

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

P. Together let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us...

**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

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ ✠ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C. Amen.**

*(Please sit)*

**CLOSING SONG "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"**  
LSB 685 (sts. 1-4)

P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!

**C. Thanks be to God!**

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

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## THE CONNECTION

September 22, 2024  
10:30am

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### PRELUDE / WELCOME

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

**WORSHIP SONG "Father Welcomes" LSB 605**  
(sts. 1-3)

### INVOCATION

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C. Amen**

### BAPTISM OF KEEGAN IVER AHN

Son of Kimberly Ahn and Hoon Ahn  
Witnesses: Brian & BreAnne Wokson  
Sponsor: Autum Callender

*(Please follow the baptismal liturgy on the screen.)*

**(After the baptism, please stand)**

### CONFESSION OF SINS AND FORGIVENESS

P. Almighty God, have mercy on us for Christ's sake.

**C. Almighty God, I am unworthy of You and Your grace and mercy. I have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. And I cannot free myself from this condition. Therefore, I take refuge in Your loving-kindness; and I ask for Your forgiveness. We ask for Your forgiveness.**

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P. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake He forgives you. As a called and ordained servant of the Lord, and on His behalf, I say to you, "You are forgiven." In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

**(Please sit)**

**FIRST READING *Jeremiah 11:18-20***

<sup>18</sup>The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds.

<sup>19</sup>But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter.

I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more."

<sup>20</sup>But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

L. Here ends the first reading.

**SECOND READING *James 3:13-4:10***

<sup>3:13</sup>Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup>But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. <sup>15</sup>This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. <sup>16</sup>For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. <sup>17</sup>But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. <sup>18</sup>And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

*(continued...)*

<sup>4:1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup>You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. <sup>5</sup>Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? <sup>6</sup>But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." <sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

L. Here ends the second reading.

**(Please stand)**

**GOSPEL READING *Mark 9:30-37***

<sup>30</sup>[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, <sup>31</sup>for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." <sup>32</sup>But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

<sup>33</sup>And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" <sup>34</sup>But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.

<sup>35</sup>And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

*(continued...)*

<sup>36</sup>And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, <sup>37</sup>"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.

**(Please sit)**

**TITHES & OFFERING**

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" *Emma Olson*  
*(While the music is playing, please bring your offerings forward and place them in the plate.)*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**MESSAGE SONG "Seek Ye First"**

1. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,  
And His righteousness.  
And all these things shall be added unto you!  
Alleluia, alleluia!

2. Ask and it shall be giv'n unto you,  
Seek and ye shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Man does not live by bread alone,  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia!

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**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

**"TEMPTATIONS TO SIN"** *(Text: Nehemiah 6:10)*  
*The Rev. Peter Gueldner*

**(Please stand)**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**