

GLORIA “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me” # 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose grace has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

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THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the new life you raise up in us through the mystery of our baptism – the sorrow of the heavy cross, the surprise of the empty tomb, the love that death could not destroy.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, poured out upon us in baptism, fill us with the joy of resurrection, so that we may be a living sign of your new heaven and new earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ALLELUIA “Alleluia” # 589

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Beloved, we are made in the divine image, and God called us good. Yet we go our own way, causing harm to ourselves, to one another, and to the planet. Confident in the mercy of the One who made us and saved us, let us confess our sin to God and to another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Giver of life, in the midst of a plundered earth we groan with creation: **Have mercy on us.**

Giver of life, in the midst of poisoned water we groan with creation: **Have mercy on us.**

Giver of life, in the midst of polluted air we groan with creation: **Have mercy on us.**

Giver of life, in the midst of mountains of waste we groan with creation: **Have mercy on us.**

Giver of life, in the midst of rising seas, we groan with creation: **Have mercy on us.**

Giver of life, forgive us and make us agents of healing for the good of your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray.

Silent Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the water of baptism, God pours out mercy and blessing. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace as you share that blessing with others and care for this good earth, that all creation may declare God's glory. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

In Christ I am forgiven. Alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, your Word is a living word. By your Spirit awaken us, that we may see and hear your presence in the world and in the scripture that we read today. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our brother and guide. **Amen.**

Preface

Listen for the voice of the good shepherd, who calls you by name. Hear the word of the Lord.

FIRST READING: Zechariah 10:1-12

Ask rain from the Lord in the season of the spring rain, from the Lord who makes the storm clouds, who gives showers of rain to you, the vegetation in the field to everyone. For the teraphim utter nonsense, and the diviners see lies; the dreamers tell false dreams, and give empty consolation. Therefore the people wander like sheep; they suffer for lack of a shepherd. My anger is hot against the shepherds, and I will punish the leaders; for the Lord of hosts cares for his flock, the house of Judah, and will make them like his proud war horse. Out of them shall come the cornerstone, out of them the tent peg, out of them the battle bow, out of them every commander.

Together they shall be like warriors in battle, trampling the foe in the mud of the streets; they shall fight, for the Lord is with them, and they shall put to shame the riders on horses. I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back because I have compassion on them, and they shall be as though I had not rejected them; for I am the Lord their God and I will answer them. Then the people of Ephraim shall become like warriors, and their hearts shall be glad as with wine. Their children shall see it and rejoice, their hearts shall exult in the Lord. I will signal for them and gather them in, for I have redeemed them, and they shall be as numerous as they were before. Though I scattered them among the nations, yet in far countries they shall remember me, and they shall rear their children and return. I will bring them home from the land of Egypt, and gather them from Assyria; I will bring them to the land of Gilead and to Lebanon, until there is no room for them. They shall pass through the sea of distress, and the waves of the sea shall be struck down, and all the depths of the Nile dried up. The pride of Assyria shall be laid low, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart. I will make them strong in the Lord, and they shall walk in his name, says the Lord.

PSALTER: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff— they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

SECOND READING:

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Here ends the reading.

Response:

This is the good news we have received in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING:

John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

Alleluia! The Gospel of the Lord! **Praise to you, O Christ! Alleluia!**

SERMON

“A Laid Down Life”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Affirmation from Philippians 2

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**HYMN:**

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

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From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land in every tongue.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Holy One, Holy Three, mother of all creation:

Yours is the womb of all life.

Yours is the fountain of living water.

Yours is the voice that breaks down walls.

Yours is the love that cannot be contained.

For the thirsty, you give the water of life.

For the hungry, you offer the bread of heaven.

For the weak, you carry heavy burdens.

For the joyful, you shout in holy laughter.

For the anxious, you summon showers of peace.

For the suffering, you breathe sighs of comfort.

As we pray for the new heaven and new earth, O God,
we give thanks for this earth, our partner in your service.

Move us to hear your voice in the song of the sparrow,
to see your face reflected in the river.

Awaken us to your greatness through the winds of the storm,
and the scent of your grace on the morning dew.

Empower us to hear your prophets in the croaks of evening frogs,
to read your gospel in the webs of writing spiders.

Yours is the womb of all life, O God.

Yours is the fountain of living water.

Yours is the voice that breaks down walls.

Yours is the love that cannot be contained.

In your great mercy you call us to care for your creation,
to uphold one another, and to pray for your world.

Hear our prayers for the healing of the earth...

For clean water, that all may drink...

For the right use of resources and the careful tending of the land and the seas,,,

For people and places damaged by war...

For those who suffer, those whose needs are known to us,
and those whose needs are known only to you...

