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Welcome! Words in **bold** are said together.

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen.

L: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. (silence for reflection)

L: Merciful God, C: 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.

L: 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. C: Amen.

Gathering Song [intro by asst minister] – The 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.

Prayer of the Day

**O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us
free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through
Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Genesis 18:20-32

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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.**

Psalm 138 p. 503

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; ² I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.

³ On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he perceives from far away.

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

ALL: ⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Colossians 2:6-15 p. 957

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

Gospel Acclamation (sung) p. 102, setting 1

*Please stand for the reading of the gospel.

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

Luke 11:1-13 p. 845

He 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 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.**

Children’s Message

Sermon

David Ingram

Song of the Day [intro] – Here I am to Worship

1. Light of the world You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You hope of a life spent with you.

Refrain: So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that you're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days, oh so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly you came to the earth you created all for love's sake became poor. (*Refrain*)

Bridge: And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross.
And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross. (*Refrain*)

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.

Prayers of God’s People

Each petition ends “Lord, in your mercy,” please respond: **hear our prayer.**

Sharing the Peace – L: The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.

Offering

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Offering Song *[intro]* – Your Grace is Enough

1. Great is Your faithfulness, oh God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy and nothing can keep us apart.

Refrain: So remember Your people, remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God.

Your grace is enough, your grace is enough, your grace is enough for me.

2. Great is Your love and justice God; You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along. *Refrain x2*

Final: Your grace is enough, I'm covered in Your love, Your grace is enough for me.

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.

The Great Thanksgiving p. 107

Holy, Holy, Holy p. 108

Christ's Words of Institution and Communion and Invitation to Communion

L: The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Post Communion Prayer

L: 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.

C: Amen.

Announcements

- THANK YOU to all who cleaned up the storage room/basement area – great job!! (see photos in newsletter)
- Needed by St. Jude's Food Pantry: tuna, rice, canned vegetables/fruits, cereal (hot or cold), instant potatoes, peanut butter, jelly (completely out), pancake mix, vegetable oil or shortening small containers, cup o' soup, ramen

Sending Song *[intro]* – Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

1. Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free, my God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns: unending love, amazing grace.

3. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below will be forever mine. *Refrain x2.*

Blessing

L: 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. C: Amen.

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. C: Thanks be to God.

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