



July 23, 2023

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Good Morning and Welcome!

Guests, we are glad you are here.
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SERVICE OF WORSHIP
LBW Setting 1 with the Lord's Supper

** Please stand as you are able*

PRELUDE: "Dank sei dir, Herr" (Georg Frideric Handel)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

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

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

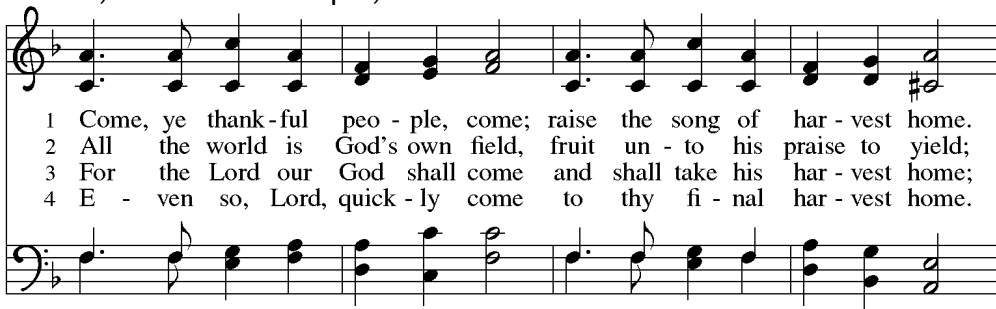
God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.


Amen.

*HYMN: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

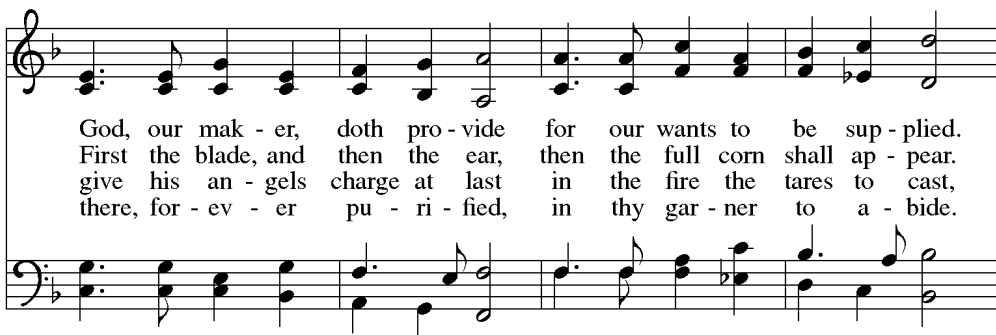
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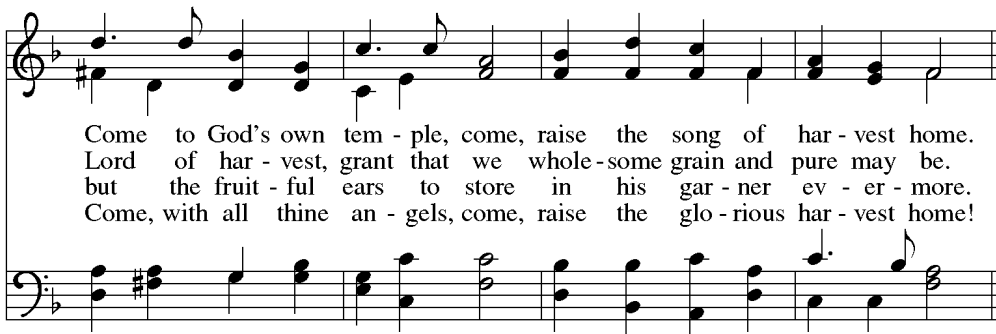
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

***THE GREETING**

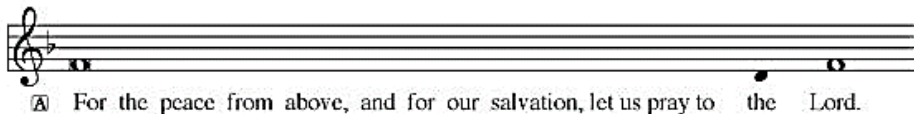
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***THE KYRIE**



