

Praise Service



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* = Please rise in body or spirit

* *Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Compassionate God,

C: we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

P: Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

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: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, 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 You're 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
And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross

Repeat Chorus 2X

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Gratitude

All my words fall short, I got nothing new
How could I express all my gratitude

I could sing these songs as I often do
But every song must end and You never do

Chorus

So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah
And I know it's not much but I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah, Hallelujah

I've got one response, I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide I will worship You

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

Come on my soul, oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song 'cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

Repeat Bridge 3

Repeat Chorus

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**** Life's Railway to Heaven***

Life is like a mountain railway with an Engineer that's brave

We must make the run successful from the cradle to the grave
Watch the curves, the hills and tunnels, never falter, never fail
Keep your hand upon the throttle and your eye upon the rail

Chorus

Blessed Savior, Thou wilt guide us
Till we reach that blissful shore
Where the angels wait to join us in God's praise forevermore

As we roll along the mainline, there'll be storms and there'll be night
There'll be sidetracks unexpected on the left and on the right
But with the straight always before us and our hearts upon the prize
There'll be no disembarkation until we reach paradise

Repeat Chorus

You will often find obstruction; Look for storms of wind and rain;
On a hill, or curve, or trestle. They will almost ditch your train;
Put your trust alone in Jesus; Never falter, never fail;
Keep your hand upon the throttle, and your eye upon the rail.

Repeat Chorus 2X

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Good News:

Matthew 15:10-28

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. “Listen,” he said, “and try to understand. It’s not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth.”

Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you realize you offended the Pharisees by what you just said?”

Jesus replied, “Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father will be uprooted, so ignore them. They are blind guides leading the blind, and if one blind person guides another, they will both fall into a ditch.”

Then Peter said to Jesus, “Explain to us the parable that says people aren’t defiled by what they eat.”

“Don’t you understand yet?” Jesus asked. “Anything you eat passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer. But the words you speak come from the heart—that’s what defiles you. For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander. These are what defile you. Eating with unwashed hands will never defile you.”

Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, “Have mercy on me,

O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely.”

But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. “Tell her to go away,” they said. “She is bothering us with all her begging.”

Then Jesus said to the woman, “I was sent only to help God’s lost sheep—the people of Israel.”

But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, “Lord, help me!”

Jesus responded, “It isn’t right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs.”

She replied, “That’s true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters’ table.”

“Dear woman,” Jesus said to her, “your faith is great. Your request is granted.” And her daughter was instantly healed.

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: Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

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***

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: Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit nourishing us 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**

* *Glorious Day*

One day when heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men my example is He

One day they led Him up Calv'ry's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He
The hand that healed nations stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

Chorus

Living He loved me, dying He saved me
Buried He carried my sins far away
Rising he justified freely forever
One day he's coming O Glorious Day O Glorious Day

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose over death He had conquered
Now is ascended my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him the grave could not keep Him
From rising again

Repeat chorus

One Day the trumpet will sound for his coming
One day the skies with his glories will shine
Wonderful day my beloved one bringing
My Savior Jesus is mine

Repeat chorus

Glorious day, O glorious day

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* *Dismissal*

P: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C: Thanks be to God!

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This Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Mike Way, Judy Moyer
Altar Guild:	Joyce Brothers
Welcome Center:	Rob & Paula Bickelman
Counters:	Deneen Kratz, Peggy Brendlinger

Next Week's Service Assistants

Greeters:	Joyce Brothers, Spencer Brothers
Lay Reader:	Brendan Greer
Altar Guild:	Jen Christman
Welcome Center:	Gwen Semmens, Deneen Kratz
Counters:	Marty Jordan, Judy Hunsberger

St. Luke's Calendar

Today	Faith Formation, after service
Tuesday, August 18 th	Congregational Council, 7:00 PM
Wednesday, August 19 th	Bible Study, 9:30 AM
Thursday, August 20 th	Community Dinner, 5:30 PM
Sunday, August 23 rd	Holy Communion service, 9:00 AM



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