

GATHERING

PRELUDE

GATHERING HYMN “*God of Grace and God of Glory*” Hymn No. 705

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE “*Glory to God in the Highest*” page 121
(8:30 AM only)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Together) **O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BELL CHOIR “*Grazioso*” Georg Philipp Telemann
(8:30 AM)

THE LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me

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lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40 Responsively (Lector and People)

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your
trust in the LORD, and see what God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who
succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

¹⁰**In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
even if you search out their place, they will not be there.**

¹¹But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.

³⁹**But the deliverance of the righteous comes from you, O LORD;
you are their stronghold in time of trouble.**

⁴⁰You, O LORD, will help them and rescue them;
you will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because in you they seek refuge.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 6:27-38*(Spoken after the announcement)* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ²⁷"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

(Spoken after the reading) The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Beth Ann Stone

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Hymn No. 631

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

(After each petition) Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

"I Am the Vine"

Allen Pote
(8:30 AM)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all...

...Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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(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

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

All are welcome!

LAMB OF GOD

"Lamb of God"

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Our Pastors

Rev. Beth Ann L. Stone, Pastor

Rev. Krista Zimmerman, Pastor

Worship Leadership (8:30)

Greeters: Ralph & Chesterlyn Kelsey

Lector: Dave Pennings

Nursery: Elise Kaesermann, Bryce Lang

Acolytes: Jackson Kaesermann, Kyra Kolaske,

Jacob Roushia, Natalie Stephans

Communion Assistants: John Berge, Kurri Cecchini, Karen Martin,

Chuck Svoboda, Claranna Vytlacil, Carol Wiechers

Coffee Hour Hosts: Barb Galis, Ed & Teresa Jacobs, Joe Silvius

Coffee Hour Refreshments: Sandy Lyden, Jean Richio, Julie Rossman,

Judy Smith, Amy Zuelke

Usher Team Leader: Connie Mallwitz

Doorkeeper: Liam Stone

Bread Baker: Louise Larsen

Worship Leadership (11:00)

Greeters: Matt & Jenny Maier

Lector: Kim Haigh

Acolytes: Amelia Donaldson, Ashton Ryshkus

Nursery: Jayden & Marin Haigh

Communion Assistant: Dana Lambert-Wittkowske

Doorkeeper: Sophia Stuebe

Usher Team Leader: Duane Smith