

## THE ORDER OF MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, September 14, 2025

The 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

#### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Rinck's Reflection*

C.H. Rinck

INTROIT

*The Foolish in Their Hearts Deny* (Psalm 14)  
Ashley Phillips and Cameron Carpenter, soloists

MAPLE AVENUE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 14)

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God!"

**People: The LORD looks down from heaven upon humankind.**

Leader: The LORD looks to see whether there are any who are wise;

**People: The LORD looks to see whether there are any who seek after God.**

Leader: For God is with the company of the righteous.

**People: The LORD is our refuge.**

Leader: O that deliverance for us would come from Zion!

**People: When the LORD bestows grace, we shall rejoice, and God's people shall be glad.**

\*HYMN #263

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
verses 1 and 3

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### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, Heavenly Father, for all that we have done to displease You. For thoughts conceived in anger and nurtured in hatred, for words uttered in haste and called back in vain, and for deeds pursued in malice, forgive us as we bow before You in this holy place. In these moments of our worship, take Your place among us. We beseech You, O God; make us clean in Your presence, and make us stand as new creatures in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### SILENT CONFESSION

#### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

KYRIE #572

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

### WORDS WITH OUR YOUNG CHURCH

Children ages K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade are now invited downstairs for Children's Worship.

ANTHEM

*When I Can Read My Title Clear*

Lori Larson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

**Luke 15:1-10**

Pastor: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks Be to God.**

SERMON

**God—Too Good to Others—Not Good Enough To Us**

Dr. Curtis Christian

\*HYMN #280

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  
verses 1 and 3

AMAZING GRACE

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

--Romans 8:35, 37-39

MINISTER: Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

PEOPLE: **No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us.**

**For we are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,  
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth,  
nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #579

Gloria Patri

MOMENT FOR MISSION

*Buckhorn Children's Home Offering*

LeAnn Jones

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERINGS FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY #592

Old Hundredth

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## BEARING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #387

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
verses 1 and 2

BRADBURY

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

*Go With Us, Lord*

TALLIS' CANON

\*POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able, please stand

\*\*\*Late Arrivals Seated

Today's Lay Reader is Isaac Brooks.