

Thank you to Pastor Gary Fortkamp for conducting services today.

Preservice Music / Ringing of the Bell / Welcome

THE CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 34:4-8; antiphon: v. 1*

Reader: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me

and delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant,

and their faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him

and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen..

THE OPENING SONG *"Soul's Celebration"*

Chorus: **God is my strength, He is my salvation.**

God's strong right hand has done mighty things.

God is so great, my soul's celebration.

God gives me words and makes my heart sing.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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Evil surrounds me all my days; enemies threaten my life.

**God knows my needs and well provides victory conquering
strife.**

Chorus.

Thanks to the Lord for He is good; His light shines brightly on me.

This is the day the Lord has made. Be glad!

Rejoice thankfully!

Chorus

OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 38:4–18

⁴The Lord said to Job: “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed limits for it

and set bars and doors,

¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stayed’?

¹²“Have you commanded the morning since your days began,

and caused the dawn to know its place,

¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,

and the wicked be shaken out of it?

¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,

and its features stand out like a garment.

¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld,

and their uplifted arm is broken.

¹⁶“Have you entered into the springs of the sea,

or walked in the recesses of the deep?

¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,

or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?

¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?

Declare, if you know all this.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE Romans 10:5–17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

“Our God is An Awesome God”

**Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love, Our God is an awesome God.**

Repeat twice.

Ending:

Our God is an awesome God.

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(Stand)

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 14:22–33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²²Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake

forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. As an ordained servant of the Word, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sits at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S TALK

THE SONG OF THE DAY

"Beautiful Savior"

**Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve Thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**

**Fair are the meadows; Fair are the woodlands,
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forever more be Thine!**

SERMON: *Forgiveness (Colossians 3:13)*

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

"Glory to the Lamb"

Glory Glory Glory to the Lamb

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Chorus: For He is glorious and worthy to be praised

The Lamb upon the throne

And unto Him we lift our voice in praise

The Lamb upon the throne

Worthy Worthy Worthy is the Lamb

Worthy Worthy Worthy is the Lamb (*Chorus*)

Holy Holy Holy is the Lamb

Holy Holy Holy is the Lamb (*Chorus*)

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"Oh, How He Loves You and Me"

Oh, how He loves you and me; Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave His life what more could He give?
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show,
What He did there brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me.

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"On Eagle's Wings"

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life
Say to the Lord, My refuge,
My Rock in whom I trust.

Chorus:

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear.
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. *Chorus*

You need not fear the terror of the night,
Not the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you, it shall not come.

Chorus

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After all have communed-Stand

DISMISSAL

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and
preserve you in Body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in
peace.

C Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

C The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG “Shout to the North”

**Men of faith rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak,
In your brokenness complete.**

Chorus:

**Shout to the north and the south;
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

**Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing pow’r of our glorious King of love.**

Chorus.

**Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs
again Of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again
we’ll fly.**

Chorus.

Ending:

**Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth,
Lord of heaven and earth.**

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GO IN PEACE AND SERVE THE LORD.