

P. Let us pray as our Savior taught us...

THE LORD’S PRAYER
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

--WORDS OF INSTITUTION

--SONGS FOR DISTRIBUTION

“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

Verse...I’m forgiven because You were forsaken; I’m accepted; You were condemned; I’m alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again. Repeat Verse...

Chorus...Amazing Love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me? Amazing Love, I know it’s true; it’s my joy to honor You; in all I do, I honor You. Repeat Verse and Chorus...

Bridge...You are my King. You are my King. Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

Repeat Chorus and Bridge, then... Amazing Love!!!

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“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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--COMMUNION DISMISSAL

P. The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.
Depart + in peace.

--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.**

--CLOSING SONG “Beauty of the Cross” by Jonny Diaz

Verse 1...At the cross I find the beauty of Your matchless grace. At the cross I see a King who died to take my place. It’s the moment that You made me clean and pardoned my soul. Amazing grace that I would be alive unto Your throne. Not by my own will but solely by Your will alone. I’m unworthy of this love You are showing to me. I see my desperate need.

Chorus...The beauty of the cross is that there’s One Who has redeemed my soul. The beauty of the cross is that I’m finally free and letting go. The beauty of the cross is that Your grace has found me just as I am.

Verse 2...Not by my own words that I may boast or I may come. But simply through Your Son, the sinless and Exalted One. Only through the cross am I made clean to draw near to You. Saved so that You would receive all glory due Your name. Everlasting God from age to age You never change. A true love story remains for all eternity that all the world would see. Chorus...

Bridge...My sinful soul could only be redeemed by the blood of a sinless King. So You came to the world that You had made; conquered sin on the cross and You rose from the grave.

Chorus sung twice...

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P. Go in peace and serve the Lord!
C. Thanks be to God!

CONFIRMATION FAITH STATEMENT

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

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THE CONNECTION

April 6, 2025 10:30am

The Sacrament Of The Altar will be celebrated at the 10:30 AM service. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt or holds a differing confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with a Pastor, Elder or Worship Assistant.

--PRESERVICE SONG “The Cross Has the Final Word”

--ANNOUNCEMENTS

--WORSHIP SONG “By His Wounds” (Isaiah 53:5)

Verse ...He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our sins; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds, by His wounds we are healed.

Chorus...We are healed by Your sacrifice, and the life that You gave. We are healed for You paid the price; by Your grace we are saved, we are saved.

Repeat Verse, then... And by His wounds, by His wounds... What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

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(Please stand)

INVOCATION

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

--CONFESSION OF SINS

P. Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
C. Most merciful God, in Your kindness and love You have saved us. You’ve rescued us from the coldness of our sin. Yet, we still struggle to share Your warmth in our daily living. Our thoughts don’t always follow Your thoughts. Our ways often stray from Your ways. We sin against not only You, but against our neighbors, as well. Forgive us, dear Lord. Wrap us securely in Your love and lead us in Your good ways. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

--FORGIVNESS OF SINS

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**

--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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(Please sit)

--FIRST LESSON *Isaiah 43:16-21*

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.
¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.
²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹the people whom I formed for myself
that they might declare my praise.”

L. Here ends the first reading.
C. Thanks be to God.

--SECOND LESSON *Philippians 3:7-14*

⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.
⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.
¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

L. Here ends the second reading. **C. Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand)

--GOSPEL LESSON *Luke 20:9-20*

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written:

‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’?
¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”
¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

P. Here ends the reading of the Gospel.
C. Praise to You, O Christ. (Please sit)

--CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

--OFFERING / MESSAGE SONG

“In Christ Alone (My Hope Is Found)” (*Philippians 3:7-11*)
Verse 1...In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my Light, my Strength, my Song; This Cornerstone, this Solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease. My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.

Verse 2...In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe; This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save. ‘Til on the cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied. For ev’ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

Verse 3...There in the ground His body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain; Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again! And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

Verse 4...No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me; From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; ‘Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand!

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--MESSAGE OF THE DAY

“THE WICKED TENANTS EVICTED”
The Rev. Peter Gueldner

(Please stand)

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

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

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