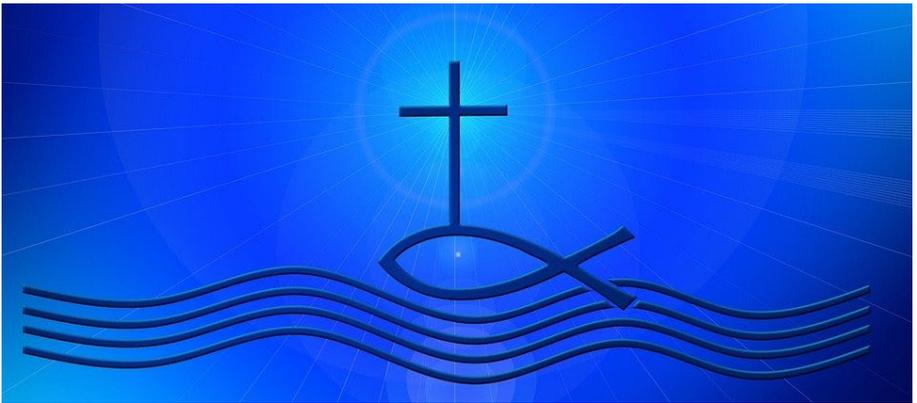


# August 8, 2021

*The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*



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## SERVICE of WORSHIP

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

THE PRELUDE

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**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

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Earth and All Stars!

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the  
 2 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm! Sing to the  
 3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the  
 4 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers! Sing to the

Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry!  
 Lord a new song! Flow - ers and trees!  
 Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre!  
 Lord a new song! Lime - stone and beams!

Loud shout - ing ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Loud rus - tling dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Loud hum - ming cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Loud build - ing work - ers! Sing to the Lord a new song!

*Refrain*  
 He has done mar - vel - ous things.

I too will praise him with a new song!

5 Classrooms and labs!  
 Loud boiling test tubes!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Athlete and band!  
 Loud cheering people!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

6 Knowledge and truth!  
 Loud sounding wisdom!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Daughter and son!  
 Loud praying members!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song! *Refrain*

**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.

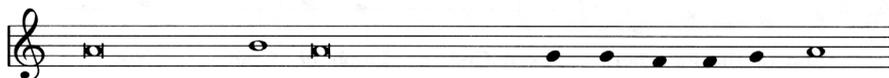
**A** For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.

**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.



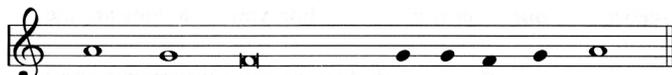
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



A - men

### THE HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength, and



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the  
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -  
 - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE SALUTATION

☐ The Lord be with you.

☐ And al - so with you.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## BLESSING of LEARNERS, TEACHERS and BACKPACKS

Gracious God, thank you for calling us by name and promising that nothing can separate us from your love. Make this a year of learning and protect us from danger. Bless these students and their parents. Help us all to know you walk with us each day. Bless our journeys, our schools, our friends, and our families.

**Bless us, Lord.**

All Wise Lord, we ask your blessings upon the teachers here and everywhere who serve you in countless ways. Give them wisdom and patience, discipline, and humor. By their words and deeds may they be witnesses to your grace and mercy. Make them teachers and examples of your righteousness for the children they teach. Keep them and all of us steadfast in your Word.

**Bless the teachers, Lord.**

Generous God, bless the books and school supplies, the lunches and snacks that these backpacks will hold. Thank you for the tools and nourishment you give for learning. May the students carrying these backpacks remember that you have named and claimed them in Baptism. Just as these packs will hold what is needed for school days, we look to you to securely hold each of your children forever.

**Bless the children and the backpacks, Lord.**

## THE FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:4-8

<sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.<sup>7</sup> The angel of

the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.”<sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

THE PSALM

*Psalm 34:1-8*

<sup>1</sup> I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**<sup>2</sup> I will glory in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and rejoice.**

<sup>3</sup> Proclaim with me  
the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt his name together.

