

Sunday, August 29th

Bell Ringing

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider, **help us.** It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. **Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn – My God, How Wonderful Thou Art #863, vs. 1, 3 & 5

1. My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright! How beautiful thy mercy seat in depths of burning light!
3. No earthly father loves like thee; no mother, e'er so mild, bears and forbears as thou hast done with me, thy sinful child.
5. My God, how wonderful thou art, thou everlasting friend! On thee I stay my trusting heart till faith in vision end.

Prayer of the Day

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Reading: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. ²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Kids' Sermon

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways #772, vs. 1 & 2

1. Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways to keep his statutes still! Oh, that my God would grant me grace to know and do his will!
2. Order my footsteps by your word and make my heart sincere; let sin have no dominion, Lord, but keep my conscience clear.

Gospel: Mark 7:1-23

Sermon

Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways #772, vs. 3 & 4

3. Assist my soul, too apt to stray, a stricter watch to keep; and should I e'er forget your way, restore your wand'ring sheep.
4. Make me to walk in your commands, 'tis a delightful road; nor let my head or heart or hands offend against my God.

Apostles' Creed - 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; He descended to the dead. 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.

Prayers of the People

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer - 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.

Communion Distribution

Benediction

For the Beauty of the Earth #879, vs. 1 – 5

1. For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain: Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

2. For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light: *Refrain*
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*
4. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*
5. For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n; for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely giv'n: *Refrain*

Announcements & Postlude

In our prayers: those in care facilities, Peter Sterbonic, Darlyne Thoen and Beth Wieland