

Online Edition
God's Work Our Hands

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Online

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Pastor Rob*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Pastor Rob*)

L: Blessed be the Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: 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.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence for individual reflection.*) 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.

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

“Here I Am, Lord”

ELW #574

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING (*Paul Klein*)

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ and he said, ‘Here I am!’ and ran to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, ‘Samuel!’ Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ But he said, ‘I did not call, my son; lie down again.’ Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.”’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel said, ‘Speak, for your servant is listening.’

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 10:42-45

So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

SONG OF THE DAY

"Of My Hands"

Composer Unknown

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Assistant*)

C: 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.

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assistant*)

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Insert (including the following)

L: God of humble service, strengthen the outreach and social justice work of our congregation, synod, and church-wide ministries [especially the ministries we will be serving today...]. Bless our hands as we use them to care for others in your name.

L: Lord, in your mercy,
C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C: **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"

ELW #691

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Assistant*)

C: 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.

SENDING

COUNCIL UPDATE

BENEDICTION (*Pastor Rob*)

L: At the font, God brings us from death to life and calls us to share that abundant life with the world.

C: We are freed in Christ to serve!

L: Through the word, God accompanies us through our life journeys and calls us to walk with others on their journeys.

C: We are freed in Christ to serve!

L: At the table, God feeds us with Christ's own body and forms us to be the body of Christ for others.

C: We are freed in Christ to serve!

L: In the world, God goes ahead of us to places in need and calls us to join the work.

C: We are freed in Christ to serve!

L: Let us pray. Holy One, as we serve others today, give us courage to see you in our neighbor; give us strength to sustain us in our work; and give us more opportunities to continue your work in our community. As we give our hands in service for your work, help us to trust in your mercy for those who are still in need.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“Love the Lord”

Lincoln Brewster/John Wasson

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE