

WORSHIP

PRELUDE..... Kristal Sneed

+GATHERING+

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: “Blessed Assurance”#638

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

MORNING PRAYER

P: Please join with me in the prayer of the day:

C: Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen. Amen.

+WORD+

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49:1-7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother’s womb he named me. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” ⁴But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.” ⁵And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

L: Word of God Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1-11

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
²**The LORD lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the miry clay,**

and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.

³The LORD put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust in the LORD!

They do not turn to enemies or to those who follow lies.

⁵Great are the wonders you have done, O LORD my God!

In your plans for us, none can be compared with you! Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count.

⁶Sacrifice and offering you do not desire; you have opened my ears: burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

⁷And so I said, “Here I am; I come. In the scroll of the book it is written of me:

⁸‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep within me.’”

⁹I proclaimed righteousness in the great assembly;

I have not restrained my lips, O LORD, you know.

¹⁰I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your steadfast love and truth from the great assembly.

¹¹You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;

may your steadfast love and your truth continually keep me safe.

SECOND READING: I CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, ²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L: Word of God Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “*Change My Heart O God*” #801

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN 1:29-42

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁹[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit

descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Charlene Holzworth

HYMN OF THE DAY “How Great Thou Art” #836

STATEMENT OF FAITH

C: We believe God, a divine presence, gentle and loving, the ground of our being. We believe Jesus, who embodied the love of God, and who urged his followers to express that same love in their daily lives. We believe the Holy Spirit, as God’s continuing presence in our world, surrounding us with compassion. We believe the church is the Body of Christ where people gather to praise and learn about Christ, to share our concern for one another, and to bring justice and healing to all of God’s Creation. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

P: P: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence.* Put a new song in the mouth of your church. Inspire the baptized to tell of your faithfulness, sharing the good news of your salvation throughout the earth. Bless the witness of missionaries. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The waters of baptism call us into life in the Spirit. Preserve the world’s waters: protect them from pollution, support plants and animals who depend on them, and bring rain in places of drought. Guide us in protecting local waterways and in responding to devastating floods. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: In Jesus you are the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Show your mercy to all nations. Direct leaders to do your will; fill governing bodies with righteousness; equip judges with discernment and compassion. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You incline your ear to all who cry to you. Draw near to individuals and communities suffering violence, injustice, illness, or poverty. Hide them in the shadow of your hand and make us signs of your faithfulness to all in need. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You are glorified in the servants you have called. With Martin Luther King Jr., give us bold trust in you. Even when it feels like a sharp sword or polished arrow, give us courage to receive your call to repentance and racial justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: In every place and time, you have sanctified your people. We praise you for the testimony of those who have died in the faith. Strengthen us as we wait for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let's share Christ's peace with one another.

OFFERING *We are now invited to praise God with our offering!*

Please stand to receive the Holy Gifts of God for the people of God!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

C: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Remember us into your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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.

SENDING HYMN "I Know My Redeemer Lives"#619

BLESSING

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor’s rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF PEACE *(You may join hands.)*

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.

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Thank You for worshipping with us today!

Please sign the guest book in the entryway if you are visiting. Coffee and snacks will be served in the fellowship hall following worship and we hope you can join us.

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In Our Prayers

Prayers for Pastor Liliana Stahlberg, Mikaela Martinez-Harman, Pam Dorn, Luke Lay, Braxton Speicher, Luke Makings, Zach Griffith, and Harley & Janice Ernst.

THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER

Today: 10:00am Worship
Tuesday: 11:30am Trinity Lutheran Funeral here at LCOR
Thursday:.....6:00pm Council Meeting
Saturday: Newsletter Deadline
Next Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship

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THIS WEEK’S MINISTERS.....NEXT WEEK’S MINISTERS

Lector: Terresa Lauck Karen Liston
Acolyte:Stefanie Liston
Usher/Greeter: Rick MaiShelly Bristol
Media Center: *We are looking for someone to help with this in Bruce’s absence. Please contact Terresa if you can help!*
Teller: Carri BrownShelly Bristol

Fellowship Host: Diane Nicklas Emma Jorgensen
Altar Guild: Barbara Mai
Communion Assistant: Dave Jorgensen
Council Steward: Rick Mai Kay Carter
Organist: Kristal Sneed Kristal Sneed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Liliana will be taking a leave of absence until at least March 1, 2023. While cards and prayers are welcome, we ask that you do not reach out to her for pastoral care during this time.

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