

PRELUDE "Cornerstone" by Mote, Liljero, Myrin, Morgan arr. Carol Tornquist  
 WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP  
 Choose this day whom you will serve. **We will serve YAHWEH our God.**  
 You shall have no other gods but YAHWEH. **We will serve YAHWEH our God!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS  
 We confess our sins before God and one another.

God of promise, **You have given us all we are and all we have, and still we have not trusted you fully. We have tried to be god in our own lives, hurting ourselves and those around us in our attempts to control. Wash us clean in the waters of your salvation, and bring us back into right relationship with you.**

God welcomes you home with open arms, and forgives you all your sin, for the sake of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, live in the promise of God's love, freely given. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE "May This Church Be Like a Tree" vs. 3 ACS, #1042

3 May this church be like a tree, O God, that  
 thrives where you have plant-ed; may it stand to show the  
 way, your way of lov-ing and self-giv-ing,  
 of-f'ring shade, and fruit for shar-ing, giv-ing up its  
 wood for burn-ing. May this liv-ing church that  
 names you be a tree of life e-ter-nal.

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 Music: QUE ESTA IGLESIA SEA UN ÁRBOL, Pablo D. Sosa  
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PRAYER OF THE DAY The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
 Faithful God, **Your servant, Joshua, challenged the people to renew their commitment to You. In the same way, challenge us each day to declare with our actions that we love and serve only You. Amen.**

## ACCLAMATION

Refrain ACS, #1042

*Refrain*

Tree ev - er grow - ing by liv - ing wa - ter,  
run - ning e - ter - nal, flow - ing from God.  
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## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Michelle Lata

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:8-10

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PREACHING TEXT: Joshua 24:1-15

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Trudy Stoffel

OFFERING

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SPECIAL MUSIC

**“O God, We Do Exalt Your Name” by Lloyd Larson**

Sanctuary Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God, You give us all that we need to flourish. We offer now these gifts for the life of the world, that all may have life abundantly. Amen.

APOSTLES' 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again 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 After each petition: God of promise, **You hear our prayer.**

PEACE

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**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  
LAMB OF GOD

ACS, setting 12

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

ELW, #810

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.  
3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still  
4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you  
re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.  
I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt-ing sounds I hear.  
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.  
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.  
I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,  
My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;  
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;  
And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;  
nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.  
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard-ian of my soul.  
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.  
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The holy Three, the holy One increase your hope, strengthen your faith, deepen your love, and + grant you peace.  
**Amen.**

HYMN

**“Lord, What a Cloud of Witnesses”**

TRURO

**Lord, what a cloud of witnesses  
Surrounds us as we work and pray!  
Their faithful, loving service is  
An inspiration every day.**

**We live in towns that others made;  
We harvest what we did not sow—  
And others sweated, labored, prayed  
To build Christ’s church in which we grow.**

**Your Spirit gives us memory;  
Now give your church clear vision, too.  
Reformed, reforming, may we be  
A church that seeks to follow you.**

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**“Ave Verum Corpus” Mozart (1756-1791)**

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