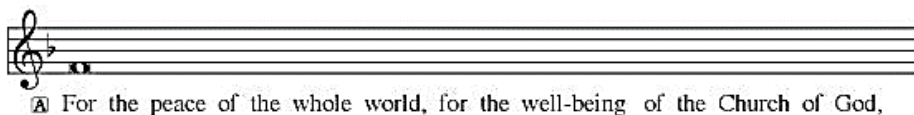
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



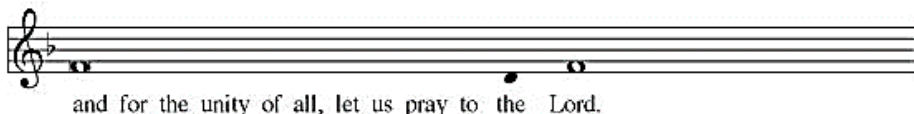
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



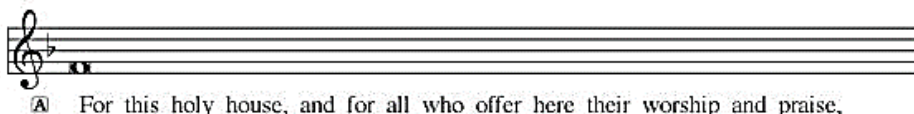
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



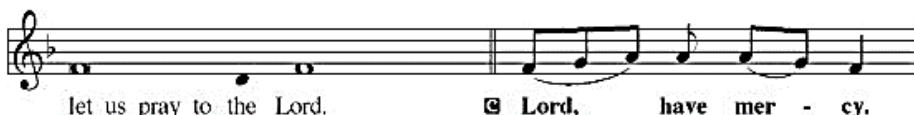
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



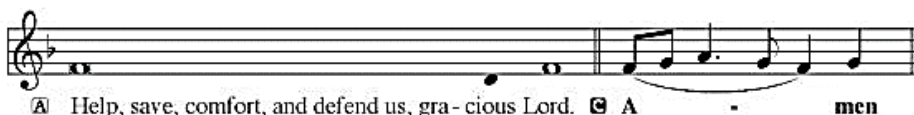
G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **G** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **G** A - men

*THE HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [I] Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [II] Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [I] Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, 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. Al-le-lu-ia,
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. [II] For the Lamb who was



*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 44:6-8

⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

THE PSALM: *Psalms 86:11-17*

- ¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
- ¹²I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
and glorify your name forevermore.
- ¹³For great is your love toward me;
you have delivered me from the pit of death.
- ¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent people seeks my life;
they have not set you before their eyes.
- ¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.
- ¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy on me;
give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your handmaid.
- ¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame;
because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Bonnie Flowers

*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. Al - le - lu - ia.

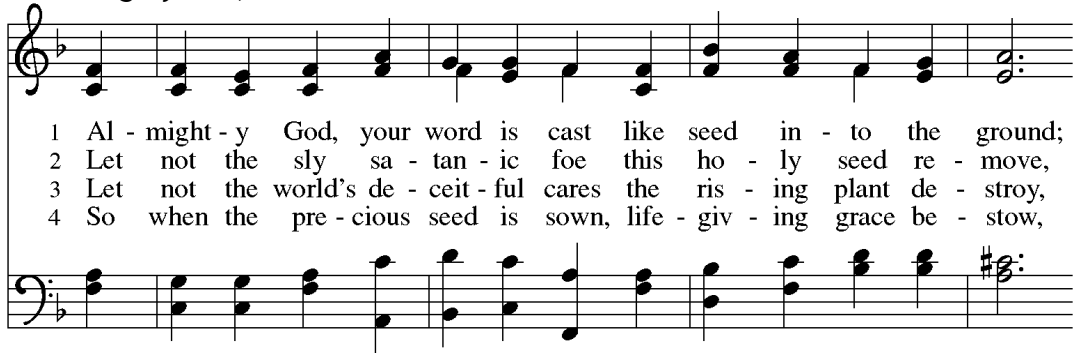
*THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 13th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