For the church, our presbytery, and for Pike Lake Presbyterian Church of Duluth, MN – CRE
Deb Emery.

For those on our prayer list: Connie, Tim, Mary Ellen, Del, Barb, Janet, Joyce, Pam and Steve,
Ken, Billie, and the family of Glenda Erickson.

For our those in leadership: for Joe, our president; Rick, tribal chair of Red Cliff; Tony, our gov-
ernor; and Gordon, our mayor.

With confidence that you hear our prayers,
we offer ourselves for your good purposes,
watching and waiting for the healing of your creation
as we work toward your coming reign.
Through Christ our Savior,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and praise to you now and forever. **Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY “In the Garden”

DOXOLOGY “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” # 609

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low;
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

O Most High, Almighty, good Lord God,
to you belongs praise, glory, honor, and blessing!

Praised be my Lord God for all creatures,
and especially for our brother the sun,
who brings us the day and who brings us the light;
fair is he and shines with a very great splendor;
O Lord, he signifies you to us.

Praised be my Lord for our sister the moon,
and for the stars,
which you have set clear and lovely in heaven.

Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind,
and for air and cloud, calms and all weather,
by which you uphold life in all creatures.
Praised be my Lord for our sister water,
who is very useful to us and humble
and precious and clean.

Praised be my Lord for our brother fire,
through whom you give us light in the darkness
and he is very bright and pleasant
and very mighty and strong.

Praised be my Lord for our mother the earth,
which sustains and keeps us
and brings forth many diverse fruits
and flowers of many colors, and grass.

Praised be my Lord for all those
who pardon one another for love's sake,
and who endure weakness and tribulation;
blessed are those who endure peaceably,
for you, O Most High, will give them a crown.

Praised be my Lord for our sister death,
the death of the body, from which no one can escape.
Blessed are those who are found to be in your most holy will,
for the second death shall have no power to do them harm.

Praise and bless the Lord, and give thanks.
Serve the Lord with humility. **Amen.**

THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; 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 OF THE TRAVELERS

Today we seek God's blessing upon those among us who travel, entrusting them into the hands of the Lord. Let us pray that God will give them a prosperous journey and that, as they travel, they will praise God in all God's creatures; that they will experience God's own goodness in the hospitality they receive, and bring the Good News of Christ to all those they meet; that they will be courteous toward all; that they will greet the poor and afflicted with kindness and know how to comfort and help them.

God has put his angels in charge of us.

To guard us in all our ways.

God leads us in right paths for his name's sake.

God leads us beside still waters; he restores our souls.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness:

For those who keep his covenant and decrees.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage; you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea; and by a star you led the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide those who set out to travel; make their

ways safe and their homecomings joyful; and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with your Son and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

Amen.

May the Lord remain constantly at your side and, in God's mercy, guide your journeys in ways that are pleasing to God.

Amen.

May the Triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SENDING

CLOSING HYMN: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” # 802
*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.*

*Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.*

*Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!*

*And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

BLESSING AND CHARGE

May the One who creates us, go with and before us,
May the One who saves us, lead us into everlasting life,
May the One who gives us wisdom, guide us in the way of peace. **Alleluia!**

Go and join the song of creation, singing out in praise to God.

Go and join the cries of creation, yearning for healing.

Go and work for the healing and wholeness of all the earth. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

ANNOUNCEMENTS



29th – Sheree Peterson

30th – Alan Youel

COVID UPDATE

Good news! COVID cases in Bayfield County were way down last week. We are waiting to hear what the numbers were like for this week. If they are similarly good, we will be returning to in-person worship on May 2, but as of this writing, we don't know yet. We should know by early next week. If we are returning to in-person worship, look for a special eBlast early next week. Thanks for your patience and doing your part to help us get past this pandemic.

DEACONS

The deacons will meet at 11:00 today in the fellowship hall.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Thanks to all who have made a One Great Hour of Sharing offering. We have collected \$400 to date. It is not too late to make a donation. If you use online giving, please call Nancy to let her know your gift is for One Great Hour of Sharing.

PRAYER LIST

Please continue to pray for these members of our church family and friends:

Connie Nichols, Tim Smith, Mary Ellen Tippet, Del Souza, Barb Murphy, Janet Hunt, Joyce Lucas, Pam and Steve Sullivan, Ken Hunt, Billie Williams, the family of Glenda Erickson.

Please continue to pray for our presbytery. This week we're praying for Pike Lake Presbyterian Church of Duluth, MN – CRE Deb Emery.

BOOK STUDY

Topic: Bethesda Book Study - Christian Outlaw

Time : Thursdays at 10:30 beginning April 8

Meeting ID: 851 3905 2851

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