



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## *September 6, 2020*

### GATHERING SONG

"I Offer My Life"

1. All that I am, all that I have  
I lay them down before You, O Lord;  
All my regrets, all my acclaim,  
The joy and the pain, I'm making them Yours.

Chorus:

Lord, I offer my life to You,  
Ev'rything I've been through,  
Use it for Your glory;

Lord, I offer my days to You,  
Lifting my praise to You  
As pleasing sacrifice,  
Lord, I offer You my life.

2. Things in the past, things yet unseen,  
Wishes and dreams that are yet to come true;  
All of my hopes, all of my plans,  
My heart and my hands are lifted to You.

Chorus:

Bridge:

What can we give that You have not given;  
And what do we have that is not already Yours?  
All we possess are these lives we're living,  
And that's what we give to You, Lord.

Chorus:

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

**Amen.**

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

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.**

**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**

**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.**

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims: Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.

**Amen.**

## **GREETING**

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

**Ezekiel 33:7-11**

*The prophet's responsibility to warn the people*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

**Psalms 119:33-40**

*I desire the path of your commandments*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

**Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

**SECOND READING**

**Romans 13:8-14**

*Live honorably as in the day*

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

*Reconciliation in the community of faith*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 18th chapter: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"You Are the Rock of My Salvation"

Chorus:

You are the Rock of my salvation,  
You are the strength of my life.  
You are my hope and my inspiration,  
Lord, unto You will I cry. (Repeat)

Verse:

I believe in You, believe in You,  
For Your faithful love to me.  
You have been my help in time of need;  
Lord, unto You will I cleave.

You are the Rock of my salvation,  
You are the strength of my life. (Repeat)

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
You have set before us these gifts of your good creation.  
Prepare us for your heavenly banquet,  
nourish us with your presence,  
and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world,  
through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### **SHARING THE PEACE**

Peace is what we need, God's amazing peace, showing up in our lives and our world!  
We may be distant from one another, but we can still share God's peace.  
The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Lord, in your mercy: **Receive our prayer.**  
Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. Please respond with: Receive our prayer

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community. Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**receive our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who are 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**

Mothering God,  
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.  
**Amen.**

### **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Remember the poor.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **SENDING SONG**

"One Day at a Time"