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Gathering Song

God of Wonders

Lord of all creation
of water, earth, and sky
The heavens are your tabernacle
Glory to the Lord on high

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty
you are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning
I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness
I will call your name by night

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares your majesty
you are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me
Father holy, holy
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Opening Song How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King Clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice

He wraps Himself in light And darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice Trembles at His voice

Chorus: How great is our God, sing with me
 How great is our God, and all will see
 How great, how great, is our God

Age to age He stands Time is in His hands
Beginning and the end Beginning and the end

The Godhead three in one Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb Lion and the Lamb **(Chorus)**

Name above all names Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing How great is our God

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Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: Despite all of God's actions on our behalf, we still struggle with sin in our lives. Our tongues still curse. Our feet still stumble. Our ears still listen to lies and vicious gossip. But our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him for restoration, renewal, and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,

People: we have sinned against You and our neighbors in what we have said and what we have left unsaid. We have neglected opportunities to love our neighbors. We have stumbled and fallen again and again. We ask that You restore us, renew us, and forgive us on account of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in His boundless love sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die and rise for our forgiveness and eternal life. Because of Jesus, we are restored, body and soul. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. We are renewed and restored. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Pastor: Gracious Lord of all, let nothing interfere with our commitment to You. Give us that sense of priority that values all things properly and treasures nothing above Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and rules with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Dedication of Davies Memorial Bethlehem Star

Reader

Carol Wagner

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 36:1-3, 20-25

(Jehoiakim Burns Jeremiah's Scroll)

¹In the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²"Take a scroll and write on it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel and Judah and all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Josiah until today. ³It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the disaster that I intend to do to them, so that every one may turn from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."

²⁰So they went into the court to the king, having put the scroll in the chamber of Elishama the secretary, and they reported all the words to the king. ²¹Then the king sent Jehudi to get the scroll, and he took it from the chamber of Elishama the secretary. And Jehudi read it to the king and all the officials who stood beside the king. ²²It was the ninth month, and the king was sitting in the winter house, and there was a fire burning in the fire pot before him. ²³As Jehudi read three or four columns, the king would cut them off with a knife and throw them into the fire in the fire pot, until the entire scroll was consumed in the fire that was in the fire pot. ²⁴Yet neither the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words was afraid, nor did they tear their garments. ²⁵Even when Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah urged the king not to burn the scroll, he would not listen to them.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Peter 1:13-25

(Be Holy)

¹³Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, ¹⁵but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." ¹⁷And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, ²¹who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

²²Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴for

"All flesh is like grass
and all its glory like the flower of grass.
The grass withers,
and the flower falls,
²⁵but the word of the Lord remains forever."

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

Reader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel Reading

Matthew 24:3-14

(Signs of the End Times)

³As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the close of the age?" ⁴And Jesus answered them, "See that no one leads you astray. ⁵For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and they will lead

many astray. ⁶And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for this must take place, but the end is not yet. ⁷For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are but the beginning of the birth pains.

⁹Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for my name's sake. ¹⁰And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another. ¹¹And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. ¹²And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold. ¹³But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Pastor: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Children's Message / Kid's Church

Song of the Day Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place I worship You I worship You
You are here turning lives around I worship You I worship You
You are here working miracles I worship You I worship You

Chorus : You are Way maker, miracle worker
 Promise Keeper, light in the darkness
 My God that is who You are
 You are Way maker, miracle worker
 Promise Keeper, light in the darkness
 My God that is who You are

You are here touching every heart I worship You I worship You
You are here healing every life I worship You I worship You
You are here turning lives around I worship You I worship You
You are here mending every heart I worship You I worship You **Chorus**

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Sermon

Rev. Dr Brent Smith Guest Preacher -Lutheran Bible Translators

Creed – APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

Pastor: Most high and holy God, we humbly ask You to accept us at your table. We present and yield ourselves to You, asking You to make us true members incorporated into the Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. In communion with Your whole Church, make us to be a pure offering to Your name. O Lord, hear our prayer,

People: and let our cry come unto You.

