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LAY-LED WORSHIP SERVICE



INTRODUCTION

"Your faith has made you well." These are words Jesus speaks to the Samaritan who came back to thank Jesus for healing him. These are words that we are reminded of today-in a time and place where so much healing is needed. These words remind us that it is our faith in Jesus Christ that matters the most. This service of the Word will allow us to dip our toes into some of the stories of the faithfulness of God's people throughout the Bible. It is just a sampling and it is a rich starting point towards diving deeper into what faithful living looks like in Kenyon, MN in 2025 and beyond. May faith make you and everyone in God's Creation well.

Ringing of Bell

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* We will use the ELW hymnal for today's hymns

♦ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection

L: 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.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING SONG:

Tom Ersland-Guitar

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW 671

PRAYER OF THE DAY We pray together

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Almighty and most merciful God,

C: 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.

Please be seated.

A READING FROM: GENESIS 22:1-2, 9-18

¹After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. 10 Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."13 And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." >>

¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven ¹⁶ and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, ¹⁸ and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

HYMN: Here I Am, Lord, ELW 574

A READING FROM: EXODUS 34:4-9

⁴ So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the former ones, and he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone. ⁵ The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the name, "The LORD." ⁶ The LORD passed before him and proclaimed,

"The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for the thousandth generation, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, yet by no means clearing the guilty, but visiting the iniquity of the parents upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

⁸ And Moses quickly bowed down to the ground and worshiped. ⁹ He said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, my Lord, I pray, let my Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance." WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

HYMN: Great is Thy Faithfulness, vs. 1, ELW 733

Children are invited to come forward for this next reading out of the Spark Story Bible.

READING: Daniel and the Lions,

Spark Story Bible p. 184-188

HYMN: Awesome God Tom Ersland-Guitar

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love Our God is an awesome God

SUNG PSALM: The Lord's My Shepherd, ELW 778

A READING FROM: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 17-28

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

¹⁷ By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He who had received the promises was ready to offer up his only son, ¹⁸ of whom he had been told, "It is through Isaac that descendants shall be named for you." ¹⁹ He considered the fact that God is able even to raise someone from the dead—and, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰ By faith Isaac invoked blessings for the future on Jacob and Esau. ²¹ By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, "bowing in worship over the top of his staff." ²² By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave instructions about his burial.

²³ By faith Moses was hidden by his parents for three months after his birth, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called a son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to share ill-treatment with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered abuse suffered for the Christ[j] to be greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking ahead to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, unafraid of the king's anger, for he persevered as though he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

WORD OF GOD, WORD OF LIFE. THANKS BE TO GOD.

HYMN: Borning Cry, ELW 732

♦ GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.

¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then 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?" ₁₉Then 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.

HYMN:

My Life Flows on in Endless Song, ELW 763 Please be seated

APOSTLES 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

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

A brief silence.

L: 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, C: 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 Jennifer, Lavon, Jim, Dax, Larry, & Renee). 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. 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

Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

L: The Peace of Christ be with you always!

C: And also with you!

Please be seated

OFFERING -&- OFFERING SONG: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ, ELW 674

OFFERING PRAYER

L: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

C: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER (Modern version)

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 and 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.

Children are invited to come forward to join in the blessing and to grab an instrument for the sending song.

BENEDICTION

L: 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.

C: Amen.

♦ SENDING SONG:

Go, My Children, With My Blessing, ELW 543

Ringing of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Keep the faith. Do not lose heart.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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CALENDAR

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Su 10-12	9 am Assembly-Led Worship	
	10 AM FALL DITCH CLEANUP	
	** see below	
	10 AM Coffee	
Mo 10-13	5 pm Worship/Evangelism	
We 10-15	6 pm Council	
Su 10-19	9 am Worship	
	NO Sunday School (MEA)	
	10 AM Coffee	

Fall ditch clean up is set for TODAY - (October 12th at 10 am). Please meet in the parking lot and we can carpool out there. Lunch will be provided after, in the fellowship hall. Thank you! *Bryana*