

P... and all others dear to our hearts who have entered into everlasting rest with the Lord.

Merciful Father, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Christ, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

--PRAYERS

The Connection Team and congregation open and close prayers singing...

“The Spirit Intercedes For Us” (Romans 8:26)

The Spirit intercedes for us, with sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh. Text: © 1989 Dakota Road Music, All rights reserved. Reprinted under: ONE LICENSE #730578-A.

The Pastor will lift up the Prayers of the Church and conclude with, “Holy Spirit, in our weakness help us to pray...”

--THE LORD’S PRAYER

--WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--SONG FOR DISTRIBUTION

“Worthy is the Lamb” (Revelation 5:12)

Verse 1...Thank You for the cross, Lord. Thank You for the price You paid. Bearing all my sin and shame, in love You came and gave amazing grace.

Verse 2...Thank You for this love, Lord. Thank You for the nail pierced hands. Washed me in Your cleansing flow, now all I know, Your forgiveness and embrace.

Chorus...Worthy is the Lamb, seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns, You reign victorious. High and lifted up, Jesus, Son of God. The Darling of heaven, crucified, Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.

Repeat Verse 1, Verse 2, and Chorus, then...Worthy is the Lamb. Worthy is the Lamb.

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“All Who are Thirsty” (Revelation 21:6b; John 7:37-39)

Verse...All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain dip your heart in the stream of life. Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of His mercy as deep cries out to deep.

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Chorus...Come, Lord Jesus, come.
Come, Lord Jesus, come. Repeat Verse and Chorus...

Repeat Verse and Chorus, then...
Holy Spirit, come. Holy Spirit, come.

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--COMMUNION DISMISSAL

--MEMORY VERSE

For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. (Revelation 7:17)

--BENEDICTION

--CLOSING SONG **“That’s Why We Praise Him”**

Verse 1...He came to live, live a perfect life;
He came to be the living Word of Life; He came to die so we’d be reconciled; He came to rise, to show His power and might.

Chorus...That’s why we praise Him; That’s why we sing;
That’s why we offer Him our ev’rything; That’s why we bow down and worship this King, ‘cause He gave His ev’rything, ‘cause He gave His ev’rything.

Verse 2...He came to live, live again in us; He came to be our conquering King and Friend; He came to heal and show the lost ones His love; He came to go prepare a place for us.

Repeat Chorus twice...

Bridge...Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah; Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah;
Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah; Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah.
Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah; Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah.
Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah; Hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah.

Repeat Chorus twice then... ‘cause He gave His ev’rything,

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P. Go in God's peace; love and serve your neighbor!

C. Thanks be to God!

* * * **TO GOD BE THE GLORY** * * *

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THE CONNECTION

November 7, 2021
10:30am

**“CONNECT...
GROW...
GO...”**



--PRESERVICE SONG

“Come, Now Is the Time to Worship”

--WELCOME & WORDS OF PEACE

--MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE / TITHES & OFFERING

--MEMORY VERSE

³¹So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (John 8:31-32)

--WORSHIP SONG **“Open Up the Heavens”**

(Malachi 3:10; Daniel 7:10)

Verse 1...We've waited for this day; we're gathered in Your Name, calling out to You. Your glory, like a fire, awakening desire, will burn our hearts with Truth. You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing.

Chorus...Open up the heavens; we want to see You.
Open up the floodgates: a mighty river flowing from Your heart, filling every part of our praise.

Verse 2...Your presence in this place, Your glory on our face, we're looking to the sky. Descending like a cloud, You're standing with us now; Lord, unveil our eyes. You're the reason we're here. You're the reason we're singing. Sing Chorus twice, then...

Bridge...Show us, show us Your glory. Show us, show us Your power. Show us, show us Your glory, Lord. Repeat Bridge, then...

Chancel...We want to see You. We want to see You.
Sing Chorus twice...

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--INVOCATION

--CONFESSION OF SINS

--ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

--STATEMENT OF WHAT WE BELIEVE

“*This I Believe (The Creed)*”

Verse 1...Our Father everlasting, the all creating One, God almighty. Through Your Holy Spirit, conceiving Christ the Son, Jesus our Savior.

Chorus... I believe in God our Father, I believe in Christ the Son. I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in One. I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again. For I believe in the name of Jesus.

Verse 2... Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You. Descended into darkness, You rose in glorious life, forever seated high. *Chorus*...

Chorus 2... I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth. I believe in the saints' communion and in Your holy church. I believe in the resurrection, when Jesus comes again. For I believe in the name of Jesus. For I believe in the name of Jesus.

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--FIRST LESSON *Revelation 7:2-17*

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: ⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, ⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

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⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

--SECOND LESSON *I John 3:1-3*

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

--GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 5:1-12*

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

--MESSAGE SONG

“*Psalm 23—And I Will Follow*”

Chorus...(Yes,) (For) The Lord is my true shepherd, no want nor fear I know; He leads me by safe paths, and I will follow.

Verse 1... Fresh and green are the pastures where my new home will be; the waters will be clean and clear; that's where He leads me. Through dark and lonely days, when hope seems gone, He leads me to the place where peace is won.

Chorus...

Verse 2... A banquet will be ready when I come home to stay; my family will gather round on that great day. Good and kindness will follow me for the rest of my days. I'll live in the house of my Lord; oh grant that I may. *Chorus, then*... And I will follow. And I will follow.

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“*LIVING WATER*” ~The Rev. Tyler Werner

--COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P. Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” On this All Saints' Day, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and for the death of His saints. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and that includes rejoicing with those whose happiness now knows no end in the kingdom of glory.

P. During the past year, families in our congregation have been impacted greatly by the death of ones we love. As those who trust in Jesus Christ, we do not grieve as the rest of the world grieves. We grieve in hope, we pray with confidence, and we live with certainty that those who have died in Christ are secure in His presence. We also rejoice that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which knows no end. We honor the lives and give thanks to God for these His saints:

(see insert page for list of the faithful departed)