Pastor: Hear our prayer, O Lord, for the universal Church, that You will confirm it in the truth of Your holy faith, inspire it with unity and concord, and extend and prosper it throughout the world. We pray You for those who are ordained to be ministers in Your Church, that by their life and doctrine they set forth Your true and living Word and rightly administer Your Holy Sacraments. Especially do we call upon You for those who labor for You in challenging settings, that they be strong and steadfast, abounding in Your work. O Lord, hear our prayer,

People: and let our cry come unto You.

Pastor: Bless, we pray You, our schools, hospitals, homes for the aged, and all our institutions. Bless those who minister to human need, whether of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them wisdom, strength, and love for You and all people. Let Your blessing rest upon the seedtime and harvest, commerce and industry, leisure and rest, and the arts and culture of our people. Take under Your special protection those whose toil is difficult or dangerous and be with all who put their efforts toward any useful task. Give to all people the mind of Christ and order our days in righteousness. Take from us all hatred and prejudice, and whatever may hinder justice and love among people everywhere. O Lord, hear our prayer,

People: and let our cry come unto You.

Pastor: Remember the nations of the world, and let concord and peace prevail among them. Remember those who rule over us, and guide those who influence our lives through the media. Remember our children, our youth, the married couples, and those living single lives, the widows and orphans, and all those who are dealing with disappointments in life. Remember the sick, the suffering, and the persecuted and the dying. Send them help from Your sanctuary, and by Your Spirit, strengthen them according to Your gracious will. O Lord, hear our prayer,

People: and let our cry come unto You.

Pastor: O Lord, Hear us now on behalf of those in our congregation and all who stand in need:

Local concerns are added by congregational elder.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

Sharing Peace

Offering Jesus, All For Jesus

Jesus, all for Jesus

All I am and have and ever hope to be

Jesus, all for Jesus

All I am and have and ever hope to be

All of my ambitions, hopes, and plans

I surrender these into Your hands.

All of my ambitions, hopes and plans

I surrender these into Your hands

For it's only in Your will that I am free

For it's only in Your will that I am free

Jesus, all for Jesus

All I am and have and ever hope to be.

Presentation of Gifts

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good things, and Your Word makes clear that every good and perfect gift comes from You. We ask that You accept these gifts back unto Yourself and use them to Your glory. *[Psalm 145:15, James 1:17]*

People: Amen.

Holy Communion

Preface

Pastor: The Lord be with you. *[2 Timothy 4:22]*

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*

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

The Words of Our Lord *[Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25]*

Proclamation of Christ

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *[1 Cor. 11:26]*

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *[Revelation 22:20]*

Lord's Prayer *[Matthew 6:9–13]*

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

People: 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.

First Communion Sunday Welcome

Distribution

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me

I once was lost but now I'm found

Was blind but now I see

Chorus: My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love amazing grace

Tw'as grace that taught my heart to fear

And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed **(Chorus)**

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow

The sun forbear to shine

But God who called me here below

Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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The Cross has the Final Word

The cross has the final word
The cross has the final word
Sorrow may come in the darkest night
But the cross has the final word

The cross has the final word
The cross has the final word
Evil may put up its strongest fight
But the cross has the final word

The cross has the final word
The cross has the final word
The Savior has come with the morning light
The cross has the final word

Instrumental

There's nothing stronger nothing higher
Nothing greater than the name of Jesus
All the honor all the power
All the glory to the name of Jesus

The cross has the final word
The cross has the final word
He traded death for eternal life
The cross has the final word

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Ten Thousand Reasons

Chorus: Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.

¹ The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the ev'ning comes. **(Chorus)**

² You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **(Chorus)**

³ And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending:
Ten thousand years and then forevermore! **(Chorus)**

Lord I'll worship Your holy Name.

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Benediction [Numbers 6:24-26]

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

Announcements

Sending Song Holy Is The Lord

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He

Chorus: And together we sing
Everyone sing
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great how awesome is He **(Chorus)**

It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown **(Chorus)**

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