

Order of Service
November 21 & 22, 2020
Last Sunday of the Church Year

PRE-SERVICE (*Sunday*)

“Earth and All Stars”

S. Eithun

WELCOME

BELLS

OPENING HYMN #851 “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us” (*Stz. 1 & 4*)

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

SENTENCES OF PRAISE

P: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (*Ps. 118:24*)

C: **The LORD's right hand has done mighty things! The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things! I will proclaim what the LORD has done.**
(*Ps. 118:15-17*)

P: I will exalt You, my God the King; I will praise Your name for ever and ever. Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.

C: **One generation will commend Your works to another; they will tell of Your mighty acts.**

P: They will speak of the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and I will meditate on Your wonderful works. They will tell of the power of Your awesome works, and I will proclaim Your great deeds. They will celebrate Your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of Your righteousness.

C: **One generation will commend Your works to another; they will tell of Your mighty acts.**

P: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. All You have made will praise You, O LORD; Your saints will extol You. They will tell of the glory of Your kingdom and speak of Your might, so that all people may know of Your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

C: **One generation will commend Your works to another; they will tell of Your mighty acts.**
(*Ps. 145*)

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

P: Our fervent desire is to glorify God in our lives and to share His love with all people. We now acknowledge the times we have failed to do this, asking God to forgive these, and all, our sins. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *(Tune: Sent Forth By God's Blessing)*

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, As forward we travel from light into light.
2. His law He enforces, the stars in their courses, The sun in his orbit, obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving To God in the highest hosanna and praise!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 34:11-16

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:20-28

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:31-46

HYMN OF THE DAY #532 "The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns"
(Stz. 1, 2, 3, & 6)

MESSAGE "Alive in Christ"
(1 Corinthians 15:20-28)

APOSTLES' CREED

VOLUNTARY *(Sunday)* "For the Beauty of the Earth" *J. Honore*

PRAYERS

COMMUNION *(6:30) (Sunday's worship concludes with the Benediction and Sending Hymn)*

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN #348 “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” (*Stz. 1, 3, 5*)



Today's Worship was enhanced by the St. Lorenz Handbell Choir
Dr. Scott Hyslop – Director

Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday Evening

5:00 & 7:00 p.m. in the Worship and Event
Center

Thanksgiving Day

8:00 & 9:30 a.m. in the Church

