

## GATHERING

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING HYMN

*“All Are Welcome”*

Hymn No. 641

### 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”*

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(8:30 AM only)

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(Together)* **Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

### CHILDREN’S SERMON

#### THE LESSON

**Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

<sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.

<sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight

of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered,

“Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with

interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. <sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught

the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to

them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

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

**Psalm 19 Responsively (Lector and People)**

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

<sup>2</sup>**One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,

<sup>4</sup>**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their  
message to the ends of the world,  
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his  
chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

<sup>6</sup>**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the  
heavens and runs about to the end of it  
again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*"Alleluia"*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

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## HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

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

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. <sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: <sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, <sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” <sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

## SERMON

Rev. Beth Ann Stone

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*“Hark, the Glad Sound”*

Hymn No. 239

## 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.**

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.****MEAL**

## OFFERING

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*“A Covenant Prayer”*Allen Pote  
*(8:30 AM)*

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.**

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin’s alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav’nly king.**

## 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.**

## EUCHARISTIC 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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DISTRIBUTION

All baptized Christians and visitors of all denominations, even the youngest, are invited to Lord's table. An usher will direct you to a place at the table. (If you need to have the sacrament brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.) You will receive a piece of bread and a cup of wine (outer rings on tray) or juice (inner rings). *Gluten free or wheat wafers are available upon request.* Children who desire a blessing instead may indicate their preference by folding their hands. Please leave your cup on the indicated tray or basket as you return to your seat.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*"One Bread, One Body"*

Hymn No. 496  
(8:30 AM only)

BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*(Together)* **We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build up one another, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SENDING**

BENEDICTION

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

*"To Be Your Presence"*

Hymn No. 546

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is your light.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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**Our Pastors**

Rev. Beth Ann L. Stone, Pastor

Rev. Krista Zimmerman, Pastor

**Worship Leadership (8:30)**

Greeters: David & Lynne Santalucia

Lector: Karen Martin

Nursery: Kelli Steenrod

Acolytes: Amelia Donaldson, Anitha & Ashton Ryshkus, Liam Stone

Communion Assistants: Frank DeCesaro, Debby Klinkhammer, Dan Larsen, Karen Magee,  
Jim Wilks, Candy Zicarelli

Coffee Hour Hosts: Victor Mitmoen, Joe Silvius, Harold & Lois Solberg

Coffee Hour Refreshments: Jude Mahnke, Connie Mallwitz, Sharon Polak,

Tricia Randelzhofer, Katie Tuttle

Usher Team Leader: Gary Francis

Doorkeeper: Emmett Santalucia

Bread Baker: Lynne Besaw

**Worship Leadership (11:00)**

Lector: Cherise Hart

Acolytes: Landrie Hess, Nolan Voye

Nursery: Micah Bischoff, Damien LaCanne

Communion Assistant: Ric Weiss

Usher Team Leader: Bob Kolesar

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