

WORSHIP

PRELUDE..... Diane Nicklas

GATHERING SONG “*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*” (verses 1&2).....#503

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: Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.” And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of a great people. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil. It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind.”

L: Word of God Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:129-136

Your decrees are wonderful; therefore I obey them with all my heart.

When your word is opened it gives light; it gives understanding to the simple.

I open my mouth and pant because I long for your commandments.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, as you always do to those who love your name.

Order my footsteps in your word; let no iniquity have dominion over me.

Rescue me from those who oppress me, and I will keep your commandments.

Let your face shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep your teaching.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is

the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or peril, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: Holy wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD”#801

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew the 13th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches. The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind. And he said to them, “Therefore every disciple who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of **his treasure what is new and what is old.**”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON *Our Treasure is OLD and NEW!* Pastor Stahlberg

HYMN OF THE DAY “I’m Going on a Journey”#446

STATEMENT OF FAITH

C: We believe God, a divine presence surrounding us, 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: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation...Hear us O God,

C: your mercy is great.

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!*

OFFERTORY SONG "GIVE THANKS"

C: Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the holy one, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his son. And now let the weak say, I am strong, let the poor say, I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks. Give thanks.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray:

C: Dear Jesus, you have shared your life with us your disciples, and taught us to share with one another. Thank you for these gifts from God's people. 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—"A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (verse 4).....#503

SENDING BLESSING

C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the wisdom.

C: Thanks be to God. We will.

Please, take your bulletin as you move to the fellowship hall. Pick up your coffee and treats and find a comfortable place at the table.