

Welcome! We are happy to share God's peace with everyone. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book in the entryway. If you have any questions, the ushers are ready to help. Feel free to visit after the service.

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857 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

CW 857

1 Glorious things of you are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
you may smile at all your foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a cov'ring,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which God gives them on their way.

4 Savior, since of Zion's city
I thro' grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in your name.
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,
all their boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasures
none but Zion's children know.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.

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(Stand)

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 188

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

(Silence for meditation and reflection)

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as

the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.
Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his
authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the
Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

CW 190

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us
pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of
the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to
the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their
worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 191

Refrain: Glory to God in the highest, glory to God, and
peace to his people on earth, and peace to his people on
earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain*

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve your goodness, still you provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your gifts, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

(Be seated)

First Reading

Exodus 16:1–15

¹On the fifteenth day of the second month after they had left the land of Egypt, the entire Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai.

²The entire Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat around pots of meat and ate as much food as we wanted, but now you have brought us out into this wilderness to have this whole community die of hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Watch what I will do. I will rain down bread from heaven for you, and the people will go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test whether they will follow my instructions or not. ⁵On the sixth day they will prepare what they bring in, and it will be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “At evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you will see the Glory of the LORD, because he has heard your constant grumbling against the LORD. Who are we that you should grumble against us?”

⁸Moses said, “Now the LORD will give you meat to eat in the evening and as much bread as you want in the morning, because the LORD has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Tell the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰As Aaron spoke to the entire Israelite community, they turned toward the wilderness, and suddenly the Glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses: ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Say to them, ‘At evening you will eat meat, and in the morning you will eat bread until you are full. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³So in the evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning a layer of dew surrounded the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew was gone, there were thin flakes on the surface of the wilderness, thin as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” because they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “This is the bread which the LORD has given to you as food to eat.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

145 I Will Exalt My God and King

Psalm 145

1 I will exalt my God and King,
and I will ever praise your name.
I will extol you ev'ry day
and evermore your praise proclaim.
You, LORD, are greatly to be praised;
your greatness is beyond all thought.
From age to age your people tell
the mighty wonders you have wrought.

2 On your most glorious majesty
and on your deeds my mind will dwell.
Your deeds will fill the world with awe,
and all your greatness I will tell.
Your matchless goodness and your grace
your people will commemorate;
and all your truth and righteousness
our joyful song will celebrate.

3 The LORD our God is rich in grace,
both tender and compassionate.
His anger is most slow to rise;
his love and kindness are most great.
The LORD is good in all his ways;
his creatures know his constant care.

To all his works his love extends;
all creatures in his mercies share.

4 All you have made will praise you, LORD;
your mighty acts your saints will show,
till all the peoples on the earth
the splendor of your kingdom know.

Eternal is your kingdom, LORD,
forever strong and ever sure;
while generations rise and die,
your glorious reign will still endure.

5 The LORD is faithful to his word;
he will extend his gracious hand.
The LORD upholds the falt'ring feet
and makes the weak securely stand.

The eyes of all look up to you
for food and drink, which you supply;
your open hand is bountiful,
and ev'ry need you satisfy.

6 The LORD is just in all his ways;
in all his works the LORD is kind,
and all who call on him in truth
in him a present helper find.

He will fulfill the heart's desire
of those who fear him and obey.
The LORD will surely hear their cry,
will save them when to him they pray.

7 The LORD in grace preserves his saints,
redeeming those who love his name.
The wicked he will overthrow
and put his enemies to shame.
My mouth will sing the glorious praise
of God, whom earth and heav'n adore.
Let ev'ry creature praise his name
forever and forevermore!

Text: Psalter, 1912, alt.
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Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9:8–11

⁸God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work. ⁹As it is written:

He scattered. He gave to the poor.

His righteousness remains forever.

¹⁰And he who provides seed to the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing, and will increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

Gospel Acclamation

Psalm 145:15,16

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

Mark 6:35-44

³⁵It was already late in the day when his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place and it is already very late. ³⁶Send them away so they can go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

³⁷But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.”

They asked him, “Should we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?”

³⁸He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go see.”

When they found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.”

³⁹He directed everyone to sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, and blessed the loaves and broke them. Then he kept giving pieces to his disciples to set

in front of them. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴²They all ate and were satisfied. ⁴³Then they picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

(Be seated)

827 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

CW 827

1 Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing,
a cheerful trust maintain;

for God, the source of ev'rything,
your treasure shall remain.

Why spend the day in blank despair,
in restless thought the night?

On your Creator cast your care;
he makes your burdens light.

2 Did not his love and truth and pow'r
guard ev'ry childhood day?

And did he not in threat'ning hour
turn dreaded ills away?

He always will with patience chide,
his rod falls gently down;

and all your sins he casts aside
in ocean depths to drown.

3 His wisdom never plans in vain
nor falters nor mistakes;
all that his counsels may ordain
a blessed ending makes.

Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,
and trust his guiding love;
then like a rock your peace shall stand
here and in heav'n above.

Text: tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt.; Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, abr.
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Sermon

(Stand)

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

(Be seated)

Prayer of the Church

Offering

604 When All Your Mercies, O My God

CW 604

**1 When all your mercies, O my God,
my waking soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love, and praise.**

2 Ten thousand thousand precious gifts
my daily thanks employ,
nor is the least a cheerful heart
that tastes these gifts with joy.

3 Through ev'ry passing phase of life
your goodness I'll pursue
and after death, in distant worlds,
the glorious theme renew.

4 Through all eternity to you
a joyful song I'll raise,
but, oh, eternity's too short
to utter all your praise.

Text: Joseph Addison, 1672–1719, abr., alt.

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(Stand)

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

720 Our Father, Throned in Heaven Above

CW 720

A Our Father, throned in heav'n above,
you bid us all to live in love
as members of one family
and pray to you in unity—
teach us no thoughtless words to say,
but from our inmost hearts to pray.

B Amen, that is, so shall it be.

Make strong our faith in you that we
may never doubt you but believe
that what we ask we shall receive.

Thus in your name and at your word
we say, "Amen, O hear us, Lord!"

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Setting Three from Christian Worship

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Happening Soon

Sunday 07/28	9:00 AM Worship Service
Monday 07/29	7:00 PM Worship Service
Sunday 08/04	9:00 AM Communion Service
Monday 08/05	7:00 PM Communion Service

August Servers

August Sunday Ushers: John Solgat, Mike Hecht,
Nate Rupprecht, Grant Barnes

August Monday Usher: Jim Heidenberger

August Finance: Tom Barnett, Chris Lane, Grant
Barnes

August Altar Guild: Sharon Thurston, Pat
Mecham

Organist: Olivia Marker

Event Attendance

Sunday Service: 109, Communed: 96

Monday Service: 26, Communed: 23

Vacation Bible School: Adults 14, Children 4

Stewardship at St. Luke's

For 2024, the planned giving needed is \$7,910.00 per week to meet our ministry goals.

Last Week's Budgetary Offerings: \$6,350.00