

Prelude

Noisy Offering

GATHERING

Gathering Hymn

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Hymn No. 879

Greeting

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

Prayer of the Day

(Together) **Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

WORD

Review of VBS “Words of the Day” (10:15 a.m.)

Special Music

“Lord of All Creation”

VBS Children (10:15 a.m.)

First Lesson

Genesis (12:1-2, 15:5-6)

¹Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

(After the reading:) The word of the Lord. **R/ Thanks be to God.**

Reading Responsively– Psalm 8:1, 2a, 3-9 (Lector and People)

¹O LORD our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

²you whose glory is chanted above the heavens

out of the mouths of infants and children;

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,

human beings that you should care for them?

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;

with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;**

you have put all things under their feet:

⁷**all flocks and cattle,**

even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,**

and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

⁹**O LORD our Lord,**

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Lesson

Acts (11:19-26, 13:1-3)

¹⁹Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews.²⁰But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus.²¹The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord.²²News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.²³When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion;²⁴for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord.²⁵Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,²⁶and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."¹Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul.²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."³Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.

(After the reading:) The word of the Lord. **R/ Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia,

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke (23:55-24:10)

(Spoken after the announcement) **R/ Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵⁵The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid.⁵⁶Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment. But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared.²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb,³but when they went in, they did not find the body.⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in

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dazzling clothes stood beside them.⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee,⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles.

(Spoken after the reading) **R/ Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor David Echelbarger

Hymn of the Day

"God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

Hymn No. 771

APOSTLES' CREED

(Together) **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.

Prayers of Intercession

Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

(After each petition:) Hear us, O God ... **Your mercy is great.**

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

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R/ And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" Lynn Landish, Jim Cook
Ginny Trendel, Piano (8:30 a.m.)

"Pass It On"

(10:15 a.m.)

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
that's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it;
you spread his love to everyone;
you want to pass it on.

What a wonderous time is spring,
when all the trees are budding;
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love
once you've experienced it; you want to sing,
it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend,
This happiness that I've found;
you can depend on him,
it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop;
I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Offering Prayer

(Together) **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

R/ And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

R/ We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R/ It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, merciful Lord... Be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

(Together) **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.**

Invitation

Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." All are welcome.

Distribution

We invite all baptized Christians and visitors of all denominations, even the youngest, to the table of the Lord. Children who desire a blessing rather than receiving the bread and the wine should stand with folded hands to indicate their preference. Please follow the ushers' directions to one of several communion stations in the sanctuary. If you need to have the sacrament brought to your pew, please inform an usher. Receive the wine or indicate a preference for grape juice by asking the server or pointing to the center of the tray.

Blessing

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

R/ Amen.

Prayer after Communion

(Together) **Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING**Benediction**

Almighty and merciful God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless, preserve, and keep you
this day and forevermore.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

Hymn No. 881

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love, as Christ loved us.

R/ Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.