

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

The candles are lit.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! May this be a time of worship and renewal for you as you encounter the living God revealed in Jesus Christ.

In the spirit of respect, reciprocity and truth, we honour and acknowledge that we gather as people who live and work and pray on traditional and ancestral land of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We give recognition to the Blackfoot people past, present, and future, and to the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III.

COMMUNITY LIFE

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth will declare your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

"Jesus Calls Us" (v 1&2)

Je - sus calls us here to meet_ him as, through word and
we af - firm God's pro - mised pre - sence where his peo - ple

song and prayer, Praise the God who keeps his pro - mise;
live and care.

praise the Son who calls us friends; praise the Spi - rit

who, a - mong_ us, to our hopes and fears at - tends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

OPENING PRAYER

We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.

In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.

Lord, the eyes of all look to you in hope;
and you give them what they need.

You open your hand
and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.

We turn to you again, longing to be filled—
**to eat of the bread of life,
to drink from your life-giving streams,
to taste your goodness and live.**

Our innermost being waits for you, O Lord,
our helper and our shield.
**Surely, our heart rejoices in you,
for in your holy name we put our trust.**

Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, be upon us,
even as we place our hope in you.

"Jesus Calls Us" (v 4)

Jesus calls us to his table,
rooted firm in time and space,
where the church in earth and heaven
finds a common meeting place.
Share the bread and wine, his body,
share the love of which we sing,
share the feast for saints and sinners,
hosted by our Lord and King.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

It is our delight to pray. Lord of Life, you invite your people to contemplate heavenly things and urge us toward faith in you. May your coming among us find our doors open, our tables set, and all your people ready to greet you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

READING Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

One Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Two Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

One By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God,

Two so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

One By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance;

Two and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

One By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

Two For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

One By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.

Two Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

One All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them.

Two They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

One If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

Two But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one.

One Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God;

Two indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

For the word of God in scripture,
for the word of God among us,
for the word of God within us,

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil" WOV 713

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: "Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word." "Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood." "When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way." "Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil."

GOSPEL Luke 12:32-40

Today's gospel reading and sermon are shared by Bishop Jason Zinko, who serves in the ELCIC as the Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod Bishop. We remain standing for the reading of the Gospel.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "O God of Mercy, God of Light" (v1,3,6) ELW 714



O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and
Teachus the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.
word and thought may work a work for you.

And may your Holy Spirit move
all those who live to live in love,
till you receive in heav'n above
all those who live in you.

A NEW CREED

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. Equip your flock to speak your word of promise and hope in the midst of fear and uncertainty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, make us good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for your steadfast love. Embrace those who cry out to you especially Myrtle, Sharla, Debi, Marion, Arne, Thelma, Eva, Dave & Trudy, Blair, Corrie, Pastor Dick & Jan, Helene, Patrick, Jack & Shirley, Eowen, Pastor Tom & Karen, Grace, Margaret, Mary, Ann, Clayton, Nancy, Rosemary, Shellene, Sheila, Judy, Cherylee, Miriam, Pastor Kathy and Darcy, Doreen and Margaret. Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon this community. Uphold in your care Hans & Carol Isele and Steve, Dawn, Hailey & Andrew Iwaasa. Strengthen the ministries of this congregation especially Church Council and all who care for those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon all who grieve. Console Lyn Kester and her family as they mourn Lorne's passing, and Lyle Everitt and his family on the death of Marlene. With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

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

WE SHARE THE MEAL

At this time we prepare for the communion meal. If you have not already done so, take a moment gather the elements you will share during the meal, remembering that Christ promises to come to us in the everyday things: bread or a cracker, wine or grape juice or water, and whatever dishes you have in your cupboard. We sing as we set our tables.

"Table of Plenty" (v 1-3) (songleader will sing only v 1 as a solo; the rest is all)

Refrain

Come to the feast of heav-en and earth! Come to the ta-
 - ble of plen - ty! God will pro-vide for all that we
 need, here at the ta - ble of plen - ty.

Verses

1. O come and sit at my ta - ble where saints and
 2. O come and eat with-out mon-ey; & come to
 3. My bread will ev - er sus - tain you through days of
 sin - ners are friends. I wait to wel-come the lost and
 drink with - out price. My feast of glad-ness will feed your
 sor - row and woe. My wine will flow like a sea of
 lone - ly to share the cup of my love.
 spir - it with faith and full - ness of life.
 glad-ness to flood the depths of your soul.

to Refrain

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious God, receive the labor of our hands—these gifts of money, bread, and wine—along with the offering of our lives. Nourish us with the life of your Son, that we might be his body in the world, making known your abundant mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

