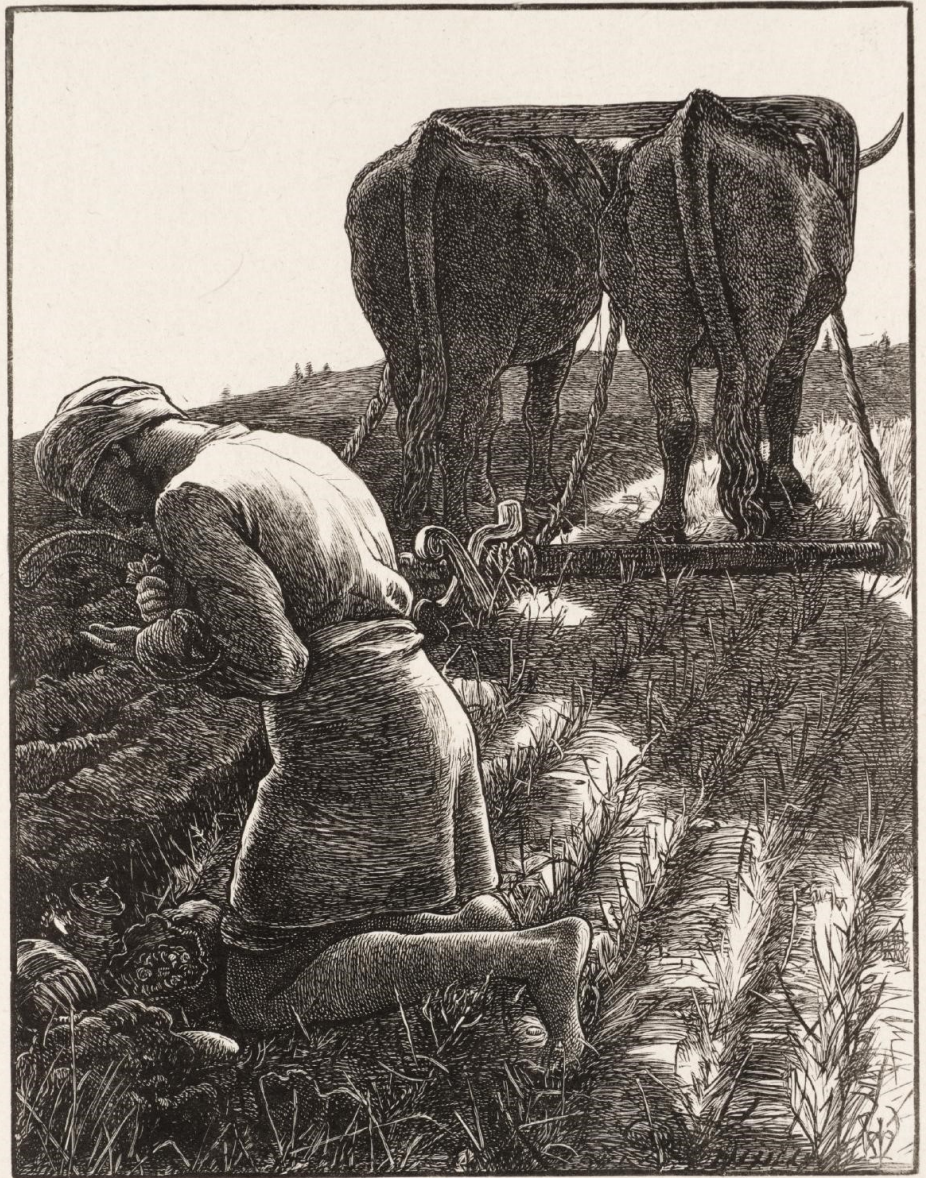


Reminder - We ask that you strictly adhere to these guidelines:

- You can sit in front of your cars in lawn chairs if you choose.
- Please use restrooms before you arrive. However, should you need to exit your vehicle to use a restroom, our hallway will be taped off in 8 foot increments. Enter & exit only through the side door. Do not congregate in the hallway.
- Please bring your own communion elements, bread & juice! We will not have extra elements on hand. Please use juice, as you cannot legally have an open container of wine in your vehicle!
- Offering can be left in a bin on the way out of the parking lot!
- If you are in a larger vehicle, please park in the back.



The Hidden Treasure, John Everett Millais, 1864

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God...

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG

For the Lord is Good by Lynn DeShazo and Gary Sadler

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever.
He's a faithful God to all generations.
For the Lord is good and His mercies will not fail us.
They are new each day, Oh lift your voice and say,
The Lord is good!

Great is Your faithfulness, Oh Lord.
Your loving kindness fills our hearts to overflowing.
Songs of rejoicing and sweet praise, they fill our hearts,

They fill our days.

For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
He's a faithful God to all generations.