**<sup>4</sup> I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me out of all my terror.**

<sup>5</sup> Look upon him and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

**<sup>6</sup> I called in my affliction,  
and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD  
encompasses those who fear him,  
and he will deliver them.

**<sup>8</sup> Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who trust in him!**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

<sup>25</sup> So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup> Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup> Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup> Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup> and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

5<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup> and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL

John 6:35, 41-51

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

<sup>41</sup> Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." <sup>42</sup> They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" <sup>43</sup> Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup> No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup> It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup> Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup> Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup> This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN: "Break Now the Bread of Life"

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Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me, As once you  
 2 Bless your own truth, dear Lord, To me, to me, As when you  
 3 You are the bread of life, O Lord, to me. Your ho - ly  
 4 Oh, send your Spir - it, Lord, Now un - to me, That he may

broke the loaves Be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page  
 blest the bread By Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,  
 Word the truth That res - cues me. Give me to eat and live  
 touch my eyes And make me see. Show me the truth con-cealed

I seek you, Lord; My spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.  
 All fet - ters fall; And I shall find my peace, My All - in - All!  
 With you a - bove; Teach me to love your truth, For you are love.  
 With - in your Word, And in your book re - vealed I see my Lord.

THE SERMON

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 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 SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and  
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble  
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you,

**O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

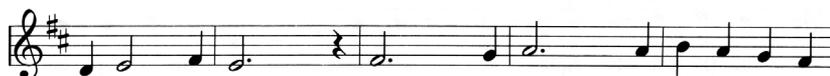
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 AGNUS DEI: "Lamb of God"



**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.**

## Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

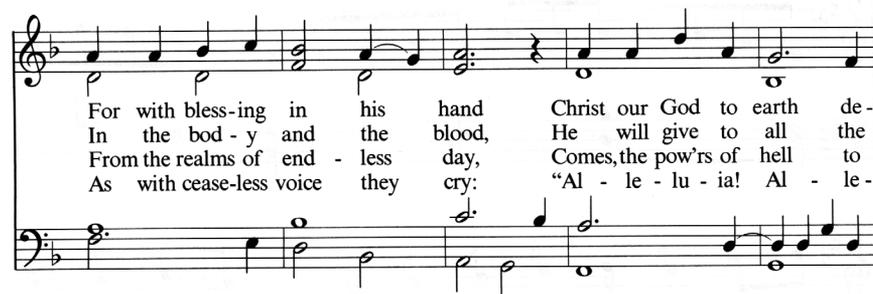
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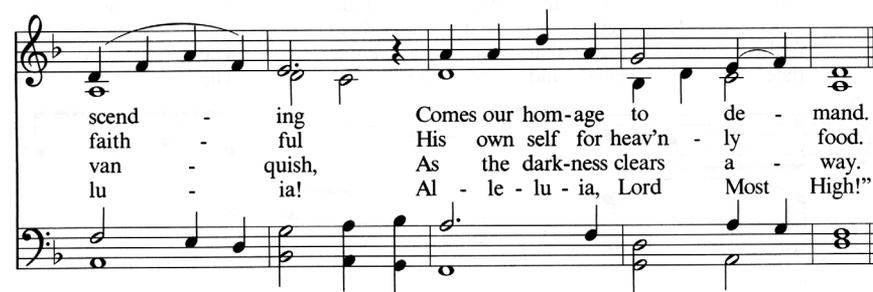
1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and  
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, As of old on  
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van-guard  
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with



trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way; As the Light of light, de - scend - ing  
 sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,



For with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -  
 In the bod - y and the blood, He will give to all the  
 From the realms of end - less day, Comes the pow'rs of hell to  
 As with cease-less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



scend - ing Comes our hom-age to de - mand.  
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 van - quish, As the dark-ness clears a - way.  
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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Rise, Shine, You People!

1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered Our  
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing; He  
 3 Come, cel - e-brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing, Your  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us. Tell

hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to  
 brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and  
 songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the  
 of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the

us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
 wom-en, who by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
 world go out and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

THE BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE