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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit Calls us together as the people of God.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

In celebration of our baptism, we worship  
In the name of God: Father, **✚** Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS

**Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Mighty God, lover of justice,  
you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.  
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.  
We say the right words,  
but our hearts are far from you.  
Turn us to seek your face.  
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
Amen.**

**The former things have passed away,  
and new things God now declares:  
Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in **✚** Jesus' name.  
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.  
Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**ELW 715**

**Christ, Be Our Light**

1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for  
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, Your word a - lone  
hope, man - y de - spair. Make us your bread,  
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your build - ing,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your ser - vants  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your  
church gath - ered to - day.

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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## THE FIRST READING FROM ISAIAH 49:1-7

**1 Listen to me, O coastlands;  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The Lord called me before I was born;  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.**

**2 He made my mouth like a sharp sword;  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;  
he made me a polished arrow;  
in his quiver he hid me away.**

**3 And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."**

**4 But I said, "I have labored in vain;  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;  
yet surely my cause is with the Lord  
and my reward with my God."**

**5 And now the Lord says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—**

**6 he says,  
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;  
I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."**

**7**Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
“Kings shall see and stand up;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**To The Heaven**

**Lana Kurcherenko Tsilinskyi**

**THE SECOND READING FROM 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9**

**1**Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
**2**To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:  
**3**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**4**I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, **5**for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind **6**just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you **7**so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. **8**He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9**God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

**The Holy Gospel according to John the 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter**  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**29**[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**30**This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ **31**I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” **32**And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. **33**I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see

**the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup> And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."**

**<sup>35</sup> The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup> and as he watched Jesus walk by he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup> The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup> When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup> He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup> One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup> He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup> He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).**

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

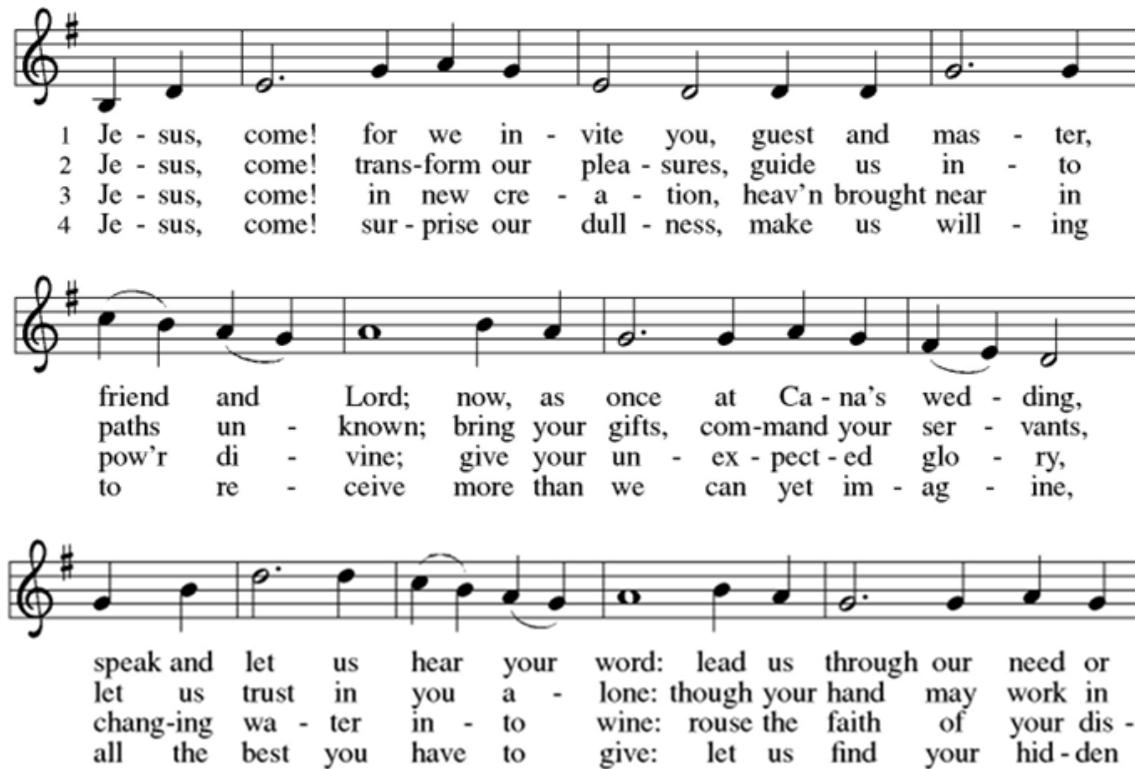
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Orin W Cummings

