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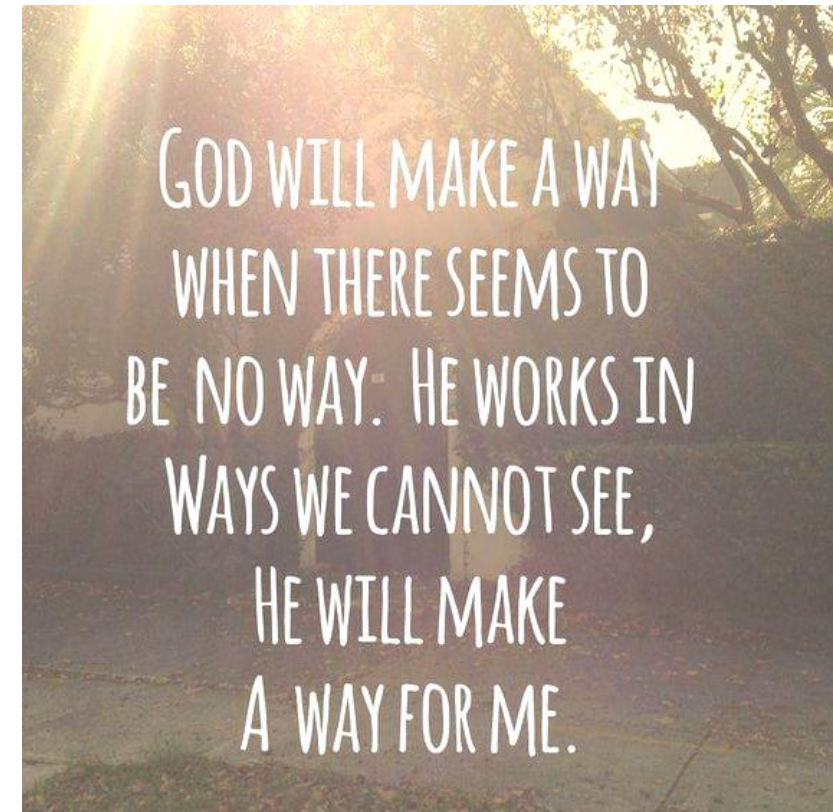
Dates to remember:

Sept. 11~ The Women's group Winter Wonderland Christmas Sale
Sept. 21~ Council meeting 7pm



*Altar flowers are given by
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**Altar flowers are still available for October 30
Please sign up on the chart in the Narthex.**



Blessing

P: The God of peace, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always. **C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn: “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth” **Red book #538**

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

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“Discovering Christ’s community through building relationships”

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Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.

“Prelude: “Deep (Way Down)”
Welcome
(Please stand as able)

Brief Order of Confession & Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

C: Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

C: Amen.

Passing of the Peace:

“During this time of Covid, please remain in your pew, but share a sign of peace with the neighbors around you”

Gathering Song: "Beneath the Tree of Life"
Refrain: Come and gather beneath the tree of life
 Come and gather beneath the tree of life
 Root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.
 Come and gather beneath the tree of life

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.

Kyrie

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, mercy on us all.

A: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, mercy on us all.

A: For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word; let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy, mercy on us all.

A: Help, save and defend us, O God.

C: Amen (*Congregation sings refrain*)

The Prayer of the Day

C: O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

The first reading is from the 25th Chapter of Proverbs

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: (To Be Sung)

C: 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 Holy Communion

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song: "Lamb Of God"

A: Have mercy on us. **C: Have mercy on us.**

After last verse A: Grant us your peace. **C: Grant us your peace.**

Blessing after Communion

P: May the body and blood of our living, risen Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving (*especially*). Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

For all the saints who confessed God's name, we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

(Please stand as able)

Offertory Prayer

C: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

6Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
7for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Song:

"We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord;

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.

And we offer up to You the sacrifices of thanksgiving;

And we offer up to You the sacrifices of joy.

The second reading is from the 13th chapter of Hebrews

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

L: Word of God. Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as able)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor sings verse

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 14th Chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

(Please stand as able)

Sermon Hymn:

"O How I Love Jesus"

- 1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
It sounds like music in my ear, The sweetest Name on earth**

**Refrain: O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus; Because He first loved me.**

- 2 It tells me of a Savior's love, Who died to set me free;
It tells me of His precious blood, The sinner's perfect plea. Refrain**
- 3 It tells me what my Father hath, In store for every day;
And tho' I tread a darksome path, Yields sunshine all the way. Refrain**
- 4 It tells of One whose loving heart, Can feel my deepest woe;
Who in each sorrow bears a part, That none can bear below. Refrain**

Apostle's Creed

C: 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

(Please be seated)

Prayers of Intercession

P: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.