



peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



flourish. I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 92:1-4,11-14**

*Reader:* We will read Psalm 92 responsively by half verse

- 1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD, \*  
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;
- 2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning \*  
and of your faithfulness in the night season;
- 3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, \*  
and to the melody of the harp.
- 4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD; \*  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- 11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, \*  
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- 12 Those who are planted in the house of the LORD \*  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;
- 13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; \*  
they shall be green and succulent;
- 14 That they may show how upright the LORD is, \*  
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

### **Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

*Reader:* A reading from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So

whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**Sequence Hymn**

*God of mercy, God of grace*

**Hymnal 538**

**Holy Gospel**

Mark 4:26-34

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Dean Katie**

### **Nicene Creed**

***All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

## Prayers of the People

*Lector:* Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs, saying: *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Scott our Bishop, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For the nations of the world that they will seek peace through reconciliation. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For migrants fleeing violence, and for those affected by terrorist attacks throughout the world. For prisoners, captives, and their families; the hungry, homeless, and oppressed. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For all victims of natural disasters. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For the sick and the suffering: For those suffering from deadly diseases, and for those who care for them. For all those who are included in our prayer list in the bulletin – and for their caregivers. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For all who bravely serve in our nation's military, remembering especially \_\_\_\_\_ . *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially \_\_\_\_\_. *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

For all of the intentions we hold in our hearts and which we now recall aloud or silently. For all of these intentions: *Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Joining our voices with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Mark, St. John, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord.**

## The Collect at the Prayers

## The Confession of Sins

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.***

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Peace

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People: And also with you.***

## \*Announcements\*

### The Birthday and Anniversary Blessing

*Celebrant and People: God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Offertory



## The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

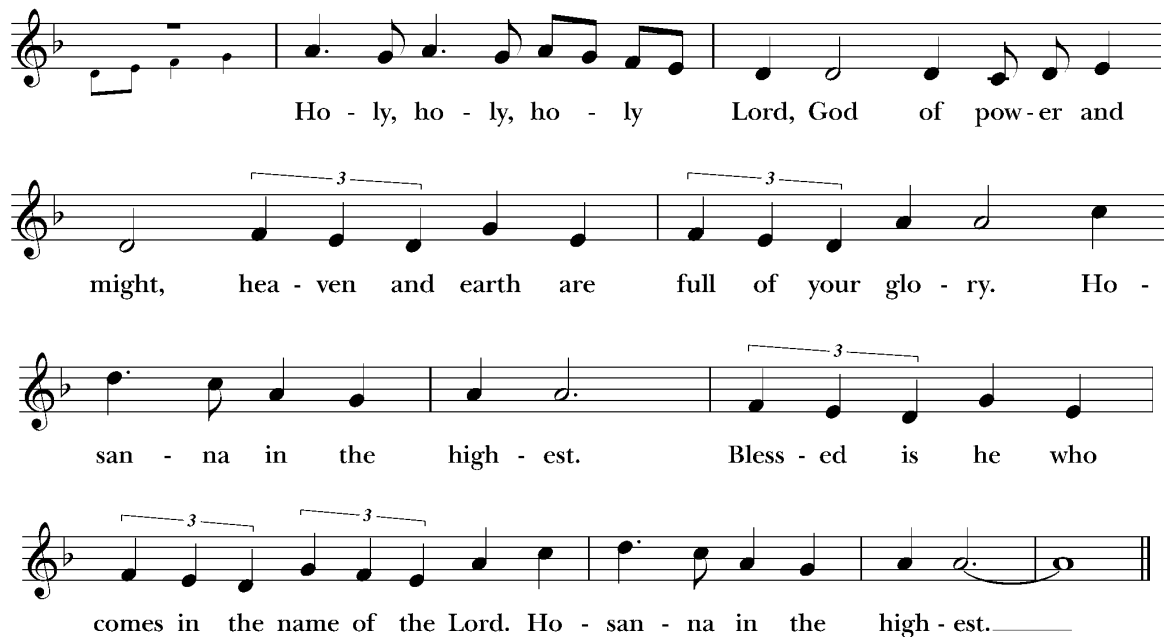
**People:** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*A Proper Preface is recited*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

### **Sanctus S129**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.***

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***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, for ever and ever. Amen.***

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

***Celebrant:*** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

***People:*** ***Therefore let us keep the feast Alleluia!***

### **Agnus Dei S164**

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics 'give us your peace, give us your peace.' are written below the treble staff, aligned with the notes. The music ends with a double bar line.

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **Communion**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

**Post Communion** *For the bread which you have broken* **Hymnal 341**

*Celebrant: Let us pray.*

***All: Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.***

### **The Blessing**

Go in peace to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, welcome the stranger, and follow the one who is your savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional**

*The Church's one foundation*

**Hymnal 525**

**Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

***People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude

*Except where cited differently, music, and texts not in the public domain printed here*

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come  
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the  
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and  
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that  
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
 2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
 3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
 5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy  
 2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy  
 dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -  
 to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.  
 bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your  
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed  
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing  
 hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.



## **Announcements**

### **Sunday School Teachers**

Are you interested in helping team teach one of our Sunday School classes this fall? Please reach out to Dean Katie if you would like to chat about helping with this ministry.

### **Fire Safety**

Did you see the fire safety information in this week's Happenings? If you didn't and would like a copy, please see Dean Katie or grab a flyer off of the bulletin board in the hallway.

### **Laundry Love**

A big thank you to everyone who has donated money, detergent, dryer sheets, or time to Laundry Love. Donations are always accepted anytime. If you would like some flyers to hand out to people to help spread the word, please get in contact with Nate Shafer.

### **Prayer Group**

St. Mark's Prayer Group would like to extend their open arms to those in need of prayers. Please contact Jessica Spencer if you know of someone that could use a little extra support on their side or simply need some warm wishes. 402-984-1720.

### **Cookie Bakers**

Do you enjoy baking cookies? This is your chance to help! Laundry Love needs your expertise to help bake cookies. A signup sheet is in the office. If 3 people will bring 3 dozen cookies each, it would be very much appreciated. Laundry Love is scheduled for 2:00 the second Saturday of each month.

**Please remember the following in your prayers this week:**

**Those in the Military** – *Trevor, Jeremy, Crystal, Michael, Christopher, Delaney*

**Those Needing Prayer** – *Travis O’Connell, Sheila Villa, Fred Durham, Nancy Bachman, Doug Sejkora, Kelly Sejkora, John DeLaCruz, Patrick Butera, Amanda Neiman, Lana Langenberg, Mike Smidt, Kay Brown, Denton Stark, Art Smith, Corey Stutte, Lynn Folcik, Tomas Berry, Rosie Peterson, Leah Peterson, Jalen Dart, Rich Portwood, Katharina Schwidtal, Lyndle Lewis, Veldon Nemecek, Corrina Carlos, D.J. Riddle, C Copeland, Greg Forman, Ezra Folcik, Judy Schwenk, Virgil Holz*

**Departed** – *Janet Haberman, Naomi Burke, John Jacupke, Dick Bornemeier, Connie Wells, Charlotte Flyr*

**Ministers for Today’s Liturgy**

**Celebrant**.....Dean Katie Hargis

**Preacher**.....Dean Katie Hargis

**Vergers**.....Patrick Crawford

**Lectors**.....Mary Mohlman,  
Patrick Crawford

**Vestry Person**.....Heather Witte

**Pianist**.....Janice Dart

**Videographers**.....Brad and  
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Chuck Eigenberg

**Altar Guild**..... Sigrid Eigenberg  
Mary Brown, LeeAnn Lind

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