



Evening Prayer
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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May the Lord bless us as together we acknowledge that, for Christ's sake, every good and perfect gift comes from him.

Thank you for joining us for worship. If you have any questions about our service or practice, please feel free to ask one of the ushers or a pastor.

- Family restrooms are available in the multi-purpose room off the narthex or on the right side of the large hallway leading to the school wing.
- A parent's room with audio feed and a window into the sanctuary is available.
- Listening devices and six large print hymnals are available, please ask an usher.
- Tune into KFIZ AM 1450 each Sunday morning at 8:00 to hear the current weekend's sermon.
- Please silence your cell phone and all other electrical devices to help minimize distractions during Divine Worship. Thank you.
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- Visitors, we are pleased that you have joined us this morning. Please feel free to inquire about our congregation through the pastors, one of the ushers, or one of the members. If you are a visitor from out of town, please be sure to introduce yourself to one of the pastors after the service. We welcome all of you to come and worship with us again.

A PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own. With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive. Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price, never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice. Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you; but, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew. Amen. (See also the prayers on pages 10-11 of *Christian Worship*.)

SERVICE THEME Together we thank our good and merciful Father in heaven who graciously provides us with all that we need for our body and life.

ORDER OF WORSHIP *Evening Prayer* on page 52 in the front of the hymnal

OPENING HYMN **“Almighty Father, Heaven and Earth”**
Hymn 480

M: ♪O Lord, open my lips.
C: ♪**And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: ♪Hasten to save me, O God.
C: ♪**O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: ♪The Lord be with you.
C: ♪**And also with you.**

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need in life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

♪ **Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise before you as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord
C: **Amen.**

PSALM 84 page 96 in the front of the hymnal

M: Lord God, grant us your Holy Spirit that we may hear and believe your Word. Cleanse our minds and renew our hearts that we may live for you here and hereafter; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: **Amen.**

LESSON 2 Kings 4:42-44
About 850 years before Jesus' birth, the Almighty miraculously provided for his people through the prophet Elisha.

A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. “Give it to the people to eat,” Elisha said. “How can I set this before a hundred men?” his servant asked. But Elisha answered, “Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: ‘They will eat and have some left over.’” Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD.

GOSPEL

John 6:1-15

Even under seemingly impossible circumstances, Jesus teaches us to trust in his power to superabundantly provide for us.

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Feast was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

M: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

HYMN

"Savior, Thy Dying Love"

Hymn 488

SERMON TEXT

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

God generously provides us with material wealth that we might generously employ his wealth in service to him and others.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

"The LORD Works Generosity in Our Hearts"

Pastor Zuberbier

1. Presenting us with opportunities to be generous.
2. Enabling us to give generously.

SONG OF MARY

♪ My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in ev'ry generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered
his promise of mercy, the promise made to our fathers,
to Abraham, and to his children forever. Amen.**

GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: ♪In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: ♪Lord, have mercy.

M: ♪For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: ♪**Christ, have mercy.**

M: ♪For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: ♪**Lord, have mercy.**

M: ♪For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: ♪**Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: ♪For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: ♪**Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: ♪For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C: ♪**Thanks be to God.**

M: ♪In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord:

C: ♪**Amen.**

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 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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SONG OF SIMEON

♪ **In peace, Lord, you let your servant now depart according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for ev'ry people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

BLESSING

M: ♪The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: ♪**Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly”
Hymn 484

ORGANIST

Phil Otto

GREETERS

7:45 ~ Ruth Schultz

10:00 ~ Diana Kent