

Welcome to Worship!



Flowers Today are given in remembrance of 9/11.

Thank you to those who shared their time and talents this morning:

Lector: Sandy Bendickson

Greeter: Plaza Ladies

Communion Assistants: Kathy Wigern & Edie Sward

Ushers: Ross & Peg Mattke

Altar: Sandy Bendickson & Karen Heise

Sound/Video: Health Oeltjen, Cheryl Luettinger, Julie Deschneau,
Randy Zanto, Bruce Carlstrom

Coffee: Karen & Tom Heise & Judy & Chuck Bremer

Prelude *Our Father, We Have Wandered* arr. by Pam Gervais
Making Our Way arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

GATHERING

Welcome / Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth.

C: Amen.

P: Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

Compassionate God,

C: we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse. Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships. Indifference keeps us from seeking justice. Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others. Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

P: Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn

Making Their Way

ACS#979

Greeting

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.

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God

ACS#1087

(first verse, then repeat)

Prayer of the Day

Special Music

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Senior Choir

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103: 8-13

⁸ Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love;

⁹ **you will not always accuse us, nor will you keep your anger forever.**

¹⁰ You have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor repaid us according to our iniquities.

¹¹ **For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is your steadfast love for those who fear you.**

¹² As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ **As a father has compassion for his children, so you have compassion for those who fear you, O Lord.**

Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Listen Now for the Gospel

ASC#972

refrain, verse 1, refrain

Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Miller

Hymn of the Day

Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

#605

(tune LAND OF REST)

Blessing of Children & Youth Teachers/Leaders

Prayers of Intercession

P: Hear us, O God

C: Your mercy is great.

Peace

Offering & Offertory *Jesus Loves Me!* arr. by John Helgen

Offering Response *We Are an Offering* #692

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving (spoken)

Holy, Holy, Holy ACS#1089

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer p. 145

Lamb of God *Now Behold the Lamb* #341

Communion

All who desire to receive the body and blood of Christ are welcome at the table.

Distribution Hymns

Our Father, We Have Wandered #606

For the Beauty of the Earth #879

Prayer After Communion

SENDING

Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* #864

Dismissal

P: Go out in Joy. Be lead forth in peace

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Praise, My Soul, the God in Heaven* arr. by Mark Sedio

Keep in prayer: Wayne & Monica Schmidt (cousin of Dale Nibbe), Cheryl Goudy (Sue Benson's sister), Patricia A. McMahon (cousin of Dale Nibbe), Lucy Youngren (great-niece of Mavis Hawkins), Tom Gerken, Rand & Bonnie Conway, Hazel Jonas (granddaughter of Shef & Deb Massey), Anna Wood (Wally Dailey's sister), Wally Dailey, Barb Novek (sister of Diane Keyport), River (grandson of Mary Santelman), Kim Ask-Carlson, Brody Otterson, and the family of Roger Ahrens (Andrew Ahrens' father).