

**TRINITY  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

**5:00 PM**

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HYMN SING

ELW #638

Blessed Assurance



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



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Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

ELW #790

Day by Day



- 1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at-tend me, bring-ing com-fort
- 2 Day by day, I know you will pro-vide me strength to serve and
- 3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur-dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me  
wis-dom to o-bey; I will seek your lov-ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near-er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di-vine, be-yond all  
o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e-vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat-ter



mor-tal mea-sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior,  
of the mor-row, I will trust in your en-dur-ing grace. Sav-ior,  
what be-tide me, you will hold me ev-er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e-ter-nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo-ry I be-hold your face.  
with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005  
Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882  
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WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN ELW #533 (vs. 1-3, 5)

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,  
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;  
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;  
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.  
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.  
let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,  
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Text: Benjamin Schmolck, 1672–1737; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: UNSER HERRSCHER, Joachim Neander, 1650–1680

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of hidden wonders, you delight in beginnings that seem impossibly small. A tiny seed becomes shelter for the birds. A handful of yeast transforms the whole loaf. An ordinary life becomes a witness to extraordinary grace. Open our eyes to the treasures we so often overlook. Teach us to value your kingdom above every lesser prize. Shape us into people whose quiet faith transforms the world with compassion, courage, generosity, and hope. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 3:5-12 Page 238

*Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well.*

*The reading is concluded:*  
Word of God, word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:129-136

<sup>129</sup> Your decrees are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.  
<sup>130</sup> **When your word is opened it gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.**  
<sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant  
because I long for your commandments.  
<sup>132</sup> **Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as you always do to those who love your name.**  
<sup>133</sup> Order my footsteps in your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.  
<sup>134</sup> **Rescue me from those who oppress me,  
and I will keep your commandments.**

<sup>135</sup> Let your face shine upon your servant  
and teach me your statutes.  
<sup>136</sup> **My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your teaching.**

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39 Page 121

*These words celebrate the depth of God’s actions for us. Through Christ’s death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God’s love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.*

*The reading is concluded:*  
Word of God, word of life.  
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GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52 Page 11

*Throughout Matthew’s gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that “the kingdom of heaven is near!” Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people’s lives.*

*After the reading:*  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Jeff Gramza

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

SHARING CHRIST'S PEACE

*Offer a sign of peace with those around you*

GATHERING OF GIFTS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

OFFERTORY

OFFERING PRAYER

Generous God, you have entrusted us with treasures beyond measure: your grace, your Spirit, your love that never lets us go. Receive these gifts and the offering of our lives. Use them to plant hope where despair has taken root, to bring healing where hearts are broken, to welcome those who have felt forgotten, and to reveal the priceless beauty of your kingdom. Multiply what we bring, until your love rises through this world like yeast through dough and grows like a mustard seed into shelter for all. In the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD’S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:  
**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion will be distributed by coming forward and receiving the bread and wine. The center cups (white) are non-alcoholic grape juice. Upon receiving, please put empty cups in baskets provided. If you prefer gluten free, please ask Pastor who is distributing. Please proceed up the center aisle returning to your seat via the side aisles.*

LAMB OF GOD



1

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION SONGS

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| <i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i> | ELW #471 |
| <i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i> | ELW #773 |

# Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

# Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
when my life is ... al - most gone,  
and the day is ... past and gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.  
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, prec - cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899-1993  
Music: George N. Allen, 1812-1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey  
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BENEDICTION

May God the Father, who plants the smallest seeds of faith, give you eyes to recognize the hidden treasures of the kingdom and courage to seek them with your whole heart.

May God the Son, whose kingdom is worth more than all the riches of this world, fill you with joy that cannot be bought, hope that cannot be stolen, and love that transforms every part of your life.

May God the Holy Spirit, working quietly like yeast within the dough, continue to shape you day by day until your life becomes a blessing, your faith becomes a shelter for others, and your witness reveals the beauty of Christ to the world.

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**



bring its bud to glo-rious flow'r. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age  
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,  
be our glo-ry ev-er-more. Grant us wis-dom, grant us cour-age,



for the fac-ing of this hour, for the fac-ing of this hour.  
for the liv-ing of these days, for the liv-ing of these days.  
lest we miss your king-dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal.  
serv-ing you whom we a-dore, serv-ing you whom we a-dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969  
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

SENDING HYMN

ELW #705

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo-ry, on your peo-ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e-vil round us scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil-dren's war-ring mad-ness; bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res-ig-na-tion to the e-vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an-cient chur-ch's sto-ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con-trol; shame our wan-ton, self-ish glad-ness,  
we de-plore; let the gift of your sal-va-tion

DISMISSAL

Go in peace.  
Grow in grace.  
Live as people of priceless hope.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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