



“Rejoice with me, for I have found [what] was lost.”

~Luke 15:6b

**Mars United Presbyterian and St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
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*We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning!
Know that you are welcome here just as you are*

If you are looking for a church to call home, why not consider making this one your own? If this is your first time visiting us, please fill out the visitor information card stapled to your bulletin.

*Everything you need to follow worship can be found in this bulletin. As you are comfortable, please rise when there is an * and join in the congregational responses, noted in **bold**.*

All songs are marked with numbers. The red book in the pew has all the songs. Look for the large number in the upper corner of the page to find the correct song.

During the time of Peace, you are invited to turn to those around you and offer a word of peace.

We suggest a handshake and saying, "Peace be with you." You are also welcomed to offer another gesture of peace (wave, fist-bump, smile, etc.). Hand sanitizer is available in each pew.

At the time of Offering, you are invited to share a gift as you are comfortable. You may also place any prayer list edits or requests for the pastor in the offering plates.

As you prepare for worship, you are invited to fill out the blue prayer request forms located in each pew. The cards will be collected during our hymn of the day, and prayers will be offered during the prayers of the people.

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS

We prepare for worship together by confessing our sins before God and one another and praying for God's mercy on our world and on our ministry.

***CONFESSION**

**God of wisdom,
we confess the foolishness of our ways,
and our failure to follow you in your paths of good relationships –
with you and with others.**

We have gone astray; we have felt lost.

We have focused our own interests, to the harm of others.

**We have failed to be generous,
and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice.**

**We feel the stains of our sins and shortcomings, God;
have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Guide our lives and help us to live more faithfully as your servants.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God never loses hope for us.

When we are lost, when we wander away

God never stops looking for us and calling us back.

God's word tells us of the joy God takes in offering forgiveness.

In God's abundant mercy and love,

We are promised forgiveness.

Know that your sins have been forgiven and you have been made whole.

In the name of God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

Amen.

*KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

Refrain



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Day by day, God leads us:

**to the deep, deep pools of peace,
to the green, lush lawns of grace.**

Day by day, Jesus calls us:

**to pour out ourselves in service,
to anoint the stranger with hope.**

Day by day, the Holy Spirit shows us:

**the community we could be,
the family we are called to become.**

Day by day, our God of abundance and persistence

Seeks us when we are lost

Offering forgiveness, comfort, and joy.

Come, let us worship God.

*GATHERING SONG *Listen, God is Calling* (ELW 513)

Refrain
Leader All



Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

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ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All



Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*



Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 51:7-10

A reading from the book of Isaiah

⁷Listen to me, you who know righteousness,
you people who have my teaching in your hearts;
do not fear the reproach of others,
and do not be dismayed when they revile you.

⁸For the moth will eat them up like a garment,
and the worm will eat them like wool;
but my deliverance will be forever,
and my salvation to all generations.

⁹Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD!

Awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago!

Was it not you who cut Rahab in pieces, who pierced the dragon?

¹⁰Was it not you who dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep;
who made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to cross over?

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23



The LORD is my shep-herd, I shall not be in want.

¹The Lord | is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures**

and leads me be- | side still waters.

