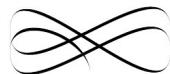


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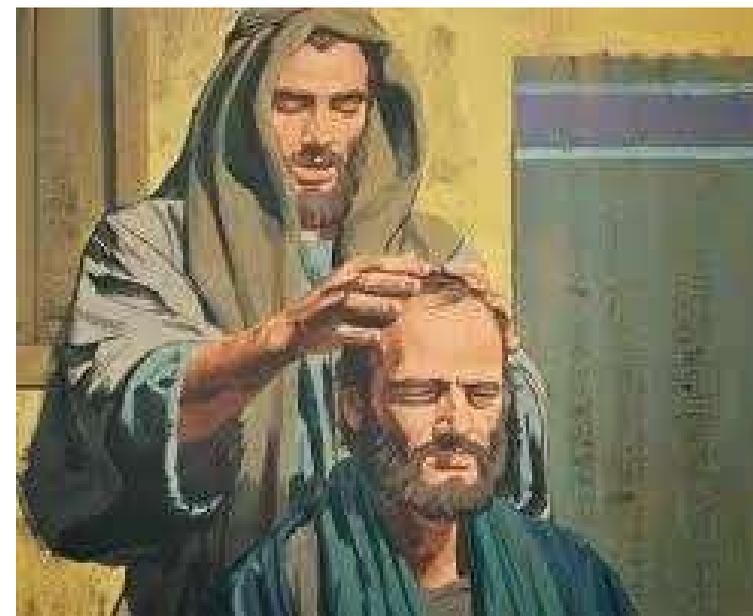
Preacher: Rev. Leanne Thompson
Liturgist: Rev. Scott Thompson
Organist: Megan Gilles
Projectionist: Elliot Christensen
Sound Tech: Terry Woitaszewski
Nursery Supervisor: Erica Boeyink
Valet Parking: George Christensen
Ushers & Greeters: Cheryl and Jeff Tebben
Counters: Doug and Sharon Bakker
Coffee Fellowship: Michele Odens



Welcome to worship! We are glad you are here to worship God and spend time with your family of faith. As we worship together this morning, here are some things to know:

- **Children are welcome in worship!** We appreciate their curiosity, their wonder, and even their noise. We want children to know that they are welcome in God's house and in God's family. As a ministry to parents, **a nursery is provided for children birth-1st grade.** Children are invited to stay in worship through the Children's Blessing before going to the nursery. Activity pages and play bags are available for children during worship.
- **Copies of the sermon are available** in manuscript form at the back of the sanctuary each week. If you have difficulty hearing the sermon, you are welcome to pick up a copy of the manuscript to follow along during worship.

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Willmar, MN
April 15, 2018**



WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**Please rise as you are able.
Please join in speaking **bolded** text.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come! Listen to the call of the Lord.
All: Let us respond together to his call.
One: Come! We are his chosen instrument.
All: Let us be equipped together as his people.
One: Come! Let us declare the name of the Lord.
All: Let us worship together the Lord of all.

HYMN #108 (PH)

“Christ is Alive”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Parent God, life giver, we meet here today to sing your praise, to hear your word, to listen for your still small voice, to learn more of you and of ourselves. Lord, you long for us to know you more. Your wish is for all your children to know you and love you. Your call comes to each one of us, in different ways but with the same desire, that we respond and serve you. Lord, help us to see and hear your call, help us to seek you out in our daily living, to actively look and listen for you and to respond when we see and hear you.

All: Forgive us for those times when we forget the call and choose to ignore it for our own selfish desires. Forgive us for those times when we become deaf and blind to your call because we are afraid of what you will ask of us.

(Silence for Reflection)

One: Lord, open our eyes and ears, our hearts and minds to all that you wish to say to us, to all that you call us to, help us to face our fears and obey your call. So be it. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE OF THANKS #579 (PH)**

“Glory Be to the Father”

***THE PEACE**

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

***HYMN #324 (PH)**

“Open My Eyes That I May See”

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 9:1-19

One: This is the word of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “from A Brief Statement of Faith”**

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy one of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. --- The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 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.

PRESENTING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY #592 (PH)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

***HYMN #280 (PH)**

“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE