

## GATHERING

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

**C: Amen.**

CONFESSION..... pg 203

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair. Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin. Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

FORGIVENESS ..... pg 94

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

GREETING..... pg 203

P: 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.**

GATHERING SONG "*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*"..... #527

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:7-9

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." <sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 126

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

<sup>4</sup>**Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

<sup>5</sup>Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

**<sup>6</sup>Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ..... pg 204

**C: Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise. Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love. Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand. Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all: Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

<sup>23</sup>The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; <sup>24</sup>but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup>Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup>For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup>Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. <sup>28</sup>For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever. Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK 10:46-52

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

<sup>46</sup>As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. <sup>47</sup>When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>48</sup>Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>49</sup>Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." <sup>50</sup>So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. <sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way. The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "*God, Whose Almighty Word*" .....#673

APOSTLES CREED ..... pg 105

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, and he will come 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

P: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation. Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**C: Amen.**

#### PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

#### OFFERING

##### HARVEST FESTIVAL 2021 CENTERING PRAYER

P: Let focus upon God: Generous God, we approach Your throne today with a spirit of thanksgiving. We understand that everything we are comes from, and belongs to You. You've asked us to show our trust in You; by returning the first fruits of our yields for the continual building of Your Kingdom. Today we stand in unity and obedience as we are reminded of this blessed responsibility and opportunity. Oh Great Sustainer, we love You, trust You, and depend on You for all. It is to You that we surrender all. In the name of the true Provider, Jesus Christ.

#### RESPONSIVE READING

P: O God, we desire to be good stewards of all that You have made: the earth, the world, and all that dwells therein. All that we have comes as a trust from You.

**C: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we give thanks for the abundance You have provided.**

P: We are called by You O God to use whatever gifts we have been given in service to others.

**C: Father, You have so freely given to us and lovingly made us what we are, we now freely give back to You the substance of our lives—our time, our talents, and money.**

P: We are reminded in all of Holy Scripture that from the poverty of the cross we have gained the richness of life.

**C: Thank You, Lord Jesus, for giving us the work You have assigned our hands to do.**

P: You have put Your divine stamp upon us, endowed us with honor, and created us in Your likeness. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. Through providence and grace we offer our best offerings, our 'First Fruits' on Your altar.

**C: God the Holy Spirit, where our hearts and hands are closed, open them. Where our resolve is weak, strengthen us.**

P: Our health and strength have come from You and it is You who made all things possible.

**C: Teach us to give as we have received. Remind us that what we claim as ours is really Yours. Without Your gifts to us we have nothing.**

P: You have called us, O Lord, to be good stewards of all that has been entrusted in our care. You have called us to honor Your name, and Your creation with our service.

**C: Gracious God, our prayer is that we may give a good accounting of our stewardship.**

P: We have received the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ as a gift, and we have been made His disciples.

**C: We pray that we shall be good and faithful stewards, sharing with others the light that Jesus has given us, ever giving and serving from a willing heart. We have freely received, now let us freely give!**

OFFERING HYMN "*All Creatures, Worship God Most High!*" (verses 1-2, 6).....#835

HARVEST PRAYER

**C: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: we praise and glorify You, we worship and adore You. You formed the earth from chaos; You encircled the globe with air; You created fire for warmth and light; You nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, You blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own. And we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in Your Spirit, You have called

to us through the life and death of Jesus. In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION HYMN "*Gather Us In*" .....#532

COMMUNION HYMN "*You Are Mine*" .....#581

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**C: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG "*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*" .....#504

#### DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

#### SONG OF PEACE

**C: My Peace I give unto you. It's a peace that the world cannot give. It's a peace that the world cannot understand; peace to know, peace to live. My peace I give unto you.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS