

*draw a response to any portion of today's service*

**Prelude**

*The bulletin cover is blank for you to draw a response to any portion of today's service.*

**Welcome**

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

**Silent meditation**     Proverbs 4:23

Keep your heart with all vigilance,  
for from it flow the springs of life.

G O D   C A L L S   U S   T O   W O R S H I P

**Call to Worship**     Psalm 100

Elder Drew Jelgerhuis

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**\* How Great Thou Art**     Trinity Hymnal 44

**\* Invocation**

*\* Please rise in body and/or in spirit.*

*\* Lord's Prayer Song*

D A D D C

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - low-ed be your

D G D C

name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in

D D A D

heav-en. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For -

D G D G D

give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Lead us

C D C D

not in - to temp-ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the

C G D C

king - dom the pow - er and the glo - ry are yours, now and for -

D D D

ev - er. A - men. A - men.

## GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

### Call to confession

Isaiah 29:13

The Lord says:

“These people come near to me with their mouth  
and honor me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me.

Their worship of me  
is based on merely human rules they have been taught.” [NIV]

**Prayer of confession** followed by a time of silent confession

### Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalms 103:12-14

...as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.  
For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.

8:30 service      *On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.*

11:15 service      *Church bags for 4- to 6-year-olds are available in the foyer.*

**\* *Though Your Sins Be as Scarlet***

Trinity Hymnal 556

## GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

### \* Scripture reading

Mark 7:1-23

<sup>1</sup> Now when the Pharisees gathered to him, with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup> they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands properly, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup> and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup> And he said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

"This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me;

<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

<sup>8</sup> You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men."

<sup>9</sup> And he said to them, "You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup> For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother';

and, 'Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.' <sup>11</sup> But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban"' (that is, given to God)— <sup>12</sup> then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup> thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do."

<sup>14</sup> And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." <sup>17</sup> And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, <sup>19</sup> since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) <sup>20</sup> And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Elder: The Word of the Lord

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### \* Prayer

**Sermon**

All the Way Down

Pastor Michael Anderson

Attempting to be clean... (1-8)

...they nullify God's law... (9-13)

...revealing their defiled hearts (14-23)

## DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

**\* *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word***

Trinity Hymnal 303

### **Invitation to the Lord's Table**

*Trays will be passed through the rows. The bread served is gluten free.*

*Hold the bread or cup until all are served and we'll partake together.*

### **During the passing of the bread**

*The Law of God in the Psalms*

Ana Bosma and Orian Williams, readers (8:30)

Brianna Seese and Maggie Ratajeski, readers (11:15)

And God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God . . . .

You shall have no other gods before me. Exodus 20:1-17

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Psalm 51:4

You shall not make for yourself an idol . . . .

You shall not bow down to them or worship them.

Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. Psalm 95:6-7

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. Psalm 51:15

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty! Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere. Psalm 84:1, 10

Honor your father and your mother.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord. Psalm 25:7

You shall not murder.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is any offensive way in me. Psalm 139:23-24

You shall not commit adultery.

You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence. Psalm 90:8

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God . . . blot out my transgressions. Psalm 51:1

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

Keep me from deceitful ways; be gracious to me through your law. Psalm 119:29

You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,  
or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs  
to your neighbor.

Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.  
Save me from all my transgressions. Psalm 119:36

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the  
desire of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. Psalm 145:18

My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name  
for ever and ever. Psalm 145:21



During the passing of the cup *Beautiful, Scandalous Night*

congregation



1. Go on\_\_ up to the moun - tain of mer - cy\_\_
2. Fol-low Christ to the ho - - - ly moun - tain,\_\_
3. On the hill - side you will\_\_ be de - li - vered;\_\_



to the crim - son per - pe - - tu - al\_\_ tide.\_\_\_  
 Sin - ner sor - ry and wrecked\_\_ by the\_\_ Fall.\_\_\_  
 at the foot of the cross\_\_ just - i - fied\_\_



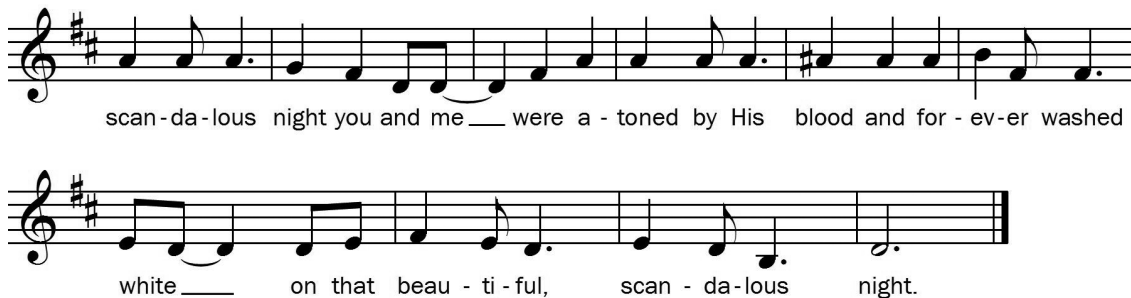
\_\_ Kneel down on the shore,\_\_ be\_\_ thir - sty no\_\_  
 Cleanse your\_\_ heart and your soul\_\_ in the fount-ain that\_\_  
 \_\_ and your spir - it re - stored\_\_ by the riv - er that\_\_



more. Go\_\_ un - der and be\_\_ pur - i - fied.\_\_\_ Go to Vs. 2  
 flows for\_\_ you and for me\_\_ and for\_\_ all. to chorus  
 pours from our bless - ed Sa - - - vior's side. to chorus



At the won-der-ful, tra-gic, my - ster - i - ous tree on that beau-ti - ful,



**Prayer of Thanksgiving** spoken together

We thank you once again for this meal, this day, this gift of resurrection. Send us out into your world to be the presence of love and hope to all who despair and fear, that all may have life, and life abundant. Alleluia, amen.

**Living out our faith** announcements about the life of the church

**Prayers of the People**

*During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.*

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## Offertory

### \* *Lenten Doxology*

text G.W. Dub Shepherd, 2006  
music Old 100th

Praise God through - out these for - ty days. Praise

The first system of music is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The melody in the treble staff begins with a half note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, and D5. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir - it

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note E5, followed by quarter notes F#5, G5, A5, and B5. The bass staff continues with its accompaniment.

who im - parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff ends with a half note C6, followed by quarter notes B5, A5, and G5. The bass staff concludes with a final chord. The piece ends with a double bar line.

## \* Benediction

*Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.*

## \* Let the People Sing Amen, Amen

John Michael Talbot

C F G C

Let the peo - ple sing a - - men, a - - men.  
Let us walk in the light of the Spi - - rit;  
Let us go as a light to the na - - tions;

F G C

Let the peo - ple sing a - - men, a - - men.  
let us walk in the light of the Spi - - rit;  
let us go as a light to the na - - tions;

F G C

Let the peo - ple sing a - - men, a - - men.  
Let us walk in the light of the Spi - - rit.  
let us go as a light to the na - - tions.

## \* Postlude

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Worship musicians  
Susan Guerra, piano