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Salem/Shalom Lutheran, Indianapolis, Indiana

CALL TO WORSHIP

How Great Thou Art **ELW 856**

Roho yangu Na Ikuimbie Jinsi wewe Ulivyo Mkuu

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee, how great thou art!

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CONFESSION OF SINS

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

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 151

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**Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

**Christe eleison. Christe eleison.
Christe eleison. Christe eleison.**

**Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.
Kyrie eleison. Kyrie eleison.**

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THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LESSON Genesis 9:8-17

A A reading from Genesis.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

This ends the reading.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful. Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love; and abounding in steadfast love.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 9:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark the first chapter.

At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

This ends the reading of the Gospel.

SONG: *I Must Tell Jesus*

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SERMON **Pastor James M. Capers**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

Responses after each petition:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

P We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world

Have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world

Grant us peace

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord, and honk your horns.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Near the Cross* **ELW 335**

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