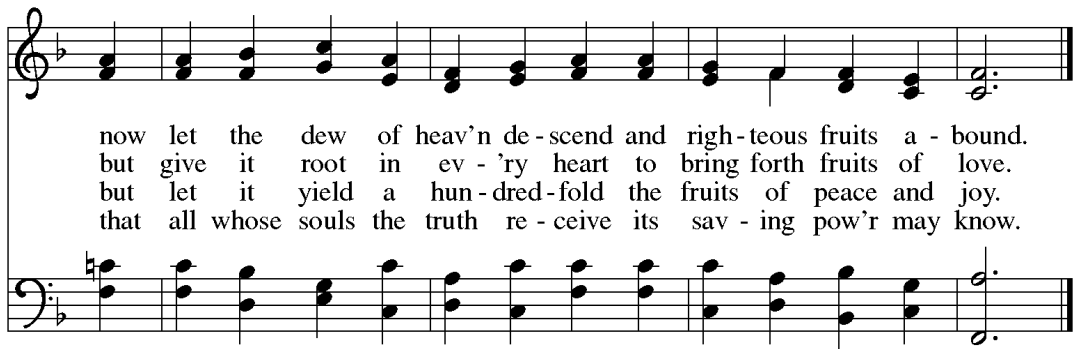
*THE GOSPEL

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

THE SERMON



1 Al - might - y God, your word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
 2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe this ho - ly seed re - move,
 3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
 4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow,



now let the dew of heav'n de - scend and righ - teous fruits a - bound.
 but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
 but let it yield a hun - dred - fold the fruits of peace and joy.
 that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

Text: John Cawood, 1775–1852, alt.
 Music: ST. FLAVIAN, J. Day, *Psalter*, 1562

*THE 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Piano Solo (8:30) "Lobt Gott, Ihr Christen" (Nikolaus Herman)
 Choir Anthem (11:00): "Come Sing a Joyful Song" (W. A. Mozart)

*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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

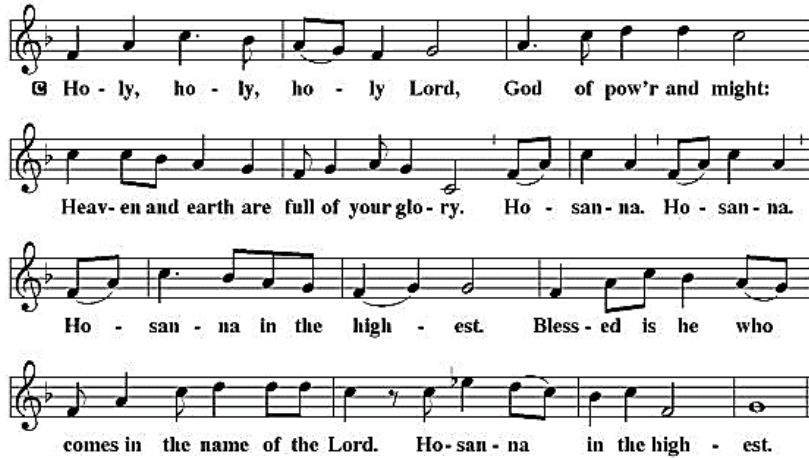
*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE

The Lord be with you. And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

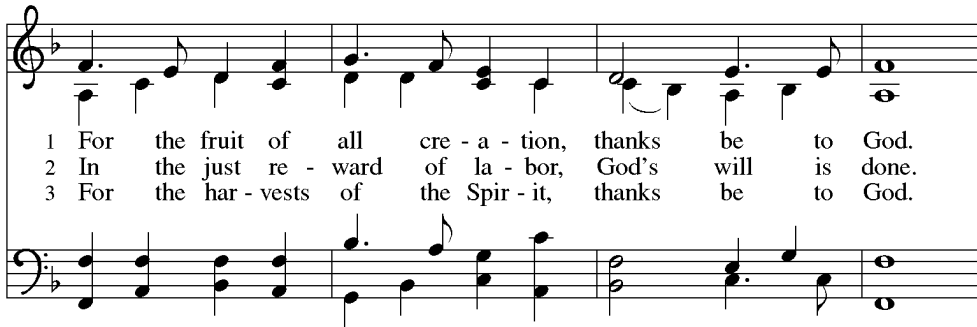
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, 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.

