



PRELUDE Variations on *"Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness"* by William Gudger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN *"How Great Thou Art"* ELW 856 vs 1,2,4

GATHERING

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

People: And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *"Praise and Thanks and Adoration"* ELW 783

PRAYER OF THE DAY

All: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

FIRST READING Genesis 15:1-6 **Brian McDonald**

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God .

PSALM Psalm 33:12-22 **Brian McDonald**

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³The LORD looks down from heaven,
and sees all humankind.

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches
all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵God fashions all their hearts
and observes all their deeds.

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷The horse gives vain hope for victory;
despite its great strength it cannot save.

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,

upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death,
and to keep them alive in time of famine.**
²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD,
our helper and our shield.
²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**
²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

SECOND READING Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Brian McDonald

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

Pastor Mike Zaske

The holy gospel according to Luke.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

SERMON

Pastor Mike Zaske

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the conclusion of each prayer, *"Merciful God,"*

People: Receive our prayer.

Kris Hertsgaard Kincaid

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

COMMUNION

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

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DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Allegretto"

by Henry Purcell