

Greeting: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

--Oscar Castro-Ray

Announcements

--Aksel Hutchinson, Mabel Irish

Opening Prayer

--Alaysa Bacon, Mia Wood

Prelude

*Praise Medley

Insert

(Musical selections are located on the back pages.)

*Prayer of Confession:

--Persephone Donnelly

Almighty God, we are not always people who live by faith. We know that we were created in your image, but we treat ourselves and each other in ways that do not honor your presence within us. We know your laws and your commandments, but we choose to disobey you and to act in ways that harm our neighbors. We hear your call to reach out to those most in need, but instead we turn our backs on them and on you. Forgive us, O God, and help us day by day to become more faithful followers, to be difference makers and people who will shine your light. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Pardon

--Libby Vross

**Praise Ye the Lord*

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

--Libby Vross

Children's Message

--Lexie Vross

Prayer for Illumination

--Jade Span

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:25-37

--Aiden Niemi

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?”²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead.³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion.³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him.³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?”³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

Responsive Reading: *(Based on Matthew 5, Revelation 7, and a resource from St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Washington, DC)*

--Brielle Bacon, Olivia Roberts

L: It was a dull, tasteless thing –

P: this life, before salt.

L: It was a dark, meaningless thing –

P: this life, before light.

L: Then he came – we thought – to do many things;

P: to our surprise, he called us, saying:

“You are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.”

L: So he has called us: To be salt in this earth;

P: to season and preserve all life with love.

L: So he has called us: To be light in this world;

P: to dispel the darkness of hate and injustice.

L: So he has called us, from every nation, culture, and language –

P: all purified by Jesus to be salt of every kind.

L: Some of us are sea salt, some rock salt, some finely ground –

P: all purified by Jesus, and all beloved as we are.

L: So he has called us, from every nation, culture, and language –

P: all gifted by the Holy Spirit, to be light of every kind.

L: Some of us are daylight, some candlelight, some flickering fire –

P: all gifted by the Holy Spirit, and all beloved as we are.

L: He is come – through us – to do many things;

P: To our joy, he has called us, saying:

“Let your light shine before others.”

L: It is a bright, joyful sunrise –

P: his kingdom, coming with light.

L: It is a rich, welcoming banquet –

P: his feast, seasoned with salt.

L: So he has called us, from every nation, culture, and language –

P: all beloved of the Father, and in him we are alive.

L: So he has called us, from every nation, culture, and language;

P: May the peoples see our good works, and give glory to God.

Kid’s Anthem: *Kids Like Us*

--Drums, Samson Hutchinson

Sermon Text: Matthew 5:13-16 --Kendall Elfe, Addisyn Jahnke

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Sermon (*Skits*)

--Gianna Novara, Kylee Woodward

*Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine*

--Drums, Eli Laarman

VERSE ONE:

This Little Light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3 times)

VERSE TWO:

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. (3 times)

VERSE THREE:

Even when I'm afraid, I'm gonna let it shine (3 times)

(Repeat Verse One)

The Offering: *Jesus Messiah*

--Alaysa, Persephone, Kylee, Gianna, Jade

*Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below. Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

L: Almighty Father, Creator and Sustainer of life, your majesty and power, your continued blessing, and your great goodness fill us with wonder. We are unworthy of the pardon you have in mercy given. We can only bring our thanks, putting our

trust in your Son, who alone saves us from evil. Therefore in joy, we join in giving you praise:

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

L: God of glory, in thanks we remember how Jesus broke bread and gave the cup to make us partakers of his body and blood, so that he might live in us and we in him. God of mercy, in thanks we remember how Jesus invites us to his table, imprinting on our hearts his sacrifice on the cross. In gratitude we bow before him, declaring his resurrection and glory, and knowing that his prayers alone make us worthy to partake of his spiritual meal. Believing in Christ's promise of eternal life, we live in him and declare:

P: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

INTERCESSIONS & PRAYER CONCERNS:

Mary Beth Schuiteman, Sunny Johnson, Tom Olson,
Carol Hochstein, Bob Hendrickson, Ralph Kramer, Mark Kaad,
Harvey Johnson, Tobias Cook, Karen Daft, Pat Quick;
Sam and Cayla Schaefer

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

- *Hymn: *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*
No. 429, vv. 1-3
- *Final Announcements --Jade Span
- *Benediction --Myles Laarman, Mia Wood
- *Response: *They'll Know We Are Christians...* v. 4
- *Postlude: *House of the Lord*
- *Those who are able, please stand.

CHURCH NOTES

- Monday:** 3:30p.m. Prayer in the Chapel
5:00p.m. Soup Kitchen (*drive-thru only*)
5:30p.m. Session
- Tuesday:** 10:00a.m. and 5:15p.m. Lenten Study
1:00p.m. Shawl Ministry
- Wednesday:** 3:30p.m. KID'S CLUB
3:30p.m. 5th/6th Youth Group
6:00p.m. Sr. High Youth Group
6:30p.m. Adult Choir
- Thursday:** 9:30a.m. Sit, Chat, Finish That
6:00p.m. 789 Youth Group
- Saturday:** 4:00p.m. Worship
5:00p.m. Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

ORDINATION SERVICE FOR LAUREN MARCH

Next Sunday, March 19th 3:00p.m.

The Session invites everyone to the ordination of Lauren, who is the first seminarian to be ordained in the history of our Church. A potluck in Fellowship Hall will immediately follow the service. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Fireside Room to volunteer to help with the reception. Also, if you'd like to donate toward the gift of her first clerical robe and stoles, make your check out to the church and mark "Lauren" in the memo.

College Connection: Care packages will be sent to our college students in April, so please get your college student's address to Mary Jean (maryjean5775@gmail.com) by March 31st.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Wednesday, March 29th 4:00-7:00p.m.

Please check out the table in the Fireside Room to volunteer or donate items for this outreach. Items needed are: plastic eggs, egg cartons (cut in half), and candy to fill the eggs.

Greeters / Acolytes: Aksel & Samson Hutchinson

Ushers: Oscar Castro-Ray, Julien Irish
Charlotte and Madelyn Zeuske

HOUSE OF THE LORD

VERSE ONE:

We worship the God who was. We worship the God who is.
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors. He parted the raging sea.
My God, he holds the victory.

CHORUS:

There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today,
And we won't be quiet. We shout out your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord.
Our God is surely in this place, and we won't be quiet.
We shout out your praise.

VERSE TWO:

We sing to the God who heals. We sing to the God who saves.
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause he hung up on that cross, then he rose up from that grave.
Our God's still rolling stones away.

(REPEAT CHORUS 2x)

AMAZING GRACE / MY CHAINS ARE GONE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

CHORUS:

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, his mercy reigns.
Unending love, amazing grace.

(Repeat first verse and chorus)