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Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of mercy and forgiveness,
we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

**We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice,
love kindness, and walk humbly with you.**

Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life.

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing LBW 499

Come thou fount of every blessing tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander; Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

O God, **overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Ready us to be your hands for the sake of the world. Amen.**

Children's Message

1st Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³ "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴ For I brought you up from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵ O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶ "With what shall I come before the LORD and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him; bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

2nd Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

¹² I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the

foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Borning Cry WOV 770

I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized, To see your life unfold.
I was there when you were but a child, With a faith to suit you well;
In a blaze of light you wandered off. To find where demons dwell.
When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
You were raised to praise the living God to whom you now belong.
If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.
In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.
When the evening gently closes in and you shut your weary eyes,

I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.
I was there to hear your bawling cry, I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized to see your life unfold.

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (Faith) Apostles' Creed (Rock Creek)

Prayers of Intercession

...we pray, **hear us when we call**

Peace

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

Words of Institution

On the night...remembering, therefore, Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming again in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence the prayer that Jesus taught us...

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.

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Jesus, Bread of life, **we have received from your table food that is abundant life. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to go out into classrooms and workplaces, offices and fields, volunteer sites and our own homes hungry only to love the world. In your name we pray. Amen.**

Blessing

Sending Hymn

You Are the Seed WOV 753

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout; you're a star that will shine in the night; you are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark. You are the dawn that will bring a new day; you're the wheat that will bear golden grain; you are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, to witness wherever you go.
(refrain)

Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming the great love of God, messengers to tell the way of life, peace and pardon for all. Be, my friends, a loyal witness, from the dead Christ arose; "Lo, I'll be with you forevermore, till the end of the world."

You are the flame that will lighten the dark, so resplendent with hope, faith, and love; you are the shepherds to lead the whole world to waters and pastures of peace. You are the friends that I chose for myself, you're the word that I want to proclaim. You are the new reign of God built on rock where justice and truth are at home. (refrain)

You are the life that will nurture the plant; you're the waves in a turbulent sea; yesterday's yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield. There is no place for a city to hide, there's no mountain can cover its might; let your light shine so that your loving works give honor and glory to God. (refrain)

Dismissal Go in peace to do God's work with your hands. **Thanks be to God!**