



**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, September 19**

## PRELUDE

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”

arr. John Behnke

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

## OPENING HYMN “When Morning Gilds the Sky”

## OPENING LITURGY *based on Psalm 34*

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

**C: Amen.**

L: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking 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.**

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

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*[Moment of Silent Confession]*

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

L: 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.**

L: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has been so merciful to us by giving His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiven all our sins. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.

**C: Amen.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **RESPONSE “When Morning Gilds the Sky”**

### **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

#### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 17:1-7 [ESV]**

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

### **HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 21:18-27 [ESV]**

And when they came to the crowd, a man came up to him and, kneeling before him, said, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he has seizures and he suffers terribly. For often he falls into the fire, and often into the water. And I brought him to your disciples, and they could not heal him.” And Jesus answered, “O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him here to me.” And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the boy was healed instantly. Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not cast it out?” He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ!**

### **CREEDAL HYMN “We Believe”**

### **SERMON “WATER FROM THE ROCK”**

### **OFFERING**

### **OFFERTORY**

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

*Voices of Peace*

arr. Lloyd Larson

### **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

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

arr. Peter Pindar Steams

*Organ*

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING RESPONSE   “Thank the Lord”**

**POSTLUDE**

“Postlude in C Major”

*Organ*

Arthur Foote (1853-1937)



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