

*Seventh Sunday After Pentecost, July 24, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.
Worship at Zion's Lutheran Church & Remotely via Zoom*

Welcome friends and guests: Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom. The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own. "When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

Worship Service: In God's Boundless Diversity, we are all made in God's image! If you are visiting or new to our faith family, please fill out the guest card and put it in the offering plate so we have a record of your presence today. Come back and worship each Sunday. *We do continue to be mindful of the different ways people are health compromised that may not be known. So please continue to practice healthy habits such as: stay home when you are sick, wash hands regularly, observe social distancing. Masks are at the discretion of each individual.*

Holy Communion: The Sacrament is offered to all worshiping with us. Zoom congregants, have your bread/wafer and juice/wine ready. Those worshiping in person may come forward for the sacraments or, cross your arms across your chest for a blessing instead.

Fellowship: Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for conversation and friendship.

Other Information: Large print bulletins are available from our ushers. Restrooms are in the Fellowship Hall adjoining the sanctuary. Our ushers can direct you. For pastoral care, contact Pastor Kate at 619-916-9630 or via email at: kateschlechter2005@gmail.com -- her office hours are scheduled for Tuesdays and Wednesdays, please contact her to schedule an appointment.

~We Prepare for Worship~

Welcome and Gathering of Prayers

~Gathering~

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Call to Worship

Welcome to worship this day.

We have come seeking peace and hope.

This is the house of the Lord. In it you will find what you seek.

Help us to open our hearts to God's words and will for us.

Ask for God's help - it will be given to you.

Praise be to God who loves and cares for us. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: # 526 *God is Here* (next page)



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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.

Confession & Forgiveness

We are invited to pray -- all who have hurt someone else, and all who have been hurt by another. We are called to pray: for hope, for healing, for mercy. We pray to the One who seeks to make us whole; whose will it is to restore us to new life. Join us as we pray, saying:

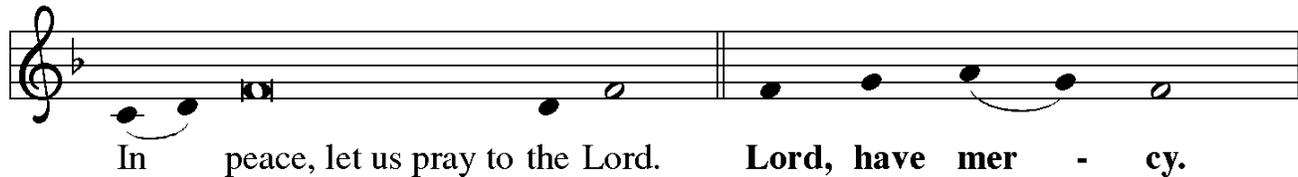
We do not find it easy to speak of how we do not live as your people, but you invite us to share our weaknesses and failures with you, Inviting God. Tempted to think your salvation is for a select few, we put up barriers for others. Clinging to all you give to us, we are reluctant to share with those in need. Surrounded by evil and violence, we find it easier to close ranks with those just like us, rather than seeking peace and reconciliation for our world. Forgive us, Salvation's God. Open our eyes to our sisters and brothers all around us. Open our ears to the word of hope you speak to us. Open our spirits to the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who flings wide the open doors of your kingdom, that all might find life with you.

Words of Assurance

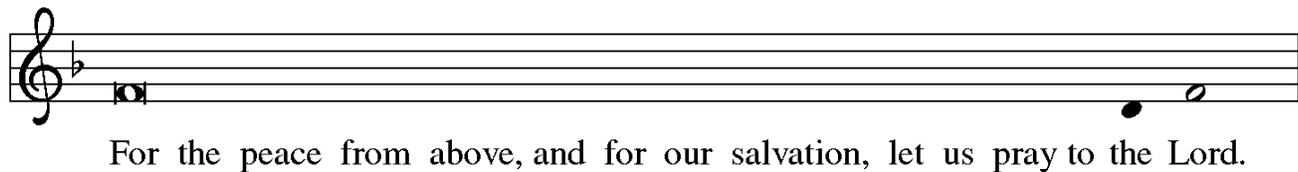
Here is the good news, my friends: Christ came searching for us, calling us by name, leading us into God's kingdom. Go and seek the community, and invite others to participate as we live into Christ's reign on earth as it is in heaven. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

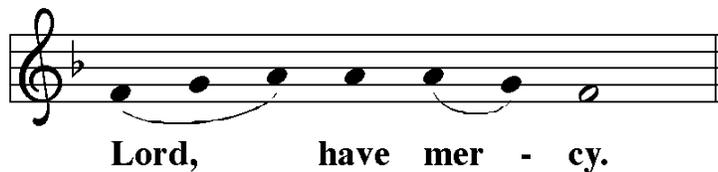
Kyrie



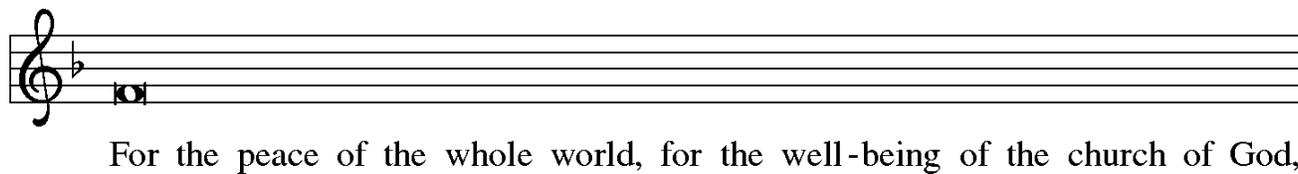
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