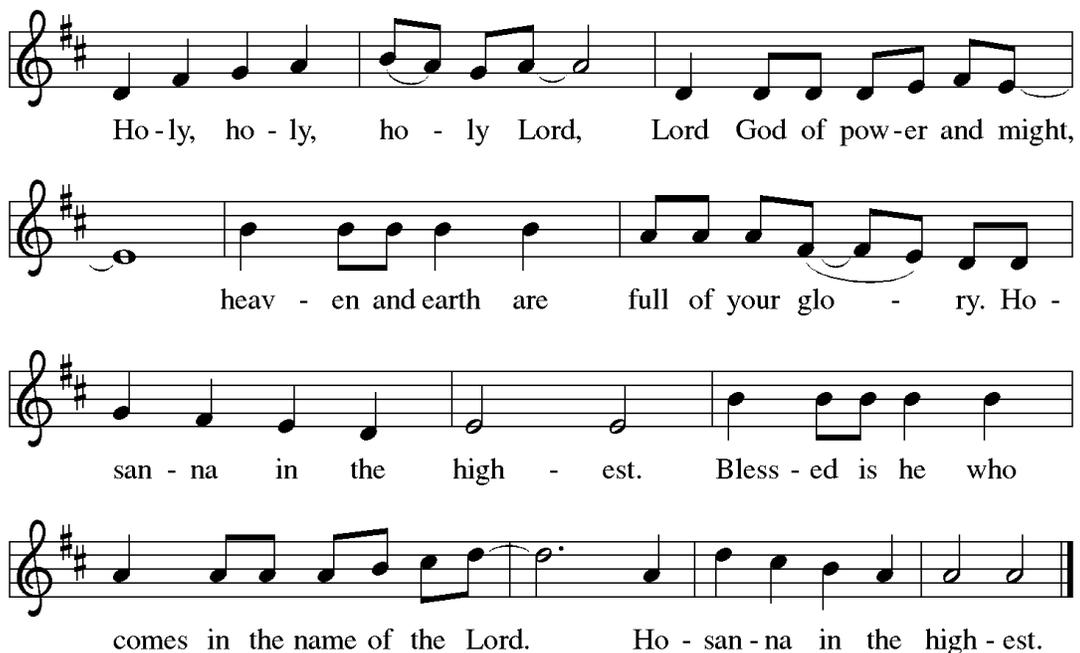
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

"Holy, Holy, Holy" – from ELW Setting Six (S173)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

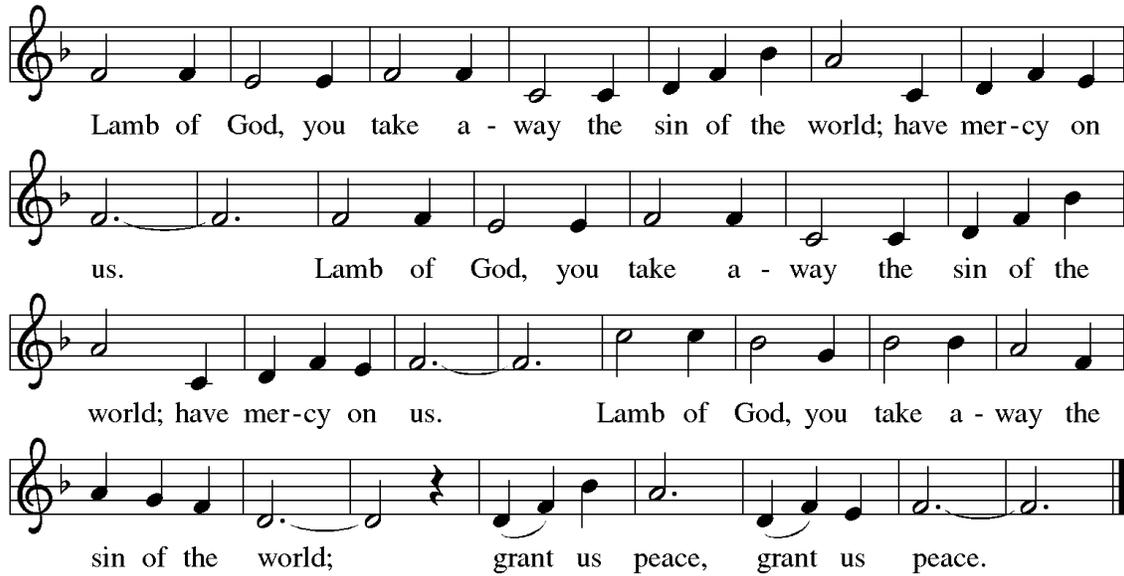
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are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

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

***Together let us take and eat, the body of Christ given for you
Together let us take and drink, the blood of Christ shed for you***

COMMUNION SONGS

"Lamb of God" ELW 195



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.

"Blessed Assurance" ELW 638



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di - vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long:



this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Send us out to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your peace this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care:
As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick or homebound. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING OUT AND BLESSING

The God of peace,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG "May You Run and Not Be Weary" W&P 97

May you run and not be wea - ry. May your
heart be filled with song. And may the
love of God con - tin - ue to
give you hope and keep you strong. And may you
run and not be wea - ry. May your
life be filled with joy. And may the
road you trav - el al - ways lead you home.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. We will!

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