

# August 16, 2020

*The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*



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*Setting 2 from **Lutheran Book of Worship***

THE PRELUDE: *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

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**

**If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*(silence for reflection and self examination)*

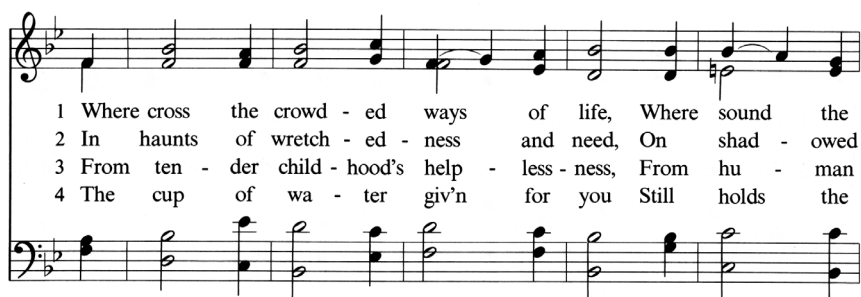
Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage 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**

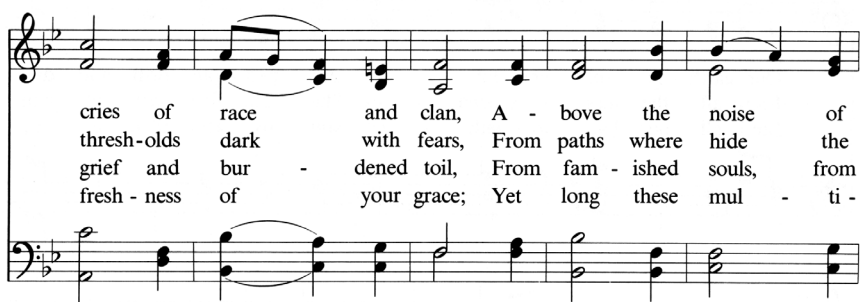
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**


# 429 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life



1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, Where sound the  
 2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, On shad - owed  
 3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, From hu - man  
 4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you Still holds the



cries of race and clan, A - bove the noise of  
 thresh-olds dark with fears, From paths where hide the  
 grief and bur - dened toil, From fam - ished souls, from  
 fresh - ness of your grace; Yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, We hear your voice, O Son of Man.  
 lures of greed, We catch the vi - sion of your tears.  
 sor - row's stress, Your heart has nev - er known re - coil.  
 tudes to view The strong com - pas - sion in your face.

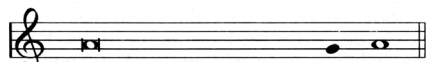
- 5 O Master, from the mountainside  
 Make haste to heal these hearts of pain;  
 Among these restless throngs abide;  
 Oh, tread the city's streets again;

## THE 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.**

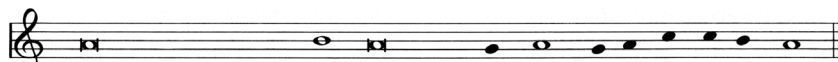
# THE KYRIE



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



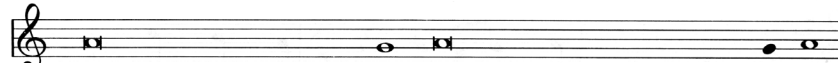
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



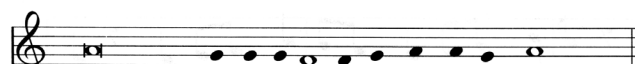
**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



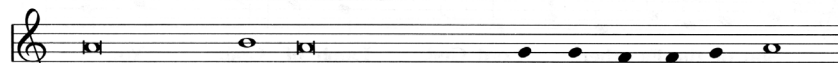
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



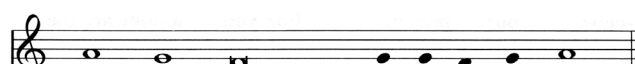
**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



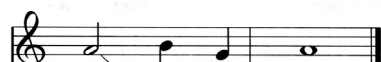
let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



**G** A - men

The first staff of music, labeled 'Trio', contains measures 1 through 4. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of the following notes: Measure 1: F#4 (quarter), G#4 (quarter), A5 (quarter), B5 (quarter). Measure 2: A5 (quarter), G#4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E5 (quarter). Measure 3: D5 (half), C#5 (half). Measure 4: B5 (quarter), A5 (quarter), G#4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter).

