

# GATHERING

#### Welcome

#### **Opening Song: God So Loved**

Come all you weary Come all you thirsty Come to the well that never runs dry Drink of the water Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners Come find His mercy Come to the table He will satisfy Taste of His goodness Find what you're looking for

### For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us Whoever believes in Him will live forever

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions Come lay them down at the foot of the cross Jesus is waiting there With open arms

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us Whoever believes in Him will live forever The power of hell forever defeated Now it is well I'm walking in freedom For God so loved God so loved the world

> Praise God praise God From whom all blessings flow Praise Him praise Him For the wonders of His love

Bring all your failures Bring your addictions Come lay them down at the foot of the cross Jesus is waiting God so loved the world

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# Invocation

# **Confession & Absolution** (based on Colossians 1 and 3)

Pastor: People of God, we have been raised with Christ, who is before all things and in Him all things hold together. And yet often we set our minds on things earthly things, not on things above. As Christ calls us into His presence to worship Him and receive His gifts, let us first come before God to confess our sins. ~silence~

# Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: We have not rid ourselves of anger, rage, malice, slander, or bad language. We have not clothed ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, or patience. We have not forgiven others as You forgave us. Lord, forgive us all our sins and strengthen us to live in Your praise and glory, in all things. Amen.

Pastor: Paul tells us in Colossians that "God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." Upon hearing your confession, I remind you that God has claimed you as His people. You are forgiven of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



#### Hymn of Response: Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And hail Him as thy matchless king Through all eternity.

Crown Him the virgin's Son, The God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won Which now His brow adorn: Fruit of the mystic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The root whence mercy ever flows, The babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love. Behold His hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified. No angels in the sky Can fully bear that sight, But downward bend their wond'ring eyes, At mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife For those He came to save. His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above, Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love. Crown Him with many crowns As thrones before Him fall; Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns, For He is king of all. Lutheran Service Book 525, Text: Matthew Bridges, Tune: George J. Elvey, Public Domain

# WORD

#### **Children's Message**

#### Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters...Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Reader: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.



### Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:13-23

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Reader: This is the Word of the LORD.

People: Thanks be to God.

# Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to You, O Christ.

# **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will

come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



#### Sermon Hymn: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love what depths of peace When fears are stilled when strivings cease My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Sermon NYG Sending and Commissioning



## Prayers of the Church 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.

# TABLE

# Words of Institution Peace of the Lord/Passing of the Peace Agnus Dei

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away; Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

# **Communion Song: Revelation Song**

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain Holy holy is He Sing a new song to Him Who sits on Heaven's mercy seat

# Holy holy holy is the Lord God Almighty Who was and is and is to come With all creation I sing, praise to the King of kings You are my ev'rything and I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder Blessing and honor strength and glory And power be to You the only wise King **chorus** 

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder At the mention of Your name Jesus Your name is power breath and living water Such a marv'lous mystery *chorus* 

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## **Communion Song: My Great King**

I know a place, where all are welcome with open arms I know a place, where streams of mercy flow deep and wide Where all the lost can be found and all the walls broken down

In the house of my great King, there is a place for me It's where I'm redeemed, it's where I'm restored In the house of my great King, there is a place for me It's where I've been called, it's where I belong

I know the One, with scars for mercy and sacrifice I know the One, who gave up His life to claim this world So all the lost could be found and all the walls broken down

In my Father's house, there are many rooms, a place for me In my Father's house, there are many rooms, a place for me Written by Allison Schult, used with permission

#### **Communion Hymn: Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see!

The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come; His grace has brought me safe so far, His grace will see me home.

Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And mortal life shall cease, Amazing grace shall then prevail In heaven's joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

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Post Communion Blessing Children's Blessing



# SENDING

#### **Benediction**

#### **Closing Song: One Thing Remains**

Higher than the mountains that I face Stronger than the power of the grave Constant in the trial and the change One thing remains One thing remains

# Your love never fails It never gives up Never runs out on me (REPEAT 2x) Your love

On and on and on and on it goes It overwhelms and satisfies my soul And I never ever have to be afraid One thing remains One thing remains

In death in life I'm confident and Cover'd by the power of Your great love My debt is paid there's nothing that Can separate my heart from Your great love

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Announcements, Doxology and Dismissal