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| PRELUDE | <i>"Trumpet Tune on Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"</i> | <i>David Lasky</i> |
| WELCOME AND GREETING | | <i>Pastor Tom</i> |

P In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen!**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen!**

OPENING HYMN

"From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

LSB 816

- 1 **From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 **Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends Thy Word.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 3 **All praise to God the Father be,
All praise, eternal Son, to Thee.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Whom with the Spirit we adore
Forever and forevermore:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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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.**
- P Let us pray....
- C **Amen**

RESPONSIVE PSALM*Bless the Lord O my Soul**Psalm 103:1-12*

R ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

C ² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

R ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

C ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

R ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

C ⁶ The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

R ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

C ⁸ The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

R ⁹ He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

C ¹⁰ He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

R ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

ALL ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

READING*God's Good Purposes**Genesis: 50:15-21**Sara Cardwell*

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶ So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷ 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you."' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸ His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. ²¹ So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

MUSIC MINISTRY

Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

Mary Sorensen and Jonathan Malone

Praise

GOSPEL READING

Forgiveness

Mathew 18:21-35

²¹Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord!

C **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

*The Power of Forgiveness
Matthew 18:21-35
Pastor Tom Zucconi*

For Consideration

Continuing with our theme on relationships and how to live with others, we learn that living in humility and honesty brings risk and danger. How so? Unless humility and honesty result in forgiveness, relationships cannot be mended and strengthened—but seeking out that forgiveness can sometimes be costly. Yet, it is worth it. Not only does it bring healing to our hearts and lives, but it is a reflection of God's love for His creation. Is there anyone in your life you struggle to forgive, even if the pain was caused long ago? Have you hurt someone whom you need to reconcile with?

MUSIC MINISTRY

*10,000 Reasons
Mary Sorensen and Jonathan Malone*

APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Pastor Tom will lead the congregation in prayer.

P Into Your hands, eternal God, we offer our prayers, trusting Your love through, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

BLESSING

P Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace; serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

LSB 685, vv.1, 2, 4

**1 Let us ever walk with Jesus,
Follow His example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us
And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in His footsteps treading,
Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love,
Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, with me abide;
I shall follow where You guide.**

**2 Let us suffer here with Jesus
And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness;
Where He is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter,
We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy
Shall give way to mirth hereafter.
Jesus, here I share Your woe;
Help me there Your joy to know.**

**4 Let us also live with Jesus.
He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken.
Jesus, You are now our head.
We are Your own living members;
Where You live, there we shall be
In Your presence constantly,
Living there with You forever.
Jesus, let me faithful be,
Life eternal grant to me.**

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continued prayers and financial support during this challenging season!*