Praise Service



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* = Please rise in body or spirit

* *Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.
C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy God,
C we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.
P: Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven. Blessed are you.
C: Amen.

* *Greeting*

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

* *Prayer of the Day*

P: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen

Here I Am To Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore you,
Hope of a life spent with You…..

Chorus

So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that Your my God!
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me……

King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.
Repeat Chorus

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
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To see my sin upon that cross
Repeat Chorus 2X
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Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks unto the Holy One
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son (x2)

And now, let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done ...for us (x2)

Give thanks..... give thanks..... give thanks
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* *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear,
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior still our refuge; Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.
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Good News: *Matthew 25:14-30*

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] "Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last - dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.

"The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master's money.

"After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money. The servant to whom he had entrusted the five bags of silver came forward with five more and said, 'Master, you gave me five bags of silver to invest, and I have earned five more.'

"The master was full of praise. 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

"The servant who had received the two bags of silver came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two bags of silver to invest, and I have earned two more.'

"The master said, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful in handling this small amount, so now I will give you many more responsibilities. Let's celebrate together!'

"Then the servant with the one bag of silver came and said, 'Master, I knew you were a harsh man, harvesting crops you didn't plant and gathering crops you didn't cultivate. I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back.'

"But the master replied, 'You wicked and lazy servant! If you knew I harvested crops I didn't plant and gathered crops I didn't cultivate, why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it.'

"Then he ordered, 'Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away. Now throw this useless servant into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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Sermon

* *The Apostle's Creed*

C: 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 of Intercession*

* *Sharing the Peace*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

* *Offering Prayer*

P: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

* *The Great Thanksgiving*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

* *The Eucharistic Prayer*

P: In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death, until he comes.

* *Lord's Prayer*

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Communion

Post Communion Prayer

P: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuous seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
C: Amen.

* *Benediction*

P: As you go on your way may Christ go with you.
May he go before you to show you the way.
May he go behind you to encourage you,
Beside you to befriend you, above you to watch over you,
Within you to give you peace.
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

* *Jesus Christ*

Chorus
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ.....
Jesus Christ, You are my life.... Jesus Christ
You made my life whole, deep inside my soul
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ

Used to love to sin, integrity was thin.
My life was pretty dim, but you taught me how to win
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ.....
You made my life whole, deep inside my soul
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ

Partied 'til I'd drop, thought I was on top;
Was sowing the wrong crop 'til you showed me how to stop
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ.....
You made my life whole, deep inside my soul

Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ

Repeat Chorus
You've shown me what is great. So glad it's not too late;
I left that sinful state 'cause you didn't hesitate
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ.....
You made my life whole, deep inside my soul
Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ
Repeat Chorus
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* *Dismissal*

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another.
C: Thanks be to God!



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This Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Marty Jordan, Eve Gehringer
Reader:	Pastor Amy
Altar Guild:	Brenda Foose

Welcome Center:	Jen Christman & Charlotte Christman
Counters:	Pat Stonerook, Peggy Brendlinger

Next Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Jen & Paul Christman
Lay Reader:	Brendan Greer
Altar Guild:	Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center:	Donna Usavage & Gwen Semmens
Counters:	Mike Way, Randi Rose

St. Luke's Calendar

Tuesday, November 17th	Congregational Council meeting, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, November 17th	Yoga, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, November 18th	Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Wednesday, November 18th	The Neighborhood, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Wednesday, November 18th	Quilting and Sewing, 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Thursday, November 19th	The Neighborhood, 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Thursday, November 19th	Community Dinner, 5:30 PM
Saturday, November 21st	The Neighborhood, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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