For the Lord is good and His mercies will not fail us.

They are new each day, Oh lift your voice and say,

The Lord is good!

The Lord is good!

The Lord is good!

GREETING

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

C And also with you

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray... ..in Jesus Christ we pray,

C Amen

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. ⁷And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked

this. ¹¹God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels,

nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Seed, Scattered and Sown by Dan Feiten

Seed, scattered and sown; wheat, gathered and grown;
Bread, broken and shared as one, the Living Cup, the Living Bread of God.

GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Prior to reading:

P The Holy Gospel...

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

After the Gospel reading:

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

We Will Walk On by David Lee Brown and Larry Olson

Chorus

Though we may be weary and we can't see clearly,
there is strength for the journey. We will walk on.

Sometimes the road is long, caught between right and wrong;
but when our hope is gone, the Lord will lead us on.

Take a look at the earth bleeding for all its worth.

We all feel the hurt. The Lord will give new birth. **Chorus**

Though we don't understand where all the pieces land,
Christ stretched out his hands and gave us strength to stand. **Chorus**

On and on (the Spirit holds us). On and on (keeping us strong).

On and on (we wonder how long). On and on. **Chorus**

BAPTISM

P God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Hudson baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Hudson to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,

Bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,

Teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures,

and nurture him in faith and prayer,

so that he may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed,

care for others and the world God made,

and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Hudson grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Hudson in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support Hudson and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C We do.

P Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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 into the hell. 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you. Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise

through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

P I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Hudson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C Amen.

P Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

C We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

PRAYER SONG

Oh Spirit Guide Me by Sara Thomsen

Oh, Spirit guide me now

Oh, Spirit guide me now

Oh, Spirit guide me now

In your way, guide me

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Lord in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

To Be Alive by Larry Olson and David Lee Brown

Chorus

To be alive is to live the love
that is alive in God's saving Son
who brought us back from a life of death
to be alive

There is nothing I can do to save me
Only God carries us home
So we live mercy, hope and freedom
Loving another to be whole ***Chorus***

Join the singing, join the celebration
Jesus lives, we are restored
Love alive, giving and forgiving
Loving another to be whole ***Chorus***

The earth is filled with his glory.

THE LORD'S PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

P 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.

SENDING SONG

I Believe, I Do Believe by John Ylvisaker

Chorus

I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it,
truly I believe it, truly I believe it.

I believe, I do believe, truly I believe it,
truly I believe it, truly I believe it.

I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator
Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator
I believe in God the Almighty Lord Creator
Mighty Lord Creator, Mighty Lord Creator **Chorus**

I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people
Savior of the people, Savior of the people
I believe in Jesus the Savior of the people
Savior of the people, Savior of the people **Chorus**

And I do believe in the Power of the Spirit
Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit
And I do believe in the Power of the Spirit
Power of the Spirit, Power of the Spirit **Chorus**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C We Will! Thanks be to God!

PRAYER LIST

We hold the following in our prayers...

- Bernadette Stassen (mother of Dan Stassen, in hospice)
- Darlene Schuler (mother of Elaine Sandquist, in hospice with late stage dementia)

- Harold Krueger (grandfather of Emily Snyder, hospitalized)
- Kailey Wixon (recovering from ACL Surgery)
- Karen Kupfer (cancer, mother of Ronda Bursell)
- Marie Seeman (breast cancer, recovering from surgery)
- Mary Leonard (aunt of Ashley Grams, colon cancer and urothelial carcinoma)
- MaryJo Hennen (friend of Arlyss Hovland, diagnosed with Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia)
- Michael Weiss (diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma)
- Pastor Delwayne Hahn (former St. Stephen Interim Pastor, being treated for acute myeloid leukemia)
- Phil Green (nephew of Roger Green, has ALS)
- Rachel Hirdler (niece of Sandy Hoffbeck, beginning chemotherapy for Osteosarcoma)
- Ron Kupfer (father of Ronda Bursell, hospitalized)
- Steve Knutson (on going treatment for Multiple Myeloma)
- Family of Janet Bahn
- Family of Judy Hanson (sister of Terry Redding)
- Family of Elaine Kuehl (mother of Glen Kuehl)
- Family of Jimmy Wohnoutka (father of Chanda Bossuyt)
- Family of Erica Nelson
- Family of Morry Jacobson (father of Tanya Larson)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Today Hudson Besse, the son of Nathan & Amanda Besse is being baptized at our drive-in worship. Hudson was born on January 29th, 2020. His sponsors are Elizabeth Fixen and Taylor Besse . Welcome to the Lord's family Hudson!

Worship Participants - 10:30 a.m.

Presiding Minister
Worship Team

Pastor Lyle Snyder
Heather Holmgren, Carrie Jones, Micayla Jones and Judy Hoeft