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Welcome

Gathering Song “*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*” (ELW 579) vs 1,4,5

Greeting

Kyrie – Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

Now the Feast – Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

Prayer of the Day

Children’s Time

First Reading 1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹¹ He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴ He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord,

the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Psalms 85:8-13

⁸ I will listen to what the Lord | God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people
and to those who turn their | hearts to you.

⁹ **Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell | in our land. R**

¹⁰ Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

¹¹ **Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

¹² The Lord will indeed | grant prosperity,
and our land will | yield its increase.

¹³ **Righteousness shall go be- | fore the Lord
and shall prepare for | God a pathway. R**

Second Reading Romans 10:5-15

⁵ Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶ But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷ “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), ⁹ because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” ¹⁴ But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵ And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Gospel Verse - Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

²² [Jesus] made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee,] while he dismissed the crowds.²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased.³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Sermon

Song of the Day '*Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me*' (ELW 755)

New Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers of Intercession

In our prayers: Gertie B, Carl C, Susan K, Dorothea K, Cody M, Brendan S, Pr. Erin T, Shirley E, Faye P, Pr. Rod A, Carola U, Darlene & Randy F, Anna E, Pathma D, Brenda K, and those we hold dear in our hearts.

Peace

Offertory '*Come to Me, All You Who are Weary*' Liturgy of the Beloved

Offering Prayer

Thanksgiving at the Table – *spoken*

Lord's Prayer – Reconciling Works

**Our Mother and Father, our beloved parent,
in whom we move and breathe and have our being,
the hallowing of your name shines forth
in the diversity of your children.**

**May your peace and love, justice and equality,
inclusion and belonging reign here on earth as in heaven.**

**Along with ourselves, grant that God's beloveds who have been
marginalized might have their daily needs met—that they might
find gainful employment without discrimination;
that they might have access to medical care without fear;
that they might have their rights and lives protected,
and that they might find a loving community to belong to
and call their own. Forgive us for the ways that we have fallen short
and failed so many of your children. Forgive us of the times we
turned away, or did not care; For the times we laughed or judged
unique expressions of your image; for the times we have misspoken,
asked too much, or failed to hear as we forgive those who might
have failed us. Lead us away from the temptation to be complacent in
the face of injustice. But instead give us courage to stand up and
stand with your beloved children. For your love and justice is to be
made manifest now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Communion Songs

'Lamb of God' Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy

'God Extends an Invitation' (ELW 486)

'My Life Flows On in Endless Song' (ELW 763)

'All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly' (ELW 461)

Blessing

Community Life

Sending Song *'Lead On, O King Eternal!'* (ELW 805) vs 3

Dismissal