

ORDER OF SERVICE

SATURDAY, July 4th 2020

PARTICIPANTS

Preacher/Liturgist: Rev. Gaertner, Rev. Woodfin **Music:** D. Gross, J. Garback, B. Wilkinson, P. Zajack

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: Rest

CONFESSION | ABSOLUTION

OPENING SONG: This is Amazing Grace

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Zechariah 9: 9–12
Epistle Reading..... Romans 7: 14–25a
Holy Gospel..... Matthew 11: 25–30

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAISE SONG: The Table

SERMON

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C 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 will 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 in 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.

OFFERING: I Give You My Heart

*No live Offering taken, plates available in the back for those attending in-person worship
Please join us in prayer that Christ our Lord and Savior preserve us all in pure faith and fervent love, unspotted and pure until His Day. There are also several ways to continue financially supporting the ministry of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church, School, and Child Care:*

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P ... Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer

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.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC: I Lift My Hands

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

CLOSING PRAYER

P Let us pray. Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING SONG: America The Beautiful

POST-SERVICE MUSIC: Instrumental Postlude

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9: 9–12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Romans 7: 14–25a

We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11: 25–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter. **C** Glory to You, O Lord

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

