

## Prelude

### Call to Worship

We gather, centered in the promises of God,

**Caught in the web of grace,**

Whirled in wonder and joy,

**Welcomed into the house of blessing.**

We gather, surrounded by a cloud of witnesses,

**Lifted up by stories of faith,**

Moved by challenging words and heartfelt prayers,

**Touched by joyous music and the power of God's love.**

**Hymn            For All the Saints                            #533-W, #614-B**

### Opening Prayer

O loving God, you promised that where two or three are gathered, the living Christ would be among them. Here we are — two, three and many more — families and friends. Come among us, Spirit of God. Speak to us this day, that we might work together to become your beloved community. Amen.

### Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Children's Sermon

### Scripture Reading            **Hebrews 12:1-2a**

Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us! So we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won't let go. And we must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us. We must keep our eyes on Jesus, who leads us and makes our faith complete.

## Sermon

**Hymn            I Love to Tell the Story                            #302-W, #619-B**

### Prayers of the People

Pastoral - Silent - Lord's Prayer – *Cares Chorus*

*I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don't know what to do, I'll cast all my cares upon you.*

### Offering our Gifts

Invitation

Offertory Music

Doxology

*Praise God from who all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures, here below, Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

### Offering Prayer

We give thanks to all those whose faith has influenced us and brings us here today. We dedicate these gifts to You, Lord God so that our faith in You will continue to grow. Amen.

**Hymn            God of our Fathers                            #526-W, #687-B**

## Benediction

## Postlude

**Prayer Corner  
In Our Prayers:**

Karla Maurer, Lucy Reiman, Terri Kroehler, Larry Teschendorf,  
David Tesch, Lois Schroeder, Bill Lehnertz, JoAnne Martens,  
Katherine Tice

**Homebound:**

Gaylord  
Pauline Woehler – Bayside Manor

LeSueur

Ed Nye – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home  
Sharon Nagel – Ridgeview LeSueur Nursing Home  
Carmen Wigand—Oak Terrace  
Arline Karels—Oak Terrace

At Home:

Larry McConnell

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# A Great Cloud of Witnesses



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