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## THE SALUTATION



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

HAND BELL SOLO: *Be Thou My Vision*

Rebbeca Alferink

## THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

**56** Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,  
for soon my salvation will come,  
and my deliverance be revealed.

<sup>6</sup> And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,  
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,  
and to be his servants,  
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,  
and hold fast my covenant—

<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain,  
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;  
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices  
will be accepted on my altar;  
for my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples.

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD,  
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,  
I will gather others to them  
besides those already gathered.

## THE PSALM

*Psalm 67*

- <sup>1</sup>May God be merciful to us and bless us,  
show us the light of his countenance,  
and come to us.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let your ways be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup>**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.**
- <sup>5</sup>Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>6</sup>**The earth has brought forth her increase;  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.**
- <sup>7</sup>May God give us his blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth  
stand in awe of him.

## THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

**11** I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup>God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

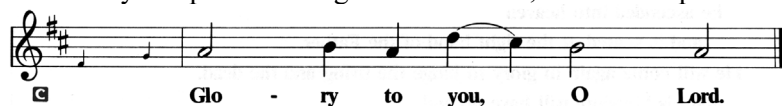
<sup>29</sup>for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup>Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup>so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup>For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"



## THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.



<sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup> He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup> She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.



HYMN: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" vs 1,2

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## My Faith Looks Up to Thee

1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread And griefs a - round me spread,  
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, Take all my  
 My zeal in - spire; As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my  
 Be thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's  
 Shall o'er me roll; Blest Sav - ior, then, in love Fear and dis -

guilt a - way, Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine!  
 love to thee Pure, warm, and change - less be, A liv - ing fire!  
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side,  
 trust re - move; Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!



## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
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**

## THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me"

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and a key signature change to G major. The lyrics are: 'Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a'. The second staff continues: 'right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your'. The third staff continues: 'pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from'. The fourth staff continues: 'me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,'. The fifth staff concludes: 'and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.' The piece ends with a double bar line.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a  
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pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from  
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,  
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread;**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those**

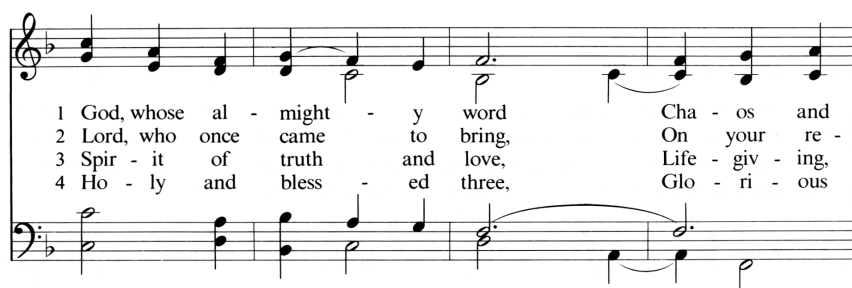
**who sin against us;  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen**

## THE BENEDICTION

## God, Whose Almighty Word

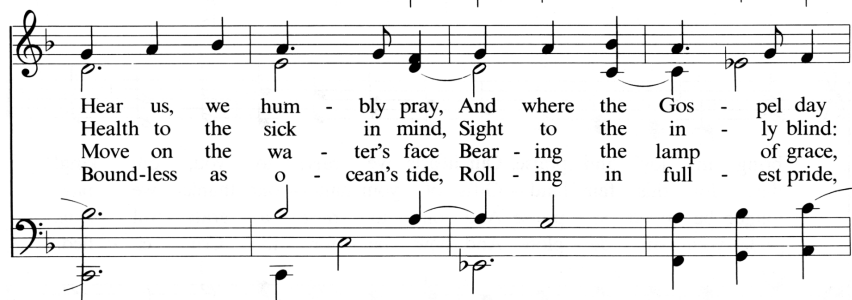
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1 God, whose al - might - y word Cha - os and  
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, On your re -  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, Life - giv - ing,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, Glo - ri - ous



dark - ness heard And took their flight:  
 deem - ing wing, Heal - ing and sight,  
 ho - ly dove, Speed forth your flight;  
 Trin - i - ty, Wis - dom, love, might!



Hear us, we hum - bly pray, And where the Gos - pel day  
 Health to the sick in mind, Sight to the in - ly blind;  
 Move on the wa - ter's face Bear - ing the lamp of grace,  
 Bound-less as o - cean's tide, Roll - ing in full - est pride,



Sheds not its glo - rious ray,  
 Oh, now to hu - man-kind Let there be light!  
 And in earth's dark - est place  
 Through the earth, far and wide,

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *Amazing Grace*