

**Offering**

**Organ Offertory**

**Offering Hymn No. 186 "Create in Me a Clean Heart"**

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

**Prayers of the Church**

L: *Merciful God,*

**C: Receive our prayer.**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Benediction**

L: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn No. 545 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"**

**Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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**Radio:** 1230 AM - 11:00 a.m.

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**Good Samaritan Village:** Ch. 3 - Sun. 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 11:00 a.m.

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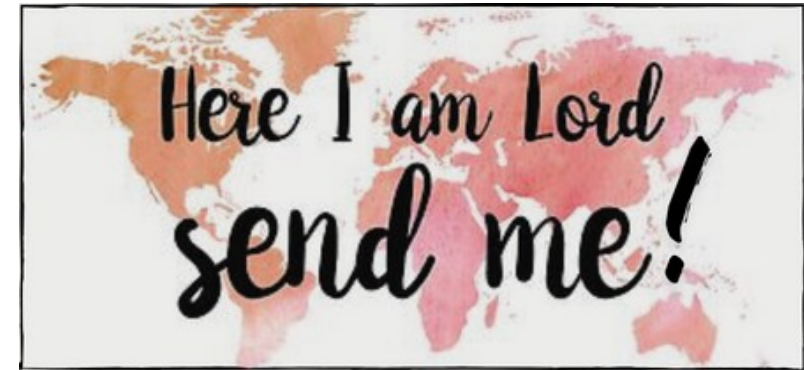
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**Welcome to Worship**



**7th Sunday after Easter – May 11 & 12, 2024**

*United We Live God's Will*

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Peace**

L: *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**C: And also with you.**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

L: *Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.*

**C: Amen.**

L: *Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

L: *God, our provider,*

**C: 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**

L: *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.*

**C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn No. 533

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

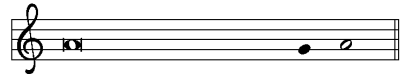
Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

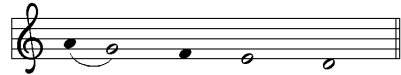
C: And also with you.

Kyrie

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



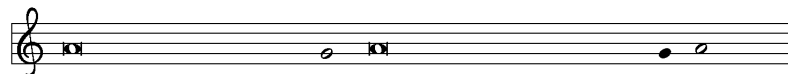
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



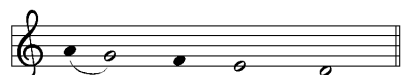
Lord, have mer - cy.



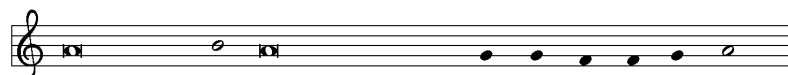
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

Hymn of Praise

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Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

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.

First Reading

Exodus 3:4-15 – Page 44

Reading

Proverbs 31:2-31 – See Insert

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6 – Page 951

Gospel Acclamation

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

L: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 28:16-20 – Page 812

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn No. 532

“Gather Us In”

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Ann Auten

Hymn No. 574

“Here I Am, Lord”

Apostles' Creed

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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; 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.