

GATHERING HYMN: “*All Are Welcome*” (verses 1 & 2).....# 641

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: You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for Yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You. Grant that we may believe You, call upon You, know You, and serve You, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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FIRST READING: ZECHARIAH 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O Peoples, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war-horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

L: Word of God Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 145:8-14

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

LORD, you are good to all, and your compassion is over all your works.

All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power,
that all people may know of your power**

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures throughout all ages.

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.
The Lord upholds all those who fall, and lifts up those who are bowed down.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through 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 MATTHEW 11:16-19, 25-30

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

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.

Jesus Christ, our Savior 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.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: All people are called to Christ’s table. Come, eat Heaven’s food. All are welcome. No exception.

COMMUNION HYMN: “*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*”#708
“*Eat This Bread Drink This Cup*”#472

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING HYMN “*Let Us Talents and Tongued Employ*”#674

BLESSING

P: May God † bless you and keep you, may God’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you, May God look upon you with favor and give you peace!

C: Amen.

Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Stahlberg

HYMN OF THE DAY “*All Are Welcome*” (verses 3,4,5).....#641

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: 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.

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: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through