



Christ Preaching in the Temple, by Paolo Veronese, 1548.

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.

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

"Great is the Lord" by Michael W Smith and Deborah Smith

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just.
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true.
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise!
Great is the Lord, now lift up your voice.
Now lift up your voice, great is the Lord.

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just.
By His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true.
By His mercy He proves He is love.

Great are You, Lord and worthy of glory!
Great are You, Lord and worthy of praise!
Great are You, Lord, I lift up my voice.
I lift up my voice, great are You, Lord.
Great are You, Lord!

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

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"The Journey of Praise," (chorus only) by Larry Olson, David Lee Brown, Karol Baer

Oh, let our hearts praise the Lord!
Oh, let our hands praise the Lord!
Oh, let our voices praise the Lord!
Oh, let our lives praise the Lord!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Prior to reading:

P The Holy Gospel...

C Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

After the Gospel reading:

P The Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

Lord of Justice by Larry Olson

Chorus

Lord of justice, Lord of life
help us to do what you know is right, oh, oh, oh
Lord of justice, Lord of life
guide us through the day and night

To the stranger may we give welcome
To the hungry may we give bread
To the naked may we give clothing
To the homeless, a place to lay their head ***Repeat Chorus***

To the wounded may we give healing
To the voiceless may we give words
To the captives may we give freedom
To the tortured, release from all the hurt ***Repeat Chorus***

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.

PRAYER SONG

"Hear Us As We Pray" by Matt Huesmann

Lord we call to you right now.

Hear us as we pray.

Folded hands and quiet hears.

Hear us as we pray.

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

"How Great is Our God," by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Jesse Reeves

The splendor of the King clothed in majesty,

Let all the earth rejoice, let all the earth rejoice.

He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide,

It trembles at His voice, it trembles at His voice.

Chorus

How great is our God!

Sing with me, How great is our God!

And all will see how great, how great is our God!

Age to age, He stands and time is in His hands,

Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.

The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,

The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. ***Repeat Chorus x8***

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

Send Us Out by James Hersch

We have been called by the Lord.

We have been saved by the Word.

Now let the Word be restored.

Now let the Gospel be heard.

Chorus

Send us out to teach what God has done.

Send us out to reach every single one.

Send us out. Send us out.

We have been bound by our shame,

Ruled by our fears within.

Stand and declare by the name,

Freedom from all of our sin. **Chorus**

Teach what God has done.

Reach every single one.

Teach what God has done.
Reach every single one. **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)
- Berniece Helgeson (mother of Sonya Brewers, recovering from heart surgery)
- Darlene Schuler (mother of Elaine Sandquist, in hospice with late stage dementia)
- Elaine Kuehl (mother of Glen Kuehl, entering hospice)
- Jolene Breczinski (recently hospitalized)
- 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)
- Molly Zobrist (knee replacement)
- 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)
- Steve Knutson (on going treatment for Multiple Myeloma)
- Tori Bursell (Knee Surgery at Gillette Children's Hospital)
- Family of Janet Bahn
- Family of Kelly Hadler (brother of Danette Deragisch & Tracy Soehl)
- Family of Veronica McKay (aunt of Scott Boerboom)

Worship Participants - 10:30 a.m.

Presiding Minister
Worship Team

Pastor Lyle Snyder
Heather Holmgren, Margo VanMoer, Lindsay Leibfried and Judy Hoeft