

Welcome to Worship at

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Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

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

And also with you.

You are the treasured people of the LORD,
a people holy to the LORD our God.

Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.
**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**

One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you,
the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the
body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

The Word

FIRST LESSON:

Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from
which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who
bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and
made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her

waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

REFRAIN: O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever.

They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

Though walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me; O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

REFRAIN: O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL:

Matthew 16:13-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON:

"Nothing to Sneeze At"

Rev. Susan Odegard

HYMN OF THE DAY

HYMN #652

"Built on a Rock"

CREED AND CONFESSION

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In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

Confident of your care and helped by the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Lord our rock, you are our foundation in Jesus Christ, your Son, whom we confess as the living God. Prepare your church for its mission in bearing witness to Christ, both here at home and throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call forth praises from the far reaches of the universe to the smallest of creatures. Join our songs to theirs, that a spirit of praise and thanksgiving will arouse us to cherish this wondrous home you give us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord. Direct the leaders of countries, legislators and magistrates, mayors and councils, to walk in your ways. Help leaders regard those in need with mercy and fulfill your loving purposes in the governance of peoples. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Though we walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve us, deliver us, and fulfill your purpose for us. According to your steadfast love, grant healing

and wholeness to those who are bereaved, in trouble or adversity, or sick and in need of care **(Prayer Concerns)**
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You call us into this community, in which we, though many, are one in Christ. May we recognize in ourselves and in one another the unique gifts you have given us for the building up of the church for the sake of the world.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You are the everlasting Rock from which we were hewn, and you restore your people to joy and gladness. In blessed memory and hope, we thank you for the lives of our beloved dead (*especially*). Bring us with them to our heavenly home. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Billie Aderman
Gail Auerbach (*sister-in-law of Diane Brandt*)
Curt Atkinson (*friend of Alison Ricci*)
Rhiannon Bauer (*friend of Pastor Sue & Larry Odegard*)
Delores Brandt (*mother of Dan Brandt*)
Ellenore Crimmins (*great-granddaughter of Margaret Jones*)
Levi Cooper
Jerry Curtis
Mike Flach (*nephew of Mavis Flach*)
Sherry Friel
Doug & Shirley Gallop
Jerry Goveronski (*son-in-law of Margaret Jones*)
Stacey Hanson (*daughter-in-law of Craig & Brigitte Hanson*)
Jennifer Hinker (*daughter of Ralph & Carol Thompson*)
Addy Holmes (*friend of Alison Ricci*)
Jeff Jara (*son-in-law of Sharon Norstog*)
Tim Kennedy (*friend of Margaret Jones*)
Juany Kielley-Dahlen
Mark Krueger
Janie LaFave (*friend of Sandy Cardwell*)
Dave Lynch (*relative of Judy & Alison Ricci*)
Kak Reinhart (*mother of Mary Butler*)

Ann Stellrecht (*friend of Alison Ricci*)
Julyie Stephens & Family (*friends of Jerry & Juany Dahlen*)
Dawn Swan
Lee & Dotty Swan
Bobbie Tackett (*daughter of Craig & Brigette Hanson*)
Connie Thate (*sister of Sandy Cardwell*)

Those Homebound and in Nursing Homes: Marilyn Boles, Larry Fletcher, Anna Johnson, Donna Parker, Connie Richter, Judee Rydberg

For Our Servicemen and Women in the Military

Those who Mourn: The Grieving Family & Friends of:
Steven Brice Brenna (grandson of Sharon Norstog)
Melvin Mortensen (nephew of Margaret Jones)
Mel Pittman

The Meal

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of Me." Again, after the supper, He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink,



saying: "This cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Sending

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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