

OCTOBER 31, 2021 8:30AM WORSHIP BULLETIN

THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS US TOGETHER AS THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Prelude **Go Tell It On The Mountain** (ELW #290)

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

*P: We worship in the name of the Father, and the Son +, and the Holy Spirit, one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.*

**C: Amen.**

*P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.  
Silence is kept for reflection.*

*God our comforter:*

**C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.**

**We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.**

**Free us from our sin, gracious God.**

**Listen when we call out to you for help.**

**Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**Amen.**

*P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*

*By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, I declare your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and Son +, and the Holy Spirit. God makes you righteous.*

*Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.*

**C: Amen.**

Kyrie .....ELW #157

Hymn of Praise.....ELW #167

Prayer of the Day

*P: Let us pray*

**C: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**GOD SPEAKS TO US IN SCRIPTURE, PREACHING AND SONG**

First Reading: **Jeremiah 31: 31-34**

Second Reading: **Romans 3: 19-28**

Children's Sermon

Gospel Acclamation.....*Thy Word*

Gospel Reading: **John 8: 31-36**

(Before) **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

(After) **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

***A Mighty Fortress is Our God*** (ELW #504)

**1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a sword and shield victorious;  
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod  
and wins salvation glorious.  
The old satanic foe  
has sworn to work us woe!  
With craft and dreadful might  
he arms himself to fight.  
On earth he has no equal.**

**2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
We would be lost, rejected.  
But now a champion comes to fight,  
whom God himself elected.  
You ask who this may be?  
The Lord of hosts is he!  
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,  
God's only Son, adored.  
He holds the field victorious.**

**3 Though hordes of devils fill the land  
all threat'ning to devour us,  
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;  
they cannot overpow'r us.  
Let this world's tyrant rage;  
in battle we'll engage!  
His might is doomed to fail;  
God's judgment must prevail!  
One little word subdues him.**

**4 God's Word forever shall abide,  
no thanks to foes, who fear it;  
for God himself fights by our side  
with weapons of the Spirit.  
Were they to take our house,  
goods, honor, child, or spouse,  
though life be wrenched away,  
they cannot win the day.  
The kingdom's ours forever!**

Confession of Faith **The Apostles' Creed**

Prayers of the People

*P: Lord in your mercy. C: Hear our Prayer.*

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

**C: God of abundance,  
you cause streams to break forth in the desert  
and manna to rain from the heavens.  
Accept the gifts you have first given us.  
Unite them with the offering of our lives  
to nourish the world you love so dearly;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**Great Thanksgiving**

**Holy, Holy, Holy (sung)**

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**

Invitation to Communion

*WL: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.*

Communion Hymns ***Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*** (ELW #517)

- 1 Lord, keep us steadfast in your word;  
curb those who by deceit or sword  
would wrest the kingdom from your Son  
and bring to naught all he has done.**
- 2 Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,  
for you are Lord of lords alone;  
defend your holy church, that we  
may sing your praise eternally.**
- 3 O Comforter of priceless worth,  
send peace and unity on earth;  
support us in our final strife  
and lead us out of death to life.**

***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*** (ELW #596)

**1 My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
no merit of my own I claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

***Refrain***

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**2 When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain***

**3 His oath, his covenant, his blood  
sustain me in the raging flood;  
when all supports are washed away,  
he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain***

**4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,  
oh, may I then in him be found,  
clothed in his righteousness alone,  
redeemed to stand before the throne! *Refrain***

Prayer after Communion

*WL: Let us pray*

**C: Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood  
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US IN MISSION TO THE WORLD**

Blessing

*P: People of God,*

*You are Christ's body,*

*Bringing new life to a suffering world.*

*The holy Trinity, Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit,*

*Bless you now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

Sending Hymn

***All Creatures, Worship God Most High!*** (ELW #835, vs 1-4))

**1 All creatures, worship God most high!  
Sound ev'ry voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright;  
sing, sister moon and stars of night:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2 Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain  
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear sister water, useful, clear,  
make music for your Lord to hear:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3 Sing, brother fire, so mirthful, strong,  
drive far the shadows, join the throng: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Dear mother earth, so rich in care,  
praise God in colors bright and rare:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**4 All who for love of God forgive,  
all who in pain and sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;  
still make your song amid the tears:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Sending

*P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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