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WELCOME to the Lord's House today! May God help us to worship Him in spirit and in truth! Before you leave, guests are requested to sign the guest book, which is located in the narthex. Both guests and members are asked to fill out an attendance card, located in the pews, returning it as you leave. We invite you to return and worship with us again. If you do not have a regular church home, then we invite you to join our family. May this celebration of the mercy of God enrich your spiritual life and be uplifting for each one of you.

INDIVIDUAL HEARING ASSISTANCE SETS are available for those with impaired hearing. Please ask an usher for assistance.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS and **PRINTED COPIES OF THE SERMON** are available in the narthex.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY BAGS are available in the narthex. The bags contain a coloring book, drawing paper, reading books, crayons, and a pencil. Parents are welcome to grab a bag for their children to use during the service. Please remember to replace the bag following worship.

DOORS ARE LOCKED after the service begins. If you need to exit the building, please let an usher know, and they'll wait at the door to let you back inside.

On the cover: "Jesus Eats with Sinners and Publicans", Alexandre Bida, 1875.

*We are Salem, a family nurturing God's children
to live loving lives in faith.*

(Please silence your cell phones)

ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN: This Is My Father's World (Lutheran Book of Worship 554)



1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis - t'ning
2. This is my Fa-ther's world; The birds their car - ols
3. This is my Fa-ther's world; Oh, let me not for -



ears All na - ture sings, and 'round me rings The
raise; The morn - ing light, the lil - y white, De -
get That, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God



mu - sic of the spheres. This is my Fa-ther's world; I
clare their mak-er's praise. This is my Fa-ther's world; He
is the rul - er yet. This is my Fa-ther's world; Why



rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of
shines in all that's fair. In the rus - tling grass I
should my heart be sad? The Lord is King, let the



skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
hear Him pass; He speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
heav - ens ring; God reigns, let the earth be glad!



OPENING SENTENCES

P: In the name of † Jesus.

C: Amen.

P: Bodies and souls, the sacred and the profane, the spiritual and the physical, heaven and earth;

C: **for millennia, human beings have divided reality into categories like these.**

P: And the gods, it was said, would not deign to deal with the everyday lives of human beings. Hunger, thirst, grief, pain, sickness -

C: **these were things that belonged to the dirty mortal world.**

P: The gods wanted to preserve their sterile cleanliness, their aloof austerity. And at times we Christians have behaved the same way.

C: **At times, I too have considered myself above the sordid, squalid squabble of the world.**

P: And just so we have failed the world by leaving it to its own ruin. Let us then confess our sin to God our Father.

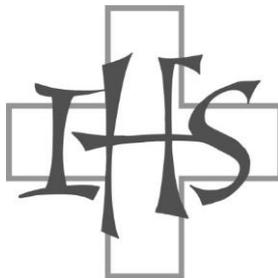
Silence to reflect on our need for a Savior

P: Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I confess that my pride has often bested me. In disgust, I have frequently turned my back on the world, refusing to dirty myself with its sin and brokenness. To maintain my pristine piety, I have left the world to itself. And so I have failed to bring Christ to the people for whom He died. Have mercy on me, Father. Forgive my sinful pride, and give me a heart like Christ's. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, heavenly Father, through His teaching and miracles, Your Son demonstrated His presence in creation to release it from bondage and bring healing by making all things new. Give us faith to see that His teaching and miracles continue today in the healing medicine of Your Word and the Sacraments, which put to flight the diseases of our souls; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 18:1-15

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied it, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "No, but you did laugh."

P: O Lord, our God,

C: have mercy upon us.



PSALM 149

P: Praise the LORD!
Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

**C: Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

P: Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

**C: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.**

P: Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

**C: Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,**

P: to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,
to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,

**C: to execute on them the judgment written!
This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!**

EPISTLE

1 John 1:1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

P: O Lord, our God,
C: have mercy upon us.

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 4:23-25

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.
C: Glory to You, O Lord.

And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various

diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P: O Lord, our God,
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RESPONSORY



L In-to Your hands, O Lord, I com - mend my spir-it.



C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



L You have re - deemed me, O Lord, God of truth.



C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



L Glory be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Spir-it.



C In-to Your hands I com - mend my spir - it.



(Please be seated)

HYMN: Your Hand, O Lord, In Days of Old (LSB 846)



1 Your hand, O Lord, in days of old
 2 Your touch then, Lord, brought life and health,
 3 O be our great de - liv - 'er still,



Was strong to heal and save; It tri - umphed o - ver
 Gave speech and strength and sight; And youth re - newed and
 The Lord of life and death; Re - store and quick - en,



ills and death, O'er dark - ness and the grave.
 fren - zy calmed Re - vealed You, Lord of light.
 soothe and bless, With Your life - giv - ing breath.



To You they came, the blind, the mute,
 And now, O Lord, be near to bless,
 To hands that work and eyes that see



The pal - sied and the lame, The lep - ers in their
 Al - might - y as be - fore, In crowd - ed street, by
 Give wis - dom's heal - ing pow'r That whole and sick and



mis - er - y, The sick with fe - vered frame.
 beds of pain, As by Gen - nes - 'ret's shore.
 weak and strong May praise You ev - er - more.

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821-91, alt.

Tune: English; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958, alt.

SERMON: "The God Who Rolls Up His Sleeves" Matthew 4:23

Pastor Dressler

HYMN: For the Fruits of His Creation (LSB 894)



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our
 For the good we all in - her - it, Thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 won - ders that as - tound us, For the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
 In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

Tune: Welsh, 18th cent.

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OFFERING

(Please stand)

PRAYERS - *Each petition concludes with "Lord, hear our prayer."*
Congregation responds with verse below.



Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.



Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.



LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: **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.**

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance and ☩ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN: Now the Light Has Gone Away (LSB 887)



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;
4 Now my eve-ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.
5 Thou, my best and kind-est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.
All my bless - ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-79, alt.

Tune: *Liederbuch für Kleinkinder-Schulen*, 1842, Kaiserswerth

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