

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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. **Amen.**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.



Please join us for our coffee fellowship with treats and beverages and joyful conversations.



INTRODUCTION

In Isaiah the people are advised to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and God's mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.

OPENING HYMN: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #886
Vs. 1-4

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.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Brief Silence for reflection.

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.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1st Reading: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

C: Open our ears to hear your word.

Reading

Psalm 67 (please read bolded words)

L: May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

**C: Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

C: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

**C: The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

L: May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth
stand in awe.

2nd Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

C: Open our ears to hear your word.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Lord and Savior page 205

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew in the 16th chapter

C: Glory to You, O LORD!

Pastor reads

L: This is the gospel of Our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

MESSAGE

APOSTLES CREED

OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: We Are an Offering #692

OFFERING PRAYER

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.

HYMN: My Faith Looks Up to Thee #759 Vs. 1-3

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please respond to Merciful God, with **receive our prayer.**

MEAL

We are fed with the presence of Jesus Christ.

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Give thanks to the Lord your God.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

LAMB OF GOD

COMMUNION/PRAYERS

Please take an empty cup when you come forward for communion. We have gluten free wafers—let your server know of this need. There is both wine and grape juice. You may lift up your prayers after communion by lighting a candle.

Music is played during communion