

*Jesus, by what authority
are you doing these things?*



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PSALM SERVICE

This service uses portions of the Psalms as the parts of the liturgy.
The Psalms are the hymnbook of the Bible and help us form our worship today.

Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

SB 549 sts. 1, 3, 6-7



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, Ye ran - somed from the fall,
6 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe, On this ter - res - trial ball
7 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may fall!



Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem And crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace And crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all maj - es - ty as - cribe And crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song And crown Him Lord of all.



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Invocation and Call to Worship (Based on Psalm 92)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ***Amen.***

P: O Lord, it does us good to give you thanks,

C: ***to fill our lungs with the name of the Most High,***

P: To start the morning off with good news of your love,

C: ***and to close the day with thanks for your faithfulness,***

P: You made us find joy in what you have done, O LORD.

C: ***We will sing joyfully about the works of your hands.***

P: How spectacular are your works, O LORD!

C: ***How very deep are your thoughts!***

Confession and Absolution (Based on Isaiah 55 and Psalm 130)

P: The Lord's thoughts are not your thoughts,

neither are your ways the Lord's ways.

Seek the Lord while he may be found;

call upon him while he is near;

let the sinners abandon their ways,

and the unrighteous turn away from their thoughts;

Return to the Lord, for he will have compassion on you,

Return to our God, for he will forgive generously.

C: ***Yes, let us return to the Lord and confess our sin.***

P: Out of the pit we call you, Lord;

C: ***please, Lord, hear us;***

P: Though our voices are faint let them reach your ears

C: ***and touch your heart of mercy.***

P: Lord, if you keep a tally of all our sins,

C: ***then who could survive?***

P: But Lord, you have the power to forgive;

C: ***So we worship and honor you.***

P: His word is our only hope;

C: ***We wait on the Lord, we wait in our souls,***

P: eager as any watchman waits for the morning.

(Silence for reflection on personal sins and need for forgiveness).

P: You wait for the Lord, because his love for you will never run out,
 and because he has the power to set you free;
 Only he will save you from your sins,
 Only he has sent his son to die for you
 and rise again to give you new life.
 Your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father
 and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *Amen.*

Song of Praise

He is Lord

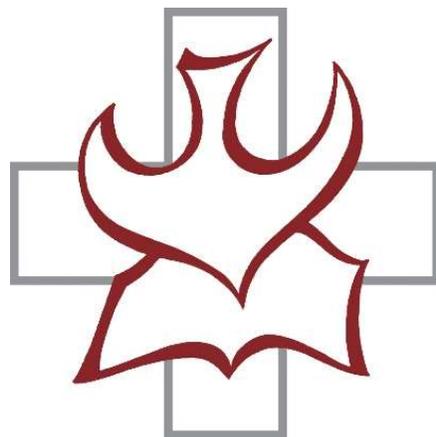
5 He is Lord, _ He is Lord! _ He is ris - en from the dead and He is
 You are Lord, _ You are Lord! _ You are ris - en from the dead and You are

Lord! _ Ev-ery knee shall bow, ev-ery tongue con fess That Je - sus Christ is Lord! _
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Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You exalted Your Son to the place of all honor and
 authority. Enlighten our minds by Your Holy Spirit that, confessing Jesus as
 Lord, we may be led into all truth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who
 lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *Amen.*



Old Testament Reading**Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32(ESV)**

¹The word of the LORD came to me [Ezekiel, the prophet]: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle (New Testament Letter)**Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18(ESV)**

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem**Shine Through Me****Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

Shine through me, Lord Jesus, shine through me, Lord Jesus.
In the darkness of a hurting world, shine through me, Lord Jesus.

Shine through me, Lord Jesus, shine through me Lord Jesus.
In the darkness of a hurting world, shine through me, Lord Jesus.

To the lost and battered lives adrift on stormy seas;
To the angry and confused crying to be free,
From the chains of bondage that trap the soul in sin,
Let the light of Jesus shine from deep within.

Shine through me, Lord Jesus, shine through me, Lord Jesus.
In the darkness of a hurting world, shine through me, Lord Jesus.

Shine through me, Lord Jesus, shine through me, Lord Jesus.
In the darkness of a hurting world, shine through me, Lord Jesus.
Shine through me, Lord Jesus. Shine through me.