³You restore my | soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,**

and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. R

SHARING THE GOSPEL

Children's Story

Little Ewe: The Story of One Lost Sheep by Laura Sassi

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

as told by members of Kids Club

The Parable of the Lost Coin

as told by members of Youth Group

From the Bible: Luke 15:1-10

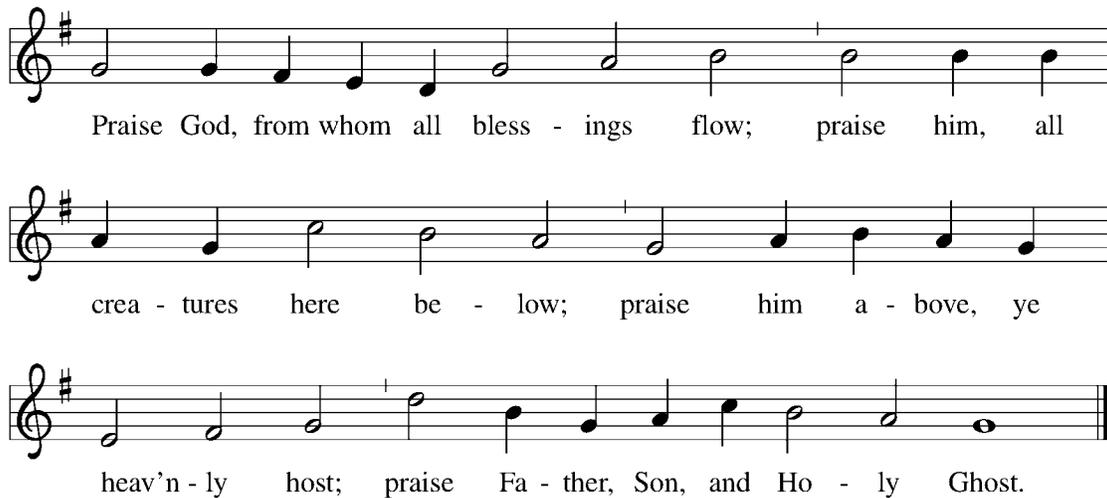
as read in personal devotion

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

SERMON

(by Pastor Brian Hauser)

*HYMN OF THE DAY *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* (ELW 608)

(Blue prayer cards are collected during the song.)



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,

Refrain



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

***APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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**

Almighty God,

We come before you seeking grace as we ask for your continued involvement in the world around us. We acknowledge our need for you as we pray for the wants and desires of our world.

A brief silence.

We pray for those who are sick. Those who are in hospitals and doctor offices seeking medical attention. We pray for those who are battling cancer. Especially Jeff, Bob, Katie, Marcia, Geneva, Cherry, Winnie, Chuck, Henry, Harry, Roy, Pastor Storm, Ellen, Ruth, Sally, and those on our prayer list, and all whom we remember aloud or in our hearts. For all of them, we pray for healing. Lord, in Your mercy,

Hear our prayers.

We pray for those who are without shelter this night and for all who do not have stable housing. We lift up homeless veterans, homeless families, and homeless children. O God we ask that you would be their shelter and provide them with a safe place to lay their heads. Lord in Your mercy.

Hear our prayers.

We pray for our teachers, coaches, parents, and all in authority roles. We ask that you would guide their decisions and inspire them to live into your grace. Lord in Your mercy

Hear our prayers.

We pray for the newly elected leaders of our country. We ask O God that you would grant them wisdom and guide them into the way of righteousness that they may be a blessing to the world. Lord in Your mercy

Hear our prayers.

We pray for peace. We desire peace among the nations that your people would war no more. We also ask for peace in our hearts that all would know the comfort of salvation in Jesus name. Lord in Your mercy

Hear our prayers.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, we lift up the prayers on the hearts of this congregation this day (*received prayer cards are read*). With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN *Lead Me, Guide Me* (ELW 768)

**Please rise on the 3rd verse*

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion.

Amen

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ;
who promised to be with us, even to the end of the age.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit,
in your church, without end.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

**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**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all is now ready.

Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life, and salvation as the blessings of God's sacramental grace. In response to Jesus' invitation, all are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request. Communion may also be brought back to the pews for those who are unable to come forward.

COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* (ELW 484)

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



- 1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
- 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?
- 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:
- 5 You give your - self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



Refrain

so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav' n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?
whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

***SENDING SONG *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* (ELW 674)**



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

***DISMISSAL**

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” *1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Today's Music

Listen, God is Calling. Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922, Music: Tanzanian tune; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, b. 1919. Augsburg Fortress.

Doxology (Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow). Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Public Domain.

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling. Text: Will L. Thompson, 1847-1909, Music: Will L. Thompson. Public Domain.

Lead Me, Guide Me. Text: Doris Akers, 1922-1995, Music: Doris Akers. Unichappell Music Inc..

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart. Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, Music: Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996. International Liturgy Publications.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ. Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929, Music: Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925-1980. Hope Publishing Company (ASCAP).

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