

# ALTAR FLOWERS GIVEN BY:

Roger Kriesel & Beverly Gilbert: To the glory of God!



# January 26, 2025 9:30 AM Worship Service



"Tender Rest"
- Pastor Doug Widger

# **Welcome and Opening Prayer**

## **Opening Song:** How Great Is Our God

Verse 1: The splendor of the King clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see how great, How great is our God

Verse 2: Age to age He stands and time is in His hands Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End The Godhead three in one, Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb, The Lion and the Lamb

#### **CHORUS**

Bridge: Name above all names, worthy of our praise My heart will sing how great is our God

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## **Confession and Absolution**

P: Let us come before Almighty God and acknowledge our broken and flawed lives.

C: Holy and righteous God, we confess that like Isaiah, we are a people of unclean lips. But it is not only unclean lips we possess. We are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts. We have broken your law times without number, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness and idolatry. Affect our hearts with the severity of our sin and the glory of your righteousness as we now acknowledge our sins in your holy presence.

- P: We have not honored the sabbath and kept it holy.
- C: We have busied ourselves with attempts to get right with you. We have not sought out your word.

We have not found our rest in your work for us on the cross.

P: We have no answer. But God Himself has mercifully provided one for us. "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." (Isaiah 53:6)

Friends, I am glad to help you remember that Christ has done the work you could not and by his blood you are set free.

#### **Share Grace**

# **Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 3

- 1 O LORD, how many are my foes! Many are rising against me;
- 2 many are saying of my soul, "There is no salvation for him in God." Selah
- 3 But you, O LORD, are a shield about me, my glory, and the lifter of my head.
- 4 I cried aloud to the LORD, and he answered me from his holy hill. Selah
- 5 I lay down and slept; I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.
- 6 I will not be afraid of many thousands of people who have set themselves against me all around.
- 7 Arise, O LORD! Save me, O my God! For you strike all my enemies on the cheek; you break the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 Salvation belongs to the LORD; your blessing be on your people! Selah
- P: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

# **Epistle Reading**

Hebrews 4:1-12

- 1 Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it.
- 2 For good news came to us just as to them, but the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united by faith with those who listened.
- 3 For we who have believed enter that rest, as he has said, "As I swore in my wrath, 'They shall not enter my rest,' " although his works were finished from the foundation of the world.
- 4 For he has somewhere spoken of the seventh day in this way: "And God rested on the seventh day from all his works."
- 5 And again in this passage he said, "They shall not enter my rest."
- 6 Since therefore it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly received the good news failed to enter because of disobedience,
- again he appoints a certain day, "Today," saying through David so long afterward, in the words already quoted, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts."
- 8 For if Joshua had given them rest, God would not have spoken of another day later on.
- 9 So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God,

- 10 for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.
- 11 Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience.
- 12 For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
- P: This is the Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

## Children's Message - Dr. Serena Pace

## **Gospel Reading**

Mark 2:23-28

- 23 One Sabbath he was going through the grainfields, and as they made their way, his disciples began to pluck heads of grain.
- 24 And the Pharisees were saying to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?"
- 25 And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did, when he was in need and was hungry, he and those who were with him:
- 26 how he entered the house of God, in the time of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those who were with him?"
- 27 And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath.
- 28 So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."
- P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to You, O Christ!

## Message Song: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB #686 vs. 1-4

Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise. While the hope of endless glory Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me ever to adore Thee; May I still Thy goodness prove.

Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be; Let that grace now like a fetter Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

Oh, that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face; Clothed then in the blood-washed linen, How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace! Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; Take my ransom'd soul away; Send Thine angels soon to carry Me to realms of endless day.

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# Message: "Tender Rest" - Pastor Doug Widger

# **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Connection Points**

## Offering

Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

LSB #806

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son. (2x) And now let the weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," Because of what the Lord has done for us. (2x) Give thanks, give thanks.

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# **Prayers of the Church / Lord's Prayer**

## Ways to Follow Jesus

#### **Benediction**

P: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

C: Amen.

## Sending Song: Almighty Father, Bless the Word

LSB #923 vs. 1-3

Almighty Father, bless the Word Which through Your grace we now have heard. Oh, may the precious seed take root, Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!

We praise You for the means of grace As homeward now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heav'n appear.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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The Explore Grace Seminar will be held on Saturday, February 1st from 9:00 - 11:45 a.m. in Meeting Room 2. Come and learn more about who we are and what God is doing in our family of faith.



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#### ~ Sundays @ 10:45 a.m. ~

- The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talk Gym
- Grace Youth (Grades 9-12) Youth Shed
- Grace Youth (Grades 7-8) Meeting Room 4
- Grace Kids (Preschool 4's/Kinder, Grades 1-6) - Preschool Wing Classrooms
- Babies 3 year olds Nursery

#### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, January 26, 2025

9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary 10:45 AM The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talks - Gym

12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside

#### Monday, January 27, 2025

7:00 PM JOY: Philippians Book Study - Zoom

#### Tuesday, January 28, 2025

7:30 PM Community Basketball - Gym

#### Wednesday, January 29, 2025

10:30 AM JOY: Philippians Book Study - Library

6:30 PM ESL Classes

6:30 PM Joybells Rehearsal - Sanctuary

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Music Room

#### Friday, January 31, 2024

6:30 PM Spanish Bible Study - Fireside Room

#### Saturday, February 1, 2025

9:00 AM Altar Guild

9:00 - 11:45 AM Explore Grace Seminar - Meeting Room 2

#### Sunday, February 2, 2025

9:30 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:45 AM The Ten(der) Commandments Table Talks

12:00 PM Spanish Worship Service - Fireside Room



Bible Journaling will meet in person Saturday, February 8th from 10 am - 12 pm. What is Bible Journaling? It is a creative response to God's Word. You don't have to be an artist to participate. Each meeting starts with prayer and a time of devotion followed by creative activity in response to the Scripture that has been shared. If you are interested, please register for this event on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Suggested supplies: markers, colored pencils, black sharpie, glue stick, scissors, Bible, notebook or art pad. Bring your own snack and bottle of water.

#### **ELDERS AND** THEIR ASSIGNED **MEMBERS**

Joe Masterson A-B Hank Jacobs C-E Keith Mangels F-H Mike Kennedy Mike Curtis M-O Ernie Owens P-R S Brian Bassett Jim Schmidt T-Z Head Elder:

Joe Masterson



Pastor Doug Widger, Lead Shepherd Pastor Steve Roth, Community Care Dr. Serena Pace, DCE, Director of Ministries Mrs. Laura Scott, Director of Early Education

# PRESCHOOL PREVIEW

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4** 6:00-7:00 PM

PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO PREVIEW OUR

PRESCHOOL CLASSROOMS & TEACHERS BEFORE **REGISTRATION OPENS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR** 

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