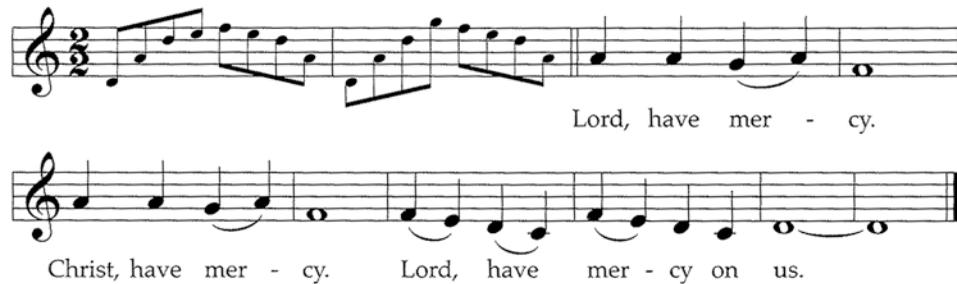


CONFESSION OF SIN

**Glorious Ruler of creation,
you brought forth the world for the love of Christ,
yet we live in rebellion and turn away from our created purpose.
We acknowledge the Lordship of Christ with our lips,
but do not honor him with our lives.
We serve idols of wealth and privilege.
We live in fear of death and loss.
We do not love our neighbors, nor seek reconciliation with our enemies.
Forgive us.
Break our rebellious will and instruct our hearts in the way of peace.
Expose our insincerity and give us integrity in our quest for truth.
Release us from the fear of death and grant us courage in the face of evil.
Free us for joyful service in Christ
and empower us to live as citizens of your kingdom.**

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved son in whom we have redemption, restoration and peace.
Thanks be to God! Amen.*

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

No. 479

**Praise, my soul, the God of heaven, glad of heart your carols raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the Maker all your days!**

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY 11:00

A TIME FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH 11:00

GOD'S WORD TO US

PSALTER	Psalm 46	OT p. 489
GOSPEL LESSON	Luke 1:68-79	NT p. 54
SERMON		Lynne Clements

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In Christ, God gave us a glimpse of the new creation God has already begun
and will surely finish. We do not know when the final day will come.
In our time we see only broken and scattered signs
that the renewal of all things is underway.
We do not yet see
the end of cruelty and suffering in the world, the church, or our own lives.
But we see Jesus as Lord.
As he stands at the center of our history, we are confident he will stand at its end.
He will judge all people and nations.
Evil will be condemned and rooted out of God's good creation.
There will be no more tears or pain. All things will be made new. Amen.**

from A Declaration of Faith

***HYMN 11:00**

Song of Zechariah

No. 602

PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hymnal, p. 16

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY 8:30

Now Thank We All Our God

G. P. Telemann

11:00

What Shall I Render to the Lord

Peter Tiefenbach

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

No. 591

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, who we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious God,
receive our offering for the sake of Christ our Lord.
Make us worthy stewards of your gifts
and generous citizens of the kingdom of your son, Jesus,
through whom we pray. Amen.**

*HYMN

He Is King of Kings

No. 153

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Nu la oss takke Gud

Egil Hovland



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Reign of Christ
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PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

**for God has looked favorably on God's people
and redeemed them.**

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for God has called us God's own beloved, each of us by name.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for God has blessed all creation and called us to worship.

Blessed be the God of Israel!

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*HYMN

Let All Things Now Living

No. 554

CALL TO CONFESSION

*With humble hearts, trusting in grace, let us confess our sins
before God and one another.*

*Congregation may stand. #Latecomers seated.

Please turn off cell phones during the service.

*Almighty God,
through the
lordship of your
son, Jesus Christ,
the powers and
dominions of the
world obtain their
purpose and
creation finds
meaning. Reveal to
the world the
gracious rule of
Christ, end all
enmity among
nations, and bring
us soon to his
glorious, peaceable
kingdom; through
Christ who lives
and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and
forever. Amen.*