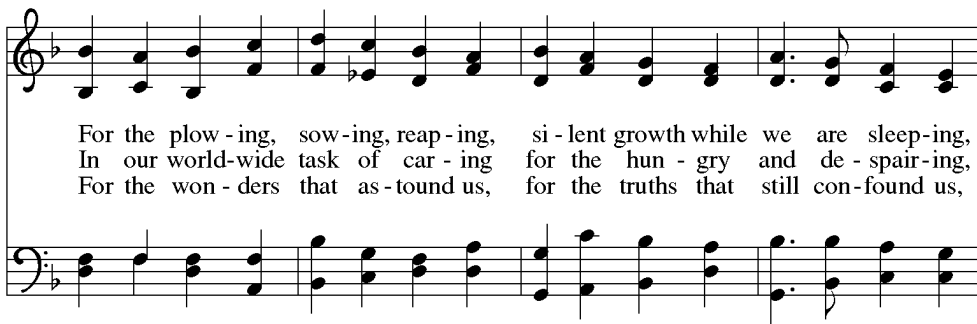
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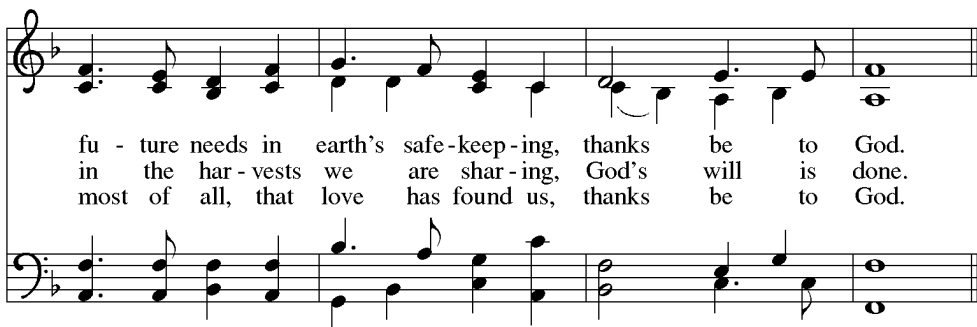
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were

gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from

all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen

Music: Marty Haugen

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*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.

He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with

shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

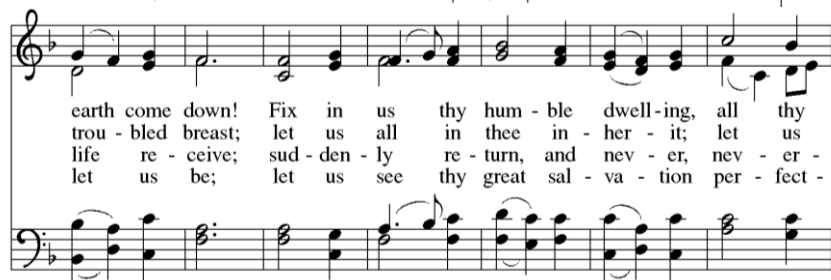
*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*THE BLESSING

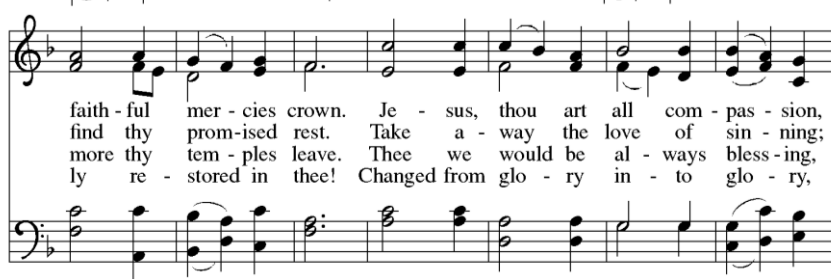
*THE SENDING HYMN “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” ELW 631/LBW 315



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

THE FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God by Betty Roenfeldt in celebration of daughter, Debi's birthday.

