

MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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God's work. Our hands.

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Welcome

Opening Hymn

All Are Welcome

ELW #641

Confession and Forgiveness

Trusting in the mercy of God, let be still before God, confessing our sin and listening for mercy.

God of abundant peace,

We admit our failings and mistakes to you.

We confess our desire to control and constrain your love,

we own our struggle to live as your Word invites us to live.

We allow other, less-worthy voices to shape us,

We lash out in fear and self-righteousness rather than listen with compassion.

God of abundant peace, we admit our failings and mistakes to you.

We hope now in your forgiveness, we stand humbled before your extravagant love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

People of God,

Remember how loved you are by God! Through generous compassion and endless faithfulness, God forgives us all our sins through Jesus Christ. Let us open our lives to the call of discipleship and the invitation to be healers of hurts and restorers of that which is broken. Let us extend the wide welcome of God to all the world. **We will and we ask God to help and guide us. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶ And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—

⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

⁸ Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Gospel: Matthew 15: (10-20) 21-28

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' ¹³He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.'

¹⁵But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' ¹⁶Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.'

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth Damico-Carper

Hymn

Healer of Our Every Ill

ELW #612

Holy Baptism of Tanner William Stahl

Prayers of Intercession, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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

Closing Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

ELW #886

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God!**

*If you plan to visit with others,
please show care for your neighbors by wearing a mask after worship.*