

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude *All of Creation* by Creator Praise Band

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship *"Tree of Life"* (ELW #334, vs 1, Lent 2)

**Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry,
in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry,
still you rise with ev'ry morn,
still you rise with ev'ry morn.**

**In our call to be a blessing,
May we be a blessing true;
May we live and die confessing
Christ as Lord of all we do.
Christ as Lord of all we do.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P: We worship in the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and give us new hearts.

Special Music *Holiness* by Dean Ramberg

P: Most merciful God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we fail to live for your Word. We turn away from you and towards the influencers of our world that would have us place our trust in them. We fall into temptation and seek to self-justify our thoughts and actions. We do not see clearly the need of our neighbors. When we seek need our actions or inactive often contribute to their pain rather than free them from suffering. We do not want to rely on you. In your compassion forgive our sin and uphold us by your Holy Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. By the authority of Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, + Son and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

Composed by Daniel Schreiner, Sung by Dani Lemieux

**In peace let us pray, pray to the Lord our God.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.
For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all let us pray to
the Lord.
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

**For your people here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your
Word, let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Help save and defend us,
O Lord. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG

FIRST READING Psalm 122

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

RETURN TO GOD

Composed by Daniel Schreiner, Sung by Dani Lemieux

**Return to God with
all your heart, the Source
of grace and mercy.
Remembering His sacrifice, we listen.**

GOSPEL Luke 13: 1-9, 31-35

After the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross (ELW #335)

**1 Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream
flows from Calv'ry's mountain.**

Refrain

**In the cross, in the cross
be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find
rest beyond the river.**

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul,
love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star
sheds its beams around me. *Refrain*

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day
with its shadow o'er me. *Refrain*

4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait,
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand
just beyond the river. *Refrain*

Creed

We Believe

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear; There is only one foundation; we believe,
we believe. In this broken generation when all is dark you help us see. There is only one
salvation - we believe, we believe.

We believe in God, the Father.
We believe in Jesus Christ.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
and He's given us new life.

We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death. We believe in the
resurrection
and He's coming back again - we believe.

So let our faith be more
than anthems, greater than the songs we sing. In our weakness and temptations,
we believe, we believe!

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We believe in the Holy Spirit,
and He's given us new life.

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We believe in the resurrection and He's coming back again...

We believe.
We believe.
We believe.

THE PRAYERS *WL: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.*

SHARING A SIGN OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you!

GOD FEEDS US WITH THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Merciful God,

C: as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, ho let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

Now in This Banquet

Refrain

Lord, you can open hearts that are stone;
live in our flesh and our bone.
Lead us to wonder, myst'ry, and grace,
one in your loving embrace.

Verse 1

You who have touched us and graced us with love,
make us your people of goodness and light. *(Refrain)*

Great Thanksgiving

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Distribution **LAMB OF GOD (Composed by Daniel Schreiner)**

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.
(Repeat)

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.
Grant us peace.

COMMUNION BLESSING

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days, ready to see our work as prayer, ready to fast from complacency, and ready to share with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD

BLESSING

P: The Lord Bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you God's peace. Amen.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C: Thanks be to God!

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