

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

## REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us unconditionally.  
**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does. *Silence is kept for reflection.* God of mercy and forgiveness, **we confess that we do not always know what we are doing. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the way to wholeness. By the power of the Holy Spirit we are given yet another change to be little Christs for the sake of the world. **Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made! **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

## MORNING PRAYER

**Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## CELEBRATION OF SILENT SAINTS

OUR SILENT SAINT IN OCTOBER - ARDYCE LAMAE JOHNSON

## BLESSING

**Gracious and merciful God, Christ our Lord, look at our silent saint Ardyce LaMae and bless her in amazing ways, with health, peace, joy, patience, generosity, and especially lots of LOVE. Continue to make her life a witness to Faith, Hope and Love. Amen.**

P: Let us hear the Spirit’s Voice speak today

READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my

hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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 Luke 17:5-10

**Glory to You, O Lord.** The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'" The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON "*LOIS and EUNICE*" ..... Pastor Liliana Stahlberg

HYMN OF THE DAY "*For All the Faithful Women*" .....# 419

APOSTLES CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of compassion, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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

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

*Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart*

OFFERING PRAYER

**Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, † one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN: " Sent Forth With God's Blessings" .....# 547

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**

SONG OF PEACE

**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.**