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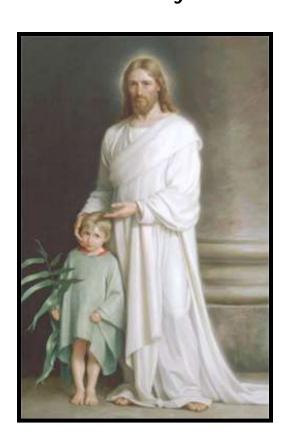
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With One Voice - Service of Word and Prayer, page 46
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

GATHERING

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Rally Day Launch

* Hymn

Thy Holy Wings

WOV # 741

* Greeting

WOV page 48

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.

* Dialogue

WOV page 46

P: The Lord has declared that you are his treasured possession,

C: a people holy to the Lord our God.

P: Keep the words of the Lord in your heart and teach them to your children.

C: Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

P: We do not live by bread alone,

C: but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

* Kyrie Lord, Have Mercy WOV page 28

P: Kyrie eleison. C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christe eleison. C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Kyrie eleison. C: Lord, have mercy.

* Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 11:18-20

L: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

¹⁸ The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.

¹⁹ But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying,

"Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."

²⁰ But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind,

let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 54

L: Let us read responsively Psalm 54.

- ¹O God, save me by your name, and vindicate me by your might.
- ²O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the words of my mouth.
- ³ For strangers have risen against me; ruthless men seek my life; they do not set God before themselves. *Selah*
- ⁴Behold, God is my helper; the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- ⁵ He will return the evil to my enemies; in your faithfulness put an end to them.
- ⁶ With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you; I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.
- ⁷ For he has delivered me from every trouble, and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies. [ESV]

Second Reading: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

L: A reading from the letter of James.

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵ This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

4 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ² You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. [ESV]

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation

WOV page 31

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia, alleluia.

* Gospel: *Mark* 9:30-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰ [Jesus and the disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And he did not want anyone to know, ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³² But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

³³ And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴ But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵ And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me." [ESV]

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Thomas Mosbo

* Hymn Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service ELW # 712

* Apostles' Creed

WOV page 49

P: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of salvation.

C: We believe in him and are sealed with the Holv Spirit.

P: In trust and hope, we confess the faith in which we were baptized.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Reconciliation WOV page 49

P: Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

C: pray in the Holy Spirit.

P: Keep yourselves in the love of God;

C: Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

C: Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new.

P: Let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ± Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

Peace WOV page 50

P: Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Choir Anthem C

Christ Be My Leader

Thanksgiving for the Word

ELW page 220

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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

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

P: Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: You spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

P: Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C: Amen.

C: Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God...

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God...

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Glory to God... and peace to God's people on earth.

Prayers of Intercession

WOV page 52

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: ... Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, Our Savior.

C: Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Gary Hudik, Brady Meier, Virgil Martin, Tena Rackow, Marilyn Fulfs, Richard Frietag, Todd Schlachter, Cyndy Schumacher, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Hanna, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Jeri, Allie, Al, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Howard D., Christine, Madilyn Yeager, Jim DeMontigny Jr., Anita, Eric, Roger, Larry, Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Libby Wuethrich, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Dennis Bokemeier and Susan Anderson.

Lord's Prayer

WOV page 52

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: 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.

SENDING

Blessing WOV page 53

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,
In the name of the Father, ⊕ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn Children of the Heavenly Father ELW # 781

* **Dismissal** WOV page 53

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

Thank you to all our angels,

When we needed you most you were all here to lend a helping hand. A BIG shout out to; Duane and Genise Tessendorf, Troy and Cindy Doubler, Beth and Allie Martin, Donna Gullickson, Vivian and Deb Hesselbacher, for taking the quilts to Grace Lutheran in Monroe for delivery to Lutheran World Relief.

We are eternally grateful for ALL of of your help with this big project.
Shirley Fox and The Piece Corp



Property Committee Meeting

Monday, September 23rd at 6:00pm

October, November, December devotion books, "Christ in in Our Home" and "A Word in Season" Are now available. Pick yours up in the magazine racks.

Men's Group

Saturday, September 28th at 4:30pm.

Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Committee Meeting October 20th after worship.

Attendance September 8th In-person 27, Online 51