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## **THE TRUE RICHES OF GOD THOSE FAITHFUL WITH LITTLE ... WILL BE FAITHFUL WITH MUCH!**

### **Gathering Music**

#### **Welcome & Greeting**

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

**Let the name of the Lord be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the Lord be praised.

**The Lord is high above all nations; God's glory above the heavens.**

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high,

**But stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**

The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

**Enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**

The Lord makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

#### **Songs of Praise**

#### **Because We Believe**

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*Men:*

*We Believe in God the Father,  
We believe in Christ, the Son;  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
We are the Church and we stand as one.*

**Women (echo):**

**We believe in God the Father,  
We believe in Christ, the Son;  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
We are the Church and we stand as one.**

**All: Holy, holy, holy is our God;  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King!  
All glory and honor are His to receive;  
To Jesus we sing because we believe.**

*Men:*

*We believe in the Holy Bible,  
We believe in the virgin birth;  
We believe in the resurrection,  
That Christ one day will return to earth.*

**Women (echo):**

**We believe in the Holy Bible,  
We believe in the virgin birth;  
We believe in the resurrection,  
That Christ one day will return to earth.**

**All: Holy, holy, holy is our God;  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King!  
All glory and honor are His to receive;  
To Jesus we sing because we believe.**

*Men:  
We believe in the blood of Jesus,  
We believe in eternal life;  
We believe in His blood that frees us;  
To become the Bride of Christ.*

**Women (echo):  
We believe in the blood of Jesus,  
We believe in eternal life;  
We believe in His blood that frees us;  
To become the Bride of Christ.**

**All: Holy, holy, holy is our God;  
Worthy, worthy, worthy is our King!  
All glory and honor are His to receive;  
To Jesus we sing because we believe.  
. . . because we believe.  
. . . because we believe.**

## **I Come to the Cross**

**# 24**

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**I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace  
I come to the cross where you died in my place  
Out of my weakness and into Your strength  
Humbly I come to the cross**

**Your arms are open You call me by name  
You welcome this child that was lost  
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame  
Jesus I come, Jesus I come  
Jesus I come to the cross**

## **Confessing Our Sin**

Merciful God, when we fail to work towards establishing conditions which allow justice to flower and mercy to flourish in people's lives;

**forgive us.**

When our satisfaction with the status quo dulls our capacity to grieve over the injustices suffered by so many people in our society;

**forgive us.**

When we collaborate with those who exploit workers in sweatshops by buying their products;

**forgive us.**

When we become so deeply attached to the quest for wealth and power that we do not hear Jesus' words about the impossibility of serving both God and wealth addressed to us;

**forgive us.**

When achieving prosperity becomes a higher priority than tackling the causes of poverty;

**forgive us.**

Strengthen us, O God, to withstand the seduction of a society which seems obsessed with the acquisition of wealth and power, too often at the expense of the poor and powerless. Help us to live as Jesus did, in solidarity with those who have lost hope of anything good or just happening in their lives.

**This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen**

## **Experiencing God's Grace - The Good News**

“There is one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all...” (1 Timothy 2: 5,6a) This undeserved good news is that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Sharing the Peace  
Thought for the Day  
Drama  
Scripture  
Children's Time  
Message**

**“Absolutely, Positively, ... Maybe!”  
Luke 16:1-13**

**Pastor Randy Baldwin**

**Song**

**Living Hope**

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**How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness, Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

**Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

*Chorus*

**Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope  
Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope**

**Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Then came the morning that sealed the promise**

**Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus, Yours is the victory...**

*Chorus*

**Jesus Christ, my living hope  
You are my living hope**

## **Prayers of the Heart & The Lord's Prayer**

*We will sing this refrain once and then after each petition.*

### **Lord, Listen to Your Children**

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**Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.**

## **Statement of Faith**

**I have faith in God, in response to overwhelming love. I believe that God created me and all that I have, and has given to me gifts beyond measure.**

**I have faith in Jesus, who emptied Himself out of His love for me. I believe that Christ died on a cross for my sin, conquered death and the power of evil, and was raised to life on the third day. His death is mine, His resurrection is mine, new life is mine because of Jesus' word and work.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit in response to overwhelming love. I believe that the Holy Spirit is present here among us and lives within each person. The Spirit continues to call people by the Gospel, and creates and builds the church of Christ. Through the power of the Spirit I have power to stand in strength against all adversity. I believe that Jesus is preparing a place for me and will come again to take each of us to be with Him. Amen.**

## **Noisy Offering Sharing of Gifts**

**ELCA Good Gifts - Goats**

*"Give Thanks" – Sung by the music team while the offering is gathered.*

## **Holy Communion – Words of Distribution and Invitation**

All who have gathered in Jesus' name and believe in his "real presence" in the bread and wine are invited to commune.

*We will commune by intinction (dipping the wafer into the wine) and use a "walk-thru" style for Communion – please come down the center aisle, receive the sacrament, and return to your seat by going to the left (north) side aisle.*

## Communion Songs

## Bread of Life from Heaven

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*Chorus: Bread of life from heaven  
Your blood and body given  
We eat this bread and drink this cup  
Until you come again*

*Break now the bread of Christ's sacrifice  
Giving thanks, hungry ones, gather round  
Eat, all of you, and be satisfied  
In Christ's presence the loaves will abound Chorus*

*Seek not the food that will pass away  
Set your hearts on the food that endures  
Come, learn the true and the living way  
That the fullness of life may be yours Chorus*

*Love as the One who in love for you  
Gave Himself for the life of the world  
Come to the One who is food for you  
That your hunger and thirst be no more Chorus*

*Dwell in the One who now dwells in you  
Make your home in the life-giving Word  
Know only Christ, Holy One of God  
And believe in the truth you have heard Chorus*

*Drink of this cup and declare His death  
Eat this bread and believe Easter morn  
Trust His return and with every breath  
Praise the One in whom you are reborn Chorus*

## Make Me a Servant

# 5

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**Make me a servant, humble and meek,  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:**

**Make me a servant, make me a servant,  
Make me a servant today.**

*Repeat*

## I Love You Lord

# 193

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**I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice  
To worship You, O my soul rejoice  
Take joy my King in what You hear  
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear  
(Repeat)**

**Blessing  
Sending Music**

**Shout to the Lord**

**# 135**

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**My Jesus, my savior,  
Lord, there is none like You.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love.**

**My comfort, my shelter;  
Tower of refuge and strength:  
let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.**

**Shout to the Lord! All the Earth let us sing,  
power and majesty, praise to the King!  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name!**

**I sing for joy at the work of your hands;  
forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

*Repeat*

**Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
Thank be to God

**“WE CANNOT SERVE TWO MASTERS!”**

**“AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD!”**