

Gathering

Prelude
Welcome, Confession & Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ☩ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. Amen.

Gathering Hymn “O Master, Let Me Walk with You” #818
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Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Word

Kid’s Sermon
Special Music “Mozart Duet” Ann & Gordon Decker

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a

The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

Psalms 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;
They do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.
They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-28

This letter offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is “Christ in you.” Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

Gospel Acclamation “Listen, God Is Calling” #513

The Holy Gospel Luke 10:38-42

During his visit to the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminds Martha that her concern for her many tasks distracts from the one thing that precedes all else: abiding in the presence of God.

Sermon Pastor Richard Braun
Hymn of the Day “Give to Our God Immortal Praise!” #848
Prayers of the People Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.
Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Song “We Are an Offering” #692

Offering Prayer—Let us pray together:

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Meal

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Words of Institution

The Lord’s Prayer Our Father, who art in heaven... page 154
Communion Hymns “Lamb of God” page 154
“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” #712
“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” #697

Prayer after Communion—Let us pray together:

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus’ name. Amen.