



SOTC Worship  
October 2, 2022  
Rethinking Stewardship: An Act of Faith

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

OH, SING TO GOD ABOVE

ELW 555

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.  
**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism:

*Water is poured into the font.*

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

**To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## 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.**

## KYRIE

ELW 157

## HYMN OF PRAISE

ELW 167

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray -

**Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

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## WORD

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### FIRST READING: HABAKKUK 1:1-4; 2:1-4

<sup>1</sup>The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup>O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup>Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup>So the law becomes slack  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup>I will stand at my watchpost,  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup>Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup>For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come, it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup>Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faith.

#### PSALM: PSALM 37:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
<sup>2</sup>**for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.**

<sup>3</sup>Trust in the LORD, and do good;  
so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

<sup>4</sup>**Take delight in the LORD,  
and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

<sup>5</sup>Commit your way to the LORD;  
trust in him, and he will act.

<sup>6</sup>**He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

<sup>7</sup>Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him;  
do not fret over those who prosper in their way,  
over those who carry out evil devices.

<sup>8</sup>**Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.  
Do not fret — it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup>For the wicked shall be cut off,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.

#### SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup>Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup>I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup>For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; <sup>7</sup>for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, <sup>9</sup>who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup>but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup>For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup>and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup>Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174

GOSPEL: LUKE 17:5-10

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup>The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup>"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup>Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup>Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup>So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ**

SERMON

## APOSTLE'S CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response to "Lord in your mercy" is "hear our prayer." If you would like to add a prayer petition, email it to Pastor Aleese at [pastor@shepherdofthecross.org](mailto:pastor@shepherdofthecross.org)*

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always!  
**And also with you!**

*Congregation is invited to share a sign of peace with others. Pull out your cell phones and send a text and/or a picture to someone, sharing the peace of Christ with them as well!*

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**MEAL**

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## OFFERING

## OFFERING PRAYER

GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



you. Lift up your hearts. We

*Presider:*



lift them to the Lord. Let us give

*Congregation:*




thanks to the Lord our God. It is




right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

*Together we receive God's gift of love given to us in the sacrament of communion. All are welcome at the table, where Christ is our host.*

*Following the directions of the ushers, the congregation will be invited forward in groups. Each group will stand before the altar to receive the bread and wine/juice. After receiving both bread and wine, remain with your group until Pastor Aleese offers a short blessing, dismissing each group to return to their seats. Those not desiring to receive communion may come forward for a blessing.*

LAMB OF GOD

*Congregation:*                      *Congregation or Assistant:*

Lamb of God,                      you    take   a - way   the   sin   of   the  
    \* you    break   the   chains   of   ha - tred   and  
    you    are   the   way   of   jus - tice   and  
    you    are   the   way   of   mer - cy   and

Congregation:



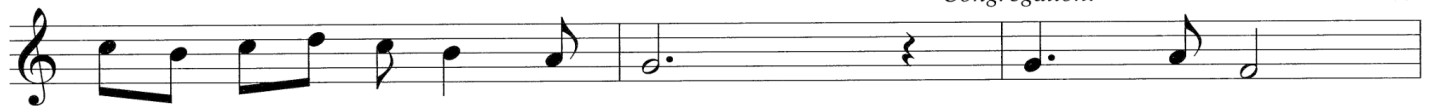
world:  
fear: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,  
peace:  
love:

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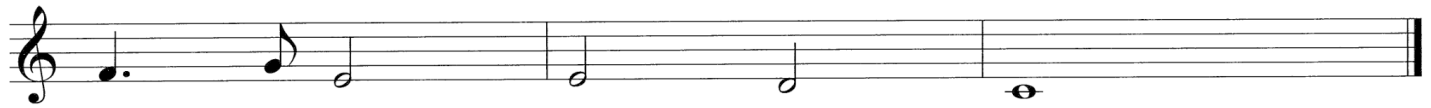


mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION SONGS

HOLINESS



Ho - li - ness, ho - li - ness - is what I long - for. -  
Faith - ful - ness, faith - ful - ness - is what I long - for.  
Bro - ken - ness, Bro - ken - ness - is what I long - for.



- Ho - li - ness - is what I need Ho - li - ness - Ho - li - ness  
Faith - ful - ness is what I need Faith - ful - ness Faith - ful - ness  
Bro - ken - ness is what I need Bro - ken - ness Bro - ken - ness



is what You want - from me - - So take my heart - and  
is what You want - from me.  
is what You want - from me.



10

form - it. Take my mind - trans - form - it. Take my will - con - form - it. To Yours, -

15

- To Yours, - O - Lord. Lord. To Yours, - To Yours, - O -

19

Lord. To Yours, - To Yours, - O - Lord. O - Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.  
And may the holy Trinity, † Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.  
**Amen.**

SENDING SONG

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

ELW 768

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

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