

**MORNING WORSHIP CELEBRATION**

***The Lord's Day***

**April 14, 2024**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements: Travis Skillingstad**

**Prelude: Amy Reber, piano**

***My Jesus, I Love Thee***

*By Adronian Gordon, arranged by Dan Forrest*

**Call to Worship: Isaiah 12:1-2**

You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O LORD,  
for though you were angry with me,  
your anger turned away,  
that you might comfort me.

<sup>2</sup>“Behold, God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid;  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation.”

**The Invocation**

**Hymn of Praise 32**

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with thee;  
Thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

(Chorus)

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
Great is thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Chorus)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Chorus)

## **Confession of Sin: Pastor Mike Palombo**

### **Need of Confession: James 4:6-10**

<sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

### **Personal Confession of Sin**

#### **Corporate Confession of Sin (Unison)**

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Assurance of Pardon: Colossians 1:13-14**

<sup>13</sup> He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup> in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## **The Affirmation of Faith: Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 1, 2**

**Pastor:** What is your only comfort in life and death?

**People:** **That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**Pastor:** What must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

**People:** **Three things: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am set free from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.**

## **Song of Praise 457**

### ***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing***

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Hither by thy help I'm come;  
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,

Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wand'ring from the fold of God:  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter,  
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander - Lord, I feel it -  
Prone to leave the God I love:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for thy courts above.

### **The Lord's Prayer (Unison) / Pastoral 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory: Chancel Choir featuring Harold Parker, tenor**

*Come, Ye Seekers*

*By Heather Sorensen*

### **Doxology 733**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*(During this song, children ages 4 thru 2nd grade may go to Children's Worship)*

***Sermon Series: The Gospel of Luke: Love Came Down***

***The Spirit of the Law***

**Luke 6:1-11**

**Pastor Jeff Birch**

**6** On a Sabbath, while he was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked and ate some heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands. <sup>2</sup> But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath?" <sup>3</sup> And Jesus answered them, "Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, he and those who were with him: <sup>4</sup> how he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and also gave it to those with him?" <sup>5</sup> And he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

<sup>6</sup> On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered. <sup>7</sup> And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, to see whether he would heal on the Sabbath, so that they might find a reason to accuse him. <sup>8</sup> But he knew their thoughts, and he said to the man with the withered hand, "Come and stand here." And he rose and stood there. <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful on the Sabbath to do good or to do harm, to save life or to destroy it?" <sup>10</sup> And after looking around at them all he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." And he did so, and his hand was restored. <sup>11</sup> But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

### **Hymn 498 (verses 1-3)**

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!  
Jesus! lover of my soul;  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,  
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

(Chorus)

Hallelujah! what a Savior!  
Hallelujah, what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness!  
Let me hide myself in him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,  
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins. (Chorus)

Jesus! what a help in sorrow!  
While the billows o'er me roll,  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my comfort, helps my soul. (Chorus)

### **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

#### **Hymn 498 (verses 4-5)**

*Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

Jesus! what a guide and keeper!  
While the tempest still is high,  
Storms about me, night o'er-takes me,  
He, my pilot, hears my cry. (Chorus)

Jesus! I do now receive him,  
More than all in him I find;  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am his, and he is mine. (Chorus)

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

