

--PRAYERS

(Sung at beginning of prayers)

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

The Spirit intercedes for us, with sighs too deep for words to express, oh, oh, oh.

The pastor will conclude the prayers with:

“Holy Spirit, in our weakness, help us to pray...”

(Sung at end of the prayers)

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--THE LORD’S PRAYER

--WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior” *(Titus 3:4-6)*

Verse 1...Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend; Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

Chorus...You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore. You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for, Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Verse 2...Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way, Oh, we hopelessly lost the way. Chorus...

Verse 3...Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, Oh, we’re falling before Your throne.

Sing Chorus twice...

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“Draw Me Close to You” *(Psalm 73:25-28)*

Verse...Draw me close to You, never let me go. I lay it all down again to hear You say that I’m Your friend. You are my desire, no one else will do. ‘Cause nothing else can take Your place, to feel the warmth of Your embrace. Help me find the way, bring me back to You. *(continued...)*

Chorus...You’re all I want. You’re all I’ve ever needed. You’re all I want, help me know You are near.

Repeat Verse and Chorus twice, then...

Help me know You are near, help me know You are near.

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--COMMUNION DISMISSAL

--BENEDICTION

--CLOSING SONG “Hope of the Nations”

Verse...Jesus, Hope of the nations, Jesus, Comfort of all who mourn, You are the source of Heaven’s Hope on earth. Jesus, Light in the darkness, Jesus, Truth in each circumstance, You are the source of Heaven’s Light on earth.

Channel...In history You lived and died. You broke the chains, You rose to life.

Chorus...You are the Hope living in us, You are the Rock in whom we trust, You are the Light shining for all the world to see. You rose from the dead, conquering fear, Our Prince of Peace drawing us near. Jesus, our Hope living for all who will receive.

Repeat Chorus, then... Lord, we believe. Lord, we believe. Lord, we believe.

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

C. Thanks be to God!

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THE CONNECTION

December 4, 2022

10:30am

--PRESERVICE SONG “Days of Elijah”

--WELCOME

--ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please fill out Friendship Pads)*

TITHES & OFFERING *(offering baskets at the door or donations may be mailed or given online at www.trinityfaribault.org.)*

--WORSHIP SONG

“God Will Make A Way”

(Isaiah 41:10, 43:18-19, 55:8; Mark 13:31; Psalm 25:5)

Chorus...God will make a way where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see. He will make a way for me. He will be my guide, hold me closely to His side. With love and strength for each new day, He will make a way. He will make a way.

Verse...By a roadway in the wilderness, He'll lead me. Rivers in the desert will I see. Heaven and earth will fade, but His Word will still remain, and He will do something new today!

Chorus, then...With love and strength for each new day, God will make a way. God will make a way.

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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 *Isaiah 11:1-10*

¹There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, ⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

⁹They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

--SECOND LESSON *Romans 15:4-13*

⁴For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

¹⁰And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."

¹¹And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him."

¹²And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope."

¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

--GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 3:1-12*

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.'"

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel's hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

(continued...)

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham.

¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

--CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Nancy Simonson*

--MESSAGE SONG "Messiah" (*Matthew 25:34-36*)

Verse 1...Someone's shouting from the desert. Someone's shouting from the sea. Someone's shouting from the mountain. Someone's shouting from the valley.

Chorus:...Messiah, come and be our King. Messiah, come and be our King.

Verse 2...Someone's shouting from the city. I am young, I am cold. Someone's shouting from the country. I am lonely I am old. Chorus:...

Verse 3...Someone's shouting I am broken. Someone's shouting make me whole. Someone's shouting come and change me. Someone's shouting save my soul. Chorus:...

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“PREPARE” (*Matthew 3:1-12*)

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