

This is a reproduction of Michelangelo's famous fresco, "The Descent from the Cross," located in the Sistine Chapel. The scene depicts the moment when the body of Jesus is being lowered from the cross. Mary, the Virgin Mary, is shown in a state of grief, supporting the body of Christ. Other figures, including the Apostle John the Apostle and Nicodemus, are also visible, assisting in the descent. The background shows a crowd of people gathered on the slopes of Jerusalem, watching the event. The fresco is renowned for its powerful emotional expression and anatomical precision.

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

**You servants of God, your master proclaim, And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all!**

**Our God rules on high, almighty to save; And still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing, Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!**

**Salvation to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

**Then let us adore and give him his right, All glory and pow'r and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above, And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love!**

Almighty God, You don't take any delight in empty offerings and empty words of praise.
Teach us to do everything to Your glory and not our own interests.

Lord Jesus, Your cross is the evidence of the very power of God.
Teach us the depth of Your love for us, that we may trust in Your guidance.

Holy Spirit, You search the depths of God and know all things.
Lead us as Your people, that Your Spirit might conform our mind to Christ.

(Please observe a moment of silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

Almighty God, You don't delight in empty actions of kindness. You call us to genuinely trust in You and respond to the needs of others, that they might know what You have done for them through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through the waters of baptism and faith in Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you, who do truly repent and believe in Jesus Christ, the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with You.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, You desire a genuine relationship with Your people. Guide us through faith in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, that Your Holy Spirit might conform our will to Yours. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

PASTOR'S WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEDICATION OF SANCTUARY WOODWORKING MADE BY BOB EBERHARDT (SUNDAY)

THE WORD

FIRST READING	Isaiah 58:1-12	OT p. 674
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")</i>		

SECOND READING	1 Corinthians 2:1-12	NT p. 1041
<i>(When Reading is concluded, the congregation responds, "Thanks be to God")</i>		

SPECIAL MUSIC (SUNDAY)	"There Is a Redeemer"	arr. Mary McDonald
	Saving Grace Choir	

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	"Alleluia"	p. 83
	Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?	
	You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.	

GOSPEL	Matthew 5:13-20	NT p. 882
<i>(Before the Gospel is announced, the congregation says "Glory to you, O Lord")</i>		
<i>(After the Gospel is concluded, the congregation says, "Praise to you, O Christ")</i>		

SERMON	"Making a Difference!"	Pastor
David Irgens		

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn of the Day	"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"	Hymn #423
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**Lord, whose love in humble service Bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, Worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship Not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose Ev'ry gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless; Still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; Still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion Healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power To our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, Till your love's revealing light
In its height and depth and greatness Dawns upon our quickened sight,
Making known the needs and burdens Your compassion bids us bear,
Stirring us to ardent service, Your abundant life to share.**

RECEPTION OF OFFERING

APOSTLES' CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin, Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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 INTERCESSION Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION (SATURDAY)

LORD'S 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 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. Amen

BLESSING AND PRAYER (SATURDAY)

SENDING

Sending Hymn

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Hymn #315

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!

Fix in us thy humble dwelling, All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love thou art;

Visit us thy salvation, Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit Into ev'ry troubled breast;

Let us all in thee inherit; Let us find thy promised rest.

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; Let us all thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, Serve thee as thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation, Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee!

Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

BENEDICTION & DISMISSAL

Go in peace and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

Psalm 112

¹Praise the LORD!

Happy are those who fear the LORD,
who greatly delight in his commandments.

²Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be
blessed.

³Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

⁴They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵It is well with those who deal generously and
lend,
who conduct their affairs with justice

⁶For the righteous will never be moved;
they will be remembered forever.

⁷They are not afraid of evil tidings;
their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

⁸Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid;
in the end they will look in triumph on their
foes.

⁹They have distributed freely, they have given to
the poor;
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn is exalted in honor.

¹⁰**The wicked see it and are angry;
they gnash their teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked comes to nothing.**



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