



8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, September 5

PRELUDE

“Christ is Our Cornerstone”

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

Organ

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Christ is Our Cornerstone”

OPENING LITURGY *based on Psalm 34*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

[Moment of Silent Confession]

P: Paul writes, “As servants of God we commend ourselves in every way.”

C: In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not commended ourselves. Worse, in our sinful condition, we are bound to continue to sin; we cannot help ourselves; forgive us.

P: Paul continues, “You are not restricted by us, but You are restricted in Your own affections.”

C: Indeed, we have failed to love You, O Lord, with all that we are and have, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us.

P: Paul then writes, “Now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

C: Open our hearts, Lord of all creation, to recognize the forgiveness You won for us, the protection You afford each day, and the strength You provide that we may share Your love.

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Our Father in heaven, who made this world and all that exists,

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord Jesus, who rules the sea, air, and all creation, and yet suffered and died within it,

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: O Holy Spirit, who each day graciously bestows faith and love for us to share,

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **Amen.**

RESPONSE “Christ is Our Cornerstone”

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Joshua 6:1-7 [ESV]

Now Jericho was shut up inside and outside because of the people of Israel. None went out, and none came in. And the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men of valor. You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. Seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. And when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, when you hear the sound of the trumpet, then all the people shall shout with a great shout, and the wall of the city will fall down flat, and the people shall go up, everyone straight before him.” So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord.” And he said to the people, “Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the Lord.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 18:35-43 [ESV]

As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

CREEDAL HYMN "We Believe"

SERMON "FALL OF JERICHO"

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

PRAYERS of the CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

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

PROPER PREFACE

P: Always and everywhere praise and thanks are due to You, almighty God, through Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, by whose perfect obedience and all-sufficient sacrifice we are bold to stand in Your presence, now and in the day of judgment. Therefore, with those who bear Your name on earth and those who praise Your name on high, we join in the everlasting hymn:

SANCTUS

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Dearest Jesus, We Are Here”

Organ

arr. Wayne Wold

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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CLOSING RESPONSE “Nunc Dimittis”

POSTLUDE

“In Thee is Gladness”

Organ

arr. Ronald Nelson



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