

# Welcome to Worship

June 9th, 2024

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## Prelude

*I Love to Tell the Story ~ Emma Lou Diemer*

## Gathering Hymn

*Rise, Shine, You People! ~ ELW 665*

## Prayer of the Day

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## First Reading    **Genesis 3:8-15**

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.*

Word of God. Word of life

**Thanks be to God**

## Psalm    **Psalm 130**

Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

**O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

**in order that you may be feared.**

I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**For the LORD shall redeem Israel  
from all their sins**

**Second Reading    2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1**

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

**Gospel                    Mark 3:20-35**

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.*

[Jesus went home;] and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

**Hymn of the Day**                    *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace ~ ELW 684*

**Musical Offering**                    *Fugue on the tune 'Ar Hyd y Nos' ~ Peter Dyke*

**Offertory Hymn**                    *For the Bread Which You Have Broken ~ ELW 494 (vs. 1-2)*

**Communion Hymn**                    *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God ~ ELW 504*

**Sending Hymn**                    *Go, My Children, With My Blessing ~ ELW 543*

**Postlude**                    *Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott ~ Johann Pachelbel*