

**Celebration Lutheran Church**

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**We Gather to Encounter God**

*With One Voice Hymnal (Blue)*

*Prelude Music*

*Welcome and Announcements*

*Confession & Forgiveness*

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Together, let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Compassionate God,

**C: ... we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

L: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**C: Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: We All Are One in Mission**

**# 755**



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,  
2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit-ness in God's name.  
3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var-ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.  
Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:  
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem-ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove  
to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris-ing grace,  
We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.  
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.  
our var-ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

*Greeting*

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

**C: And also with you.**



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Chri - ste e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . . have mer - cy:



Ⓐ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:    Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . . have mer - cy:

Hymn of Praise



Ⓞ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Ⓐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Ⓞ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



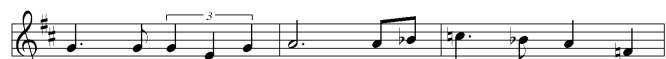
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



Ⓐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Prayer of the Day

L: Teach us, good Lord God,

C: ... to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-13

<sup>7</sup> O Lord, you have enticed me,  
 and I was enticed;

you have overpowered me,  
 and you have prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
 everyone mocks me.

<sup>8</sup> For whenever I speak, I must cry out;  
 I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
 For the word of the Lord has become for me  
 a reproach and derision all day long.

<sup>9</sup> If I say, "I will not mention him  
 or speak any more in his name,"  
 then within me there is something like a burning fire  
 shut up in my bones;  
 I am weary with holding it in,  
 and I cannot.

<sup>10</sup> For I hear many whispering:  
 "Terror is all around!

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
 All my close friends  
 are watching for me to stumble.

"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
 and we can prevail against him  
 and take our revenge on him."

<sup>11</sup> But the Lord is with me like a terrifying warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.

They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.

<sup>12</sup> O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous;  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.

<sup>13</sup> Sing to the Lord;  
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

*Psalm: Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18*

<sup>7</sup> Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,  
and shame has covered my face.

<sup>8</sup> **I have become a stranger to my own kindred,  
an alien to my mother's children.**

<sup>9</sup> Zeal for your house has eaten me up;  
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

<sup>10</sup> **I humbled myself with fasting,  
but that was turned to my reproach. R**

<sup>11</sup> I put on sackcloth also,  
and became a byword among them.

<sup>12</sup> **Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,  
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

<sup>13</sup> But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O  
Lord:

“In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

<sup>14</sup> **Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;  
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep  
waters. R**

<sup>15</sup> Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep  
swallow me up;

do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

] <sup>16</sup> **Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;  
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

<sup>17</sup> Hide not your face from your servant;  
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

<sup>18</sup> **Draw near to me and redeem me;  
because of my enemies deliver me. R**

*Second Reading: Romans 6:1b-11*

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia**

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*Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39*

L: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew in the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the twelve:]<sup>24</sup> “A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup> “So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> “Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law,

<sup>36</sup> and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

<sup>37</sup> “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

L: The gospel of our Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon*

**We Respond to God’s Word**

**Hymn of the Day: Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ELW # 808**

*Ushers Gather Prayer Requests*



1 *Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te;*  
1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;  
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
3 As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant,  
4 I fear in the dark and the doubt of my jour - ney;



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais t'an - non - cer à mes voi - sins par - tout,*  
I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:  
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.  
to car - ry your cross and to share all your bur - dens and tears.  
but cour - age will come with the sound of your steps by my side.



*car toi seul es la vie et la paix et l'a - mour:*  
you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
For you saved me by giv - ing your bod - y and blood.  
And with all of the fam - 'ly you saved by your love,



*Jé - sus, je vou - drais te chan - ter sur ma rou - te.*  
Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.  
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.  
As long as I live, Je - sus, make me your ser - vant.  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our jour - ney.

*Prayers of the People*

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

Life-giving God, you have called your people to lose their lives for Jesus' sake. Strengthen your church to follow you in the face of difficulty. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, you know every sparrow that falls to the ground. Protect migrating birds, endangered species, and their natural habitats. Empower us to care for your creation. God of grace, **hear our prayer**. Sovereign God, you call us to act justly and love mercy. Protect those with marginalized identities to whom we have not shown the abounding love of Jesus. Bring an end to oppression and bigotry in all forms. God of grace, **hear our prayer**. Sustaining God, you promise to provide for us. Help those living with disability. Comfort those experiencing any sort of illness or suffering (*especially*). God of grace, **hear our prayer**. Empowering God, strengthen us to live out our diverse callings. We pray especially for fathers and father figures, that they show your compassion and care. We pray for all for whom this day is difficult or painful. God of grace, **hear our prayer**. *Here other intercessions may be offered.* Faithful God, we give thanks for saints (*like Onesimos Nesib*) who have claimed their baptismal promises. May we follow their example of faith and service. God of grace, **hear our prayer**. Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

L: God of grace,  
**C: ... hear our prayer.**

*Greeting of Peace*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you.  
**C: And also with you**

*We Offer Our Gifts*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

L: Loving God,  
**C: ... we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

**We Share Christ's Meal**

*The Great Thanksgiving*

L: The Lord be with you      **C: And also with you**  
 L: Lift up your hearts      **C: We lift them to the Lord**  
 L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Communion Prayers and The Story of Our Lord's Supper

The Lord's Prayer

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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.**

Distribution of our Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn: Lamb of God

☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Softly and Tenderly

1 Soft-ly and ten-der-ly Je-sus is call-ing, call-ing for  
 2 Why should we tar-ry when Je-sus is plead-ing, plead-ing for  
 3 Oh, for the won-der-ful love he has prom-ised, prom-ised for  
 you and for me. See, on the por-tals he's wait-ing and watch-ing,  
 you and for me? Why should we lin-ger and heed not his mer-cies,  
 you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer-cy and par-don.  
*Refrain*  
 watch-ing for you and for me. "Come home, come home!  
 mer-cies for you and for me.  
 par-don for you and for me.  
 You who are wea-ry, come home." Ear-nest-ly, ten-der-ly,  
 Je-sus is call-ing, call-ing. "O sin-ner, come home!"

Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

Sending Hymn: We Are Marching # 650

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the  
 nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',  
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,  
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.  
 Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo  
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.  
 Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo  
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo  
 si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.  
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:  
 We are dancing ...  
 We are praying ...  
 We are singing ...

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!  
**C: Thanks be to God!**

**We go to love as Jesus loves us!**