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## Welcome

### Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

<sup>2</sup>you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup>what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## Confession And Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity....

God our comforter,

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

**We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.**

**We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin,**

**gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.

## **Prayer Of The Day**

**Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup>He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup>They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." <sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery." <sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop

them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

## Sermon

### Hymn “How Firm A Foundation”



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,  
 2 “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,  
 3 “When through fi - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
 4 “Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!  
 for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.  
 my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said  
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
 The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
 and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.”  
 your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.”  
 like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne.”

## **Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living  
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## **Prayers**

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we  
pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders  
throughout history. Empower those discerning a call  
to ministry and all seminarians, that they continue to  
be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your  
mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless those who can no longer travel to worship with us, and those not yet comfortable being here, and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You watch over your servants to be faithful disciples of Jesus. Be with our confirmation students, especially Graham, Lydia, and Andrew as they seek to grow in their discipleship, and guide their families that together they may reflect your love and grace. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Communion Liturgy

### Lord's Prayer

### Invitation To Communion

### Post Communion Prayer

### Hymn "Go, My Children, with My Blessing"



1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.  
 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.  
 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.  
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
 Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.  
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.  
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."  
 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."  
 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

## Blessing

## Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

## Thanks be to God

**WE THANK** - Pastor Kris Bjerke-Ulliman for leading worship and sharing the word this morning while Pastor Jon, Pastor Jean and Rebecca are on vacation. If you have a need of pastoral assistance, please call Kris in the church office.

**Starting next Sunday, October 10**, we will add an 8 AM worship, and move the second service back to 10:30 AM. Sunday School for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade begins at 9:15 AM. Please note we need ushers in order to have the 8 AM service. Checkout SignUpGenius on the church website to volunteer.

Check out the October newsletter ([www.oursaviorswestsalem.org](http://www.oursaviorswestsalem.org)) to find out more about ...

### ... Confirmation Ministry



#### **October 6** – Confirmation

6 PM – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

6 PM – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

6 PM – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Small Groups

7 PM – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class

... Looking for friendly folks ...



... to **welcome worshippers** at Saturday (6 PM) and Sunday (8 AM & 10:30 AM) worship.

**Remember – masks are required when you are in the building. Thank you!**