Holy Gospel**Matthew 21:23–27 (ESV)**

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day **Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word**

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1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in Your Word; Curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, Your pow'r make known, For You are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, Send peace and



by de - ceit or sword Would wrest the king - dom from Your
Lord of lords a - lone; De - fend Your ho - ly Church that
u - ni - ty on earth; Sup - port us in our fi - nal



Son And bring to naught all He has done.
we May sing Your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
strife And lead us out of death to life.

Sermon

Who's to Blame?

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Confession of Faith

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.—And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.—And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

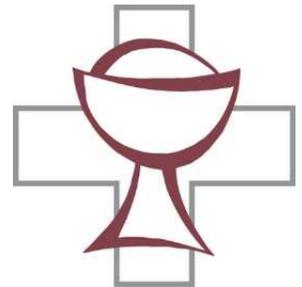
P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our Prayer.

The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



Communion Distribution

Communion will be held in the Bethel gym from 11:15am until Noon. Additional details on the communion process are available at the end of this bulletin.

Preparation for the Lord's Supper

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: We pray: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

C: Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: 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.

Words of Institution

Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

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

C: ***And also with you.***

- Please share the peace of the Lord with any family members at home.
- If you are on the Facebook Live page, please share the Lord's peace in the comments.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ***Amen.***

Benediction (Based on Psalm 67 and Numbers 6)

P: God is good to us, he is blessing us,

C: ***The face of God is shining down on us,***

P: Let the peoples praise You, O God;

C: ***Let all the peoples praise You.***

P: Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!

C: ***God, our own God, shall bless us.***

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: ***Amen.***

Closing Hymn

Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

LSB 813 sts. 1, ref, 2, 4, 7



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
 2 With voice as full and strong As o - cean's
 4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and
 Δ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high, The Lord whom



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
 surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
 chant and song, Through gate and porch and
 we a - dore: The Fa - ther, Son, and



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
 hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
 col - umned aisle The hal - lowed path - ways throng.
 Ho - ly Ghost, One God for - ev - er - more.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Announcements

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OCTOBER 2020 WORSHIP SCHEDULE



OCTOBER 4 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM

INTERMISSION CONVERSATION WITH PASTOR WEIDLER 10:15-11:00AM*
INDOOR COMMUNION 11:15AM – NOON

OCTOBER 11 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM

ANIMATE: PRACTICES: *SACRAMENTS* 10:15-11:15AM*

OCTOBER 18 - LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM

ANIMATE: PRACTICES: *FOOD* 10:15-11:00AM*
INDOOR COMMUNION 11:15AM - NOON

OCTOBER 25 – REFORMATION SERVICE

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP - 9AM

ANIMATE: PRACTICES: *SERVICE* 10:15-11:00AM*
INDOOR COMMUNION 11:15AM - NOON

BECKY LANZITO & KAREN LEICHT – ORGANISTS
ANN SOUZA - MUSIC DIRECTOR
MANDI DIVER – CHOIR/NEW MUSIC ACCOMPANIST
DAVID ZIEGLER - HANDBELL DIRECTOR

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***THESE SESSIONS ARE VIA ZOOM.**

INDOOR COMMUNION

SUNDAY, SEPT 27 11:15 A.M.- NOON

Pastor, Communion Elders and Ushers will wear masks and gloves and use sanitizer to clean off tables, trays, etc.

Communion Distribution Process

- An usher will greet you as you enter the lot.
 - Please park in west spots outside the gym.
 - Handicapped may pull into one of the curbside spots near the gym ramp.
 - You can let an usher know if you would need Communion brought to your car by Pastor and an Elder, using a tray to deliver it. The tray is wiped down after use.
- Enter the gym via the door at the top of the ramp.
- When you enter the gym, you will see spots for waiting marked on the floor. (Usher will help find spots to wait).
- When you are invited, approach the Communion kneelers. Families may stay together.
- You will receive a Communion liturgy card to follow.
- Pastor will place a wafer in your hand.
- An Elder will place an individual cup on the rail.
 - Please indicate if you desire alcohol removed wine.
- Pastor & Elder will speak brief words of distribution as you take the bread and wine.
- Put your cup in the container provided. You will exit the gym through the northeast door. If you need to use the ramp to leave the gym an usher will accompany you out the door and make sure you are safely out of the building and on the way to your car.