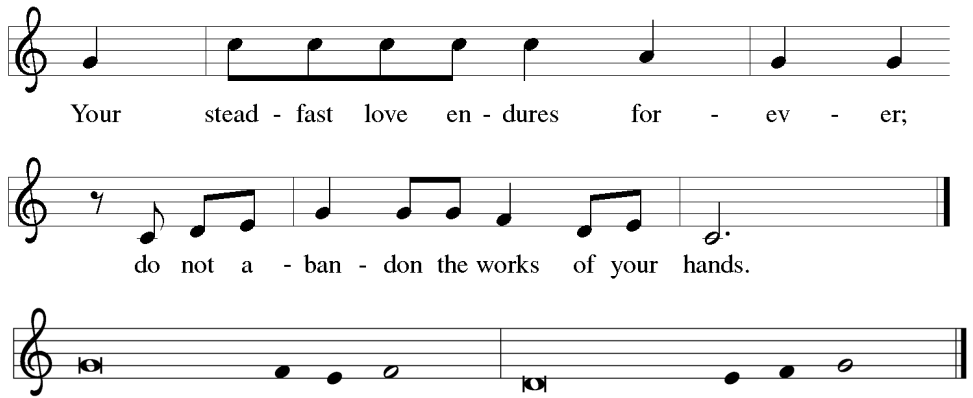
FIRST READING: Genesis 18:20-32

20 Then the Lord said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and
Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! 21 I must go down and see
whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come
to me, and if not, I will know.”

22 So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, while
Abraham remained standing before the Lord. 23 Then Abraham came
near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the
wicked? 24 Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then
sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in
it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the
wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you!
Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” 26 And the Lord said,
“If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place
for their sake.” 27 Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to
speak to my lord, I who am but dust and ashes. 28 Suppose five of the
fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of
five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” 29 Again
he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the
sake of forty I will not do it.” 30 Then he said, “Oh, do not let my lord be
angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not
do it, if I find thirty there.” 31 He said, “Let me take it upon myself to
speak to my lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For
the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” 32 Then he said, “Oh, do not let
my lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.”
He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALMODY: Psalm 138



1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.
2 **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your**
name, because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove
all things. R
3 When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.
4 **All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O Lord,**
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.
5 They will sing of the ways | of the Lord,
that great is the glory | of the Lord.

6 The Lord is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar. R
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your
right | hand shall save me.
8 **You will make good your pur- | pose for me;**
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not
abandon the works | of your hands. R

SECOND READING: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]

6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to walk
in him, 7 rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as
you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 Watch out that no one takes you captive through philosophy and
empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental
principles of the world, and not according to Christ. 9 For in him the
whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, 10 and you have come to fullness in
him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. 11 In him also you were
circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by the removal of the body of
the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; 12 when you were buried with him
in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of
God, who raised him from the dead. 13 And when you were dead in
trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive
together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, 14 erasing the
record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside,
nailing it to the cross. 15 He disarmed the rulers and authorities and
made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

16 Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food or
drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or Sabbaths. 17 These are only
a shadow of what is to come, but the body belongs to Christ. 18 Do not let
anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels,
initiatory visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking,
19 and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body,
nourished and held together by its ligaments and tendons, grows with a
growth that is from God.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL: Luke 11:1-13

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 [Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of
his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his
disciples.” 2 So he said to them, “When you pray, say:
Father, may your name be revered as holy.
May your kingdom come.
3 Give us each day our daily bread.
4 And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.
And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

5 And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to
him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,
6 for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’
7 And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already
been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and
give you anything.’ 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give
him anything out of friendship, at least because of his persistence he will
get up and give him whatever he needs.
9 “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will
find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. 10 For everyone who