**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**BLESSING**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN God’s Work Our Hands ELW 1000**

(You are encouraged to share the peace of Christ with one another.)

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**Wednesday Service**

**September 13, 2023, 7:00 pm**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**OPENING**

**GATHERING HYMN I Come with Joy ELW 482**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be God, the one who forms us,

☩ Jesus who bears the cross,

the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,

**you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you.**

**We are overwhelmed by the world’s violence and suffering.**

**We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others.**

**For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us.**

**For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us.**

**For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**

**Lead us back to you and set us on the right path;**

**in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

**Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

God’s justice stretches beyond all understanding.

God’s compassion is beyond compare.

In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.

In ☩ Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**PSALMODY: Psalm 119:33-40**

33Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,  
  and I shall keep it to the end.  
 34**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;**  
  **I shall keep it with all my heart.**  
 35Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
  for that is my desire.  
 36**Incline my heart to your decrees**  
  **and not to unjust gain.**  
 37Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;  
  give me life in your way.  
 38**Fulfill your promise to your servant,**  
  **which is for those who fear you.**  
 39Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
  because your judgments are good.  
 40**Behold, I long for your commandments;**  
  **by your righteousness enliven me.**

**READING: Romans 13:8-14**

8Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 9The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 10Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.  
 11Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; 12the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; 13let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. 14Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN Drawn to the Light ELW 593**

**WORD: Matthew 18:15-20**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 15“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. 16But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. 18Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. 20For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**REFLECTION**

Jesus said, I am the Light of the world.

**Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.**

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**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYERS (ELW 316-317)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to you, through Christ our Lord.

**To you, O Lord.**

**JESUS SPEAKS FROM THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

**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.**