A NURSERY, staffed by Katrina Strand, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers, and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

ALL ARE INVITED to enjoy coffee in the Fellowship Hall after service.

NURSERY HELP WANTED! If you would be interested in job-sharing a nursery position, please contact Laurie Campbell at personnel.committee@mlutheran.org for details.

A TOWN HALL MEETING is today in the Parish Hall at 9:45 a.m. A SPECIAL CONGREGATION MEETING is planned for Sunday, July 30 at 9:45 a.m. The item on the agenda is the congregation's approval to fund urgently needed removal of racoons who have gained access to MLC's attic spaces, and the remediation of damage they and other rodents have caused to MLC's attic insulation. Information about the issue can be found at the Welcome Center.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MEETING is July 26 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. WND's will resume on August 23. All are welcome. Pizza will be served. POCs: Dorothy Seitz & Kari Pitchko.

BACKPACK & BRIEFCASE BLESSING is Sunday, July 30 at both services. This year's Faith Formation theme is "Follow Jesus." **Sunday School for Pre-K to Grade 12 will resume on Rally Day which is August 6!** A "Rally Day" picnic will take place following the late service and will include a Hot Dog "Rally" with a variety of regional hot dog stations to explore and enjoy!

THINKING OF JOINING MLC? NEW MEMBER SUNDAY IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 13. If you have questions or are interested in becoming a member. please talk to Pastor Kris or Claire Strand.

WALK TO END ALZHEIMERS BAKE SALE is Sunday, August 13 between and after services in MLC's Narthex. POC is Janice Aldaco. More information on www.mlutheran.org Come, walk with the 'Messiah Lutheran and Friends' team at 2 p.m. on Sun., Oct. 1 at Big Spring Park.

KIT MINISTRY ITEM - 70 Count Spiral Notebooks FOOD PANTRY Vienna Sausages

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Acolytes</u>	Olivia Sullivan (8:30)
<u>Music & Choir Director</u>	Randall Fields		Hanna Seitz (11:00)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand	<u>Greeters</u>	Woods Family (8:30)
<u>Communication & Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby		(11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Lectors</u>	Greg Kilby (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Laura Peterson (11:00)
<u>Nursery</u>	Katrina Strand	<u>Ushers</u>	Glen Long, Zach Dehm (8:30)
<u>Notabella Bell Choir Director</u>	Rhonda Gaede		Tom MacNamara, Bruce Machamer (11:00)
		<u>Cantor</u>	Emily Reed
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	Linda Peirce (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
		<u>Sound & Stream Team</u>	Shane Peterson (8:30)
			Meredith Kilby, Craig Martin (11:00)
		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Jean Stuart

****CHURCH CALENDAR****

Sunday, July 23

- 9:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday Class/Gospel of Luke
- 9:45 a.m. - Town Hall Meeting (see information at left)
- 9:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday School on Gospel of Luke
- 10:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, July 25

- 9:00 a.m. - Comforters Resume

Wednesday, July 26

- 6:00 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner Planning Meeting with Pizza

Thursday, July 27

- 6:30 p.m. - Kit Ministry

Sunday, July 30

- 8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. - Worship: LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper
- 9:45 a.m. - Special Congregational meeting (see information at left)
- 9:45 a.m. - Adult Sunday School on Gospel of Luke
- 11:00 a.m. - Worship & Livestream: LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper

LOOKING AHEAD

July 30 - Blessing of the Backpacks and Briefcases, Special Congregation Meeting

August 6 - Rally Day

August 13 - ALZ Bake Sale. New Member Sunday

August 20 - Kit & Quilt Blessing Sunday, LWR Kit Packing (Rescheduled)

August 23 - Wednesday Night Dinner (Spaghetti Fundariser for ALS Patient Care)

August 30 - First Communion Class

Attendance:

July 9 Online: - 122

July 16 In-Person: 8:30 a.m. - 108, 11:00 a.m. - 66

Offerings Counted July 16, 2023

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