



**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“Christ the Eternal Lord”

arr. Brad Nix

*Piano*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “Christ the Eternal Lord”

### OPENING LITURGY

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

C: **Amen.**

P: As we delve into the I AM Statements found in the Gospel of John, we see a beautiful account of God coming into our flesh to reconcile humanity and save us from our sin. As John’s Gospel opens, we read, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

C: **He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made.**

P: In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

C: **The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.**

P: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

C: **But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

*[Moment of silent confession]*

P: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never go thirsty.”

C: **But there are times when we’ve attempted to satisfy our hunger and thirst elsewhere.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

C: **But there are times when we’ve preferred to stay in darkness.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the Door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved.”

C: **But there are times when we’ve chosen to remain outside.**

P: Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd and the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

**C: But we often go astray and get lost in the thicket.**

P: Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die."

**C: But there are times when we've placed our belief in other things.**

P: Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

**C: But there are times when we've defined the truth for ourselves.**

P: Jesus said, "I am the True Vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, will bear much fruit. Apart from Me you can do nothing.

**C: But there are times when we've not abided in You and have been unable to bear Your fruit. We pray for Your everlasting mercy and grace. Give us Your bread that we may no longer hunger and may nourish those around us. Shine Your light in us so that we may shine it in the darkness of Your fallen creation. Open the door that we may enter and be saved. Good Shepherd, guide us in The Way of Your disciples. Lord, we believe, help our unbelief. Teach us to hold tightly to Your truth and not our own. Let us abide in You, that we may bear much fruit and be a blessing to the world around us.**

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, the true light that gives light to everyone, came into this world, took on our flesh and dwelt among. God so loved us, that He sent Christ, His only Son, so that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. In Christ, you have nourishment, light, faith, and everlasting salvation. Your sins are forgiven, and you have been richly blessed so that you may proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to the ends of the earth. Walk in this forgiveness as new creatures, born into the light of Christ, able to resist temptation and to serve God and neighbor with your whole heart. 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.**

**RESPONSE "The God of Abraham Praise"**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 3:1-8 [ESV]**

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HOLY GOSPEL John 14:1-7 [ESV]**

“Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **STATEMENT of FAITH *The Apostles’ Creed***

## **HYMN “You Are the Way, Through You Alone”**

## **SERMON “I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE”**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

*Voices of Peace; Kaylan Eastpepp, flute*

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

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Piano*

arr. Martin

**POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**

**BENEDICTION**

**NUNC DIMITTIS**

**POSTLUDE**

“AZMON”

*Organ*

arr. Lehenbauer



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