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Jesus, Come! For We Invite You**





doubt - ing, hope be born and joy re - stored.  
se - cret, all shall see what you have done.  
ci - ples— come, our first and great - est Sign!  
rich - es, taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

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## APOSTLES' CREED

**With the whole church, let us affirm our faith with the 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.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

**The Peace of the Lord be with you always.  
And also with you.  
Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, gather the church into one great fellowship. Equip your people to work together for justice and peace, following the example of Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, whose birth we remember this week. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Creating God, sustain the web of life on this planet. Protect wild places, endangered species, and vulnerable habitats. Come to the aid of those affected by natural disasters. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Just God, you desire dignity, respect and equality for everyone. Raise up prophets who speak truth to the nations. Give courage to leaders and all in authority to defend the vulnerable, seek justice, and to work for lasting peace. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Healing God, you lift up those who are bowed down by trouble, oppression, or illness especially Jack, Beth Ramsey, Sherry Dogwiler, Robert Carlson, Karen Eggers, Donna Koehler, Chuck Ryen, Jennifer Ledbeeter, Michael Gunion, Delaney Metzger, Jackie Kellie, Pastor Mike, Marilyn, Sally McCarville, Bruce Whiting, Gabe Derr, Jacob Russell-Rivera, Juanita Steinbaugh, Andrew Langr, Mark Krueger, Bob White, and Beverly Carlson. Bring an end to social injustice and inequities of every kind, so that all people may have abundant life. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Abiding God, you are present among this congregation. Keep us mindful of our mission, and guide our ministries in this community, that your mercy may be made visible through us. Kindle in us a deep desire to serve and care for one another. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Faithful God, you promise to be with us always. We remember with gratitude the faithful departed who now rest in you, especially Sam Coryell and Ray Hollingstad. Comfort his family and strengthen us to the end, that we may see you face to face. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **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 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 in heaven,**  
**hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come,**  
**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!  
Come to the table; taste and see.

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**You Are Mine**

**ELW 581**

1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I

I will lift you from all your fear.  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
heal-ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
am the peace the world can - not give. (2) In the

You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
shad-ows of the night, I will be your light.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free,  
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand

still and know I am here. To stanza 2  
Come and rest in me. To refrain  
all will know my name. To refrain  
up, now walk and live! To refrain

*Refrain*  
Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by

name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I

love you and you are mine." To stanzas 3 and 4

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Music: David Haas

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**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty** 777

1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.  
 2 "Come to me, all trav'-lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.  
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh-ment in this place.  
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

*Refrain*

Je-sus, ev - er - flow-ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.

In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;  
 I would be your trusted friend.  
 Come and seek the gift I offer,  
 come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*

6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;  
 lonely ways no longer roam.  
 Come and take the gift I offer,  
 let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

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## TABLE BLESSING

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

### BLESSING

May the triune God,  
who has put a new song in your mouth  
and tuned your heart for praise, bless you now and forever.  
In the name of the Father, **☩** Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

### SENDING HYMN

ELW 720

### We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the  
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in  
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be

Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to  
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so  
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.  
ha - tred and blind-ness . . . will be . . . more.  
sis - ters and broth-ers . . . u - nit-ed in love.

*Refrain*



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to  
love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -  
oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God. 5

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### MISSION STATEMENT

**Guided by the Gospel, we:**  
**Welcome all to worship;**  
**Make disciples;**  
**Hunger for ministry;**  
**Nurture youth;**  
**Gather resources for growing ministries;**  
**Offer healing and care to all in need.**

### DISMISSAL

**Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

### OFFERING

(Please place gifts in the plates as you leave)

### POSTLUDE