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\* Stand as you are able

## GATHERING

### INTRODUCTION TO INVOCATION

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P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Savior, and Lord of all.  
**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS \*

P: Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice, **you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God.** Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ, and forgives your sin in <sup>☩</sup> Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others, and bless you with the gift of peace.

**Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN\*

ELW # 834 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

### GREETING

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

### KYRIE (pages 184-185 in front of hymnal)

**C: Sing refrain**

Lori: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all: ... let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Sing refrain**

Lori: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor...let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Sing refrain**

Lori: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family ... let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Sing refrain**

Lori: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word ... let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Sing refrain**

**Hymn of Praise\***

ELW pages 187-188 in front of Hymnal: "This is the feast ... Allelulia"

**Prayer of the Day \*.**

**O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**Exodus 24:12-18**

<sup>12</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." <sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

P: The Word of the Lord:

**C: Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 2**

<sup>1</sup> Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

**<sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and his anointed, saying,**

<sup>3</sup> "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast their cords from us."

**<sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup> Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury, saying,

**<sup>6</sup> "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."**

<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you.

**<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession.**

<sup>9</sup> You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

**<sup>10</sup> Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup> Serve the Lord with fear; with trembling <sup>12</sup> kiss his feet,[a] or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.

## **2 PETER 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved,<sup>[a]</sup> with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s<sup>[b]</sup> own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.<sup>[c]</sup>

P: The Word of the Lord: **C: Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Acclamation \***

ELW# 172 “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

## **P: THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 17:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I<sup>[a]</sup> will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved;<sup>[b]</sup> with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord: **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

## **Hymn of the Day \***

ELW # 867 “In Thee Is Gladness”

**The Apostle’s Creed \*** (Printed inside the back cover of the hymnal.)

## **Welcome to our WTKM radio and online worshipers, Good News and Prayer Petitions**

## **Prayers of the Church**

Response: P: God of mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

## **Sharing the Peace**

P: The Peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

(you are encouraged to turn to one another and share the peace of the Lord.)

### **Offering Hymn \***

ELW # 708: "Jesu, Jesu. Fill Us with Your Love"

### **Offering Prayer \***

**God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **Thanksgiving \***

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God. C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **The Preface \***

P: Lord, it is indeed right and our joy that at all times and in all places we give thanks and praise to you. And so with the angels and archangels and with the church on earth and in heaven, we give glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, as we praise your name and join in the unending hymn:  
**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest** (pg. 144 ELW)

### **The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer \***

### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Come to the table; taste and see.

### **Hymn**

ELW # 146 "Lamb of God"

### **Distribution**

### **Communion Hymn \***

ELW # 838 "Beautiful Savior"

## **SENDING**

### **Communion Blessing \***

### **Prayer After Communion \***

**Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Blessing** \*

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and <sup>☩</sup> give you peace. **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn** \*

ELW # 671 "Shine Jesus, Shine"

## **Dismissal** \*

P: Go in peace. As we serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Redeemer Announcements**

- Today's Lector Kurt Hintz, and our ushers is Don Horen.
- Next week's Lector is Scott Lopas and our ushers are Bruce & Laurie Horst.
- The next Women's Bible Study is **Monday, March 9th**, at noon. Bring a lunch and join us.
- A Church Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, March 9th** at 4:00PM.
- The next Fish Fry meeting will be held, **Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** at noon.
- Conversations with God: Our next Conversations with God will be held on **Thursday, February 19th**, at 10am. We will take this time to gather for prayer, Scripture, and conversation on a different topic each month. March's topic will be "**Love**"
- Pastor will be in the office on **Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Appointments are appreciated, but not necessary. If you wish to meet with Pastor at other times, please contact him directly. Looking ahead, he will be in the office he will be in on **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursdays March 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>** from 9am-12pm.
- Ash Wednesday services are here, **Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm.
- Future Lenten Services are at 6:30pm: Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Killian Catholic Church with a social/reception following, Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> here at Redeemer with a social reception following, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Aidan Episcopal Church with a potato bar from 5:00-6:15pm, Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at First United Methodist Church preceded with soup and salad bar, and Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Olaf Lutheran Church followed by a social/reception..
- 2025 Year End Statements are available on the round table in the Narthex.

### **Ministry Partners**

- Special Giving for February is "Mr. Bob's Under the Bridge."
  - Community Lunch will be served on **Saturday February 28th**, 11:30am, at First United Methodist Church. Fellowship prior to lunch.
- Lincoln Elementary School

In the Nest:

- Casa Guadelupe English Language Learners "ELL" meets Monday & Wednesdays from 6- 7:30PM.
- Al-Anon Meetings are held Thursdays at 7:00PM.
- Girl Scouts meet the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays.

### **The Needs of Our Partners:**

#### **Lincoln Elementary School.**

**Clothing** winter clothes for children in various sizes snowpants, winter coats, socks, sweatpants for both elementary and middle school, regular gloves, and cups, gloves for playing in the snow. **Snacks** include: Goldfish, Individually wrapped food items, Animal Crackers, and Granola Bars... **NO** bags of nuts.

**Food drive/pantry** (most helpful in Feb – Summer) cereal, shelf stable microwave meals, canned goods and mac and cheese with cheese sauce (not add milk and butter).

#### **Casa Guadelupe**

**Clothing:** winter coats, boots, mittens, warm clothes, winter hats, socks (gently used items are ok) **Snacks:** Kid snacks - **NO NUTS**, fruit cups, cereal, canned goods. **Other Items:** Books (gently used is ok), new toys.

See The Herald and the giving tree in the coffee area for these and other needs.

**PLEASE JOIN US AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE FOR COFFEE AND SNACKS IN THE GATHERING ROOM**