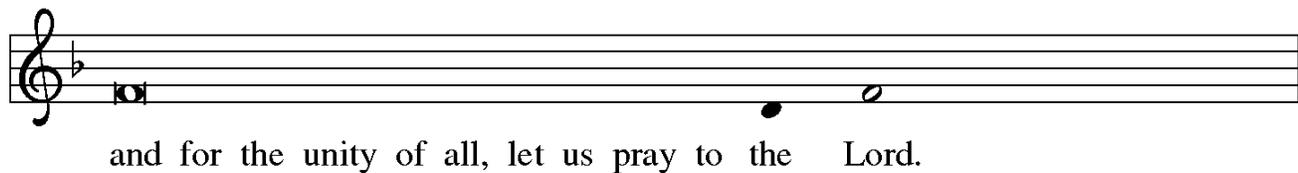
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



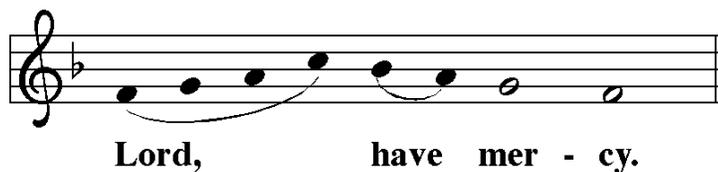
Lord, have mer - cy.



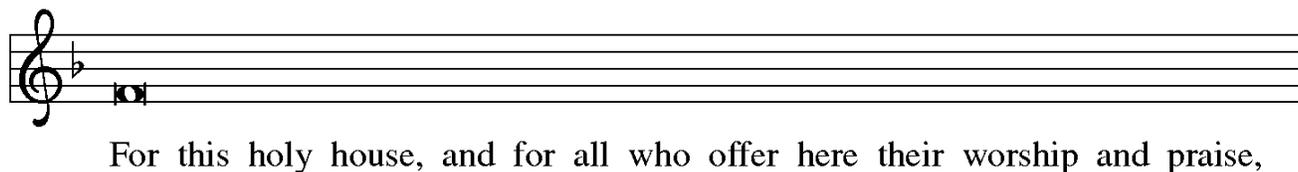
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



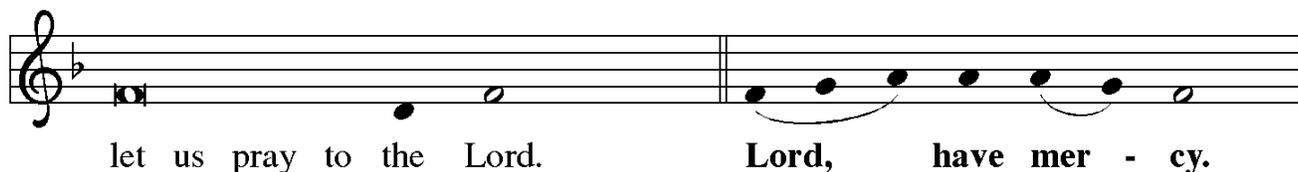
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



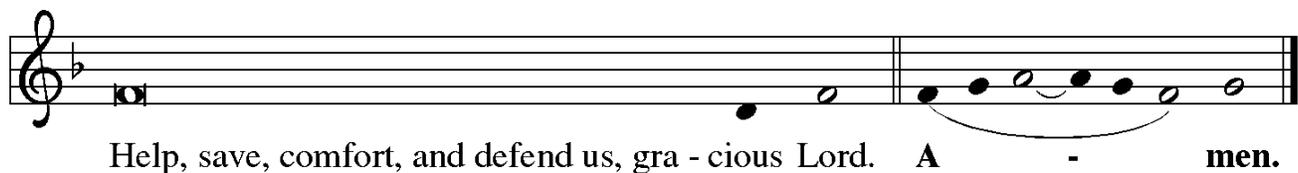
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



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

Prayer of the Day

Let us Pray. **Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

~Word~

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32 (Pew Bible Pages 12-13)

A reading from Genesis.

²⁰Then the Lord said, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.”

²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it?

²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?”

²⁶And the Lord said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” ²⁷Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.”

²⁹Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” ³⁰Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.”

³¹He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” ³²Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

The word of God, the word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

⁶The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me; O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19] (Pew Bible Page 957)

A reading from Colossians.

⁶As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. ⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ.

⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority.

¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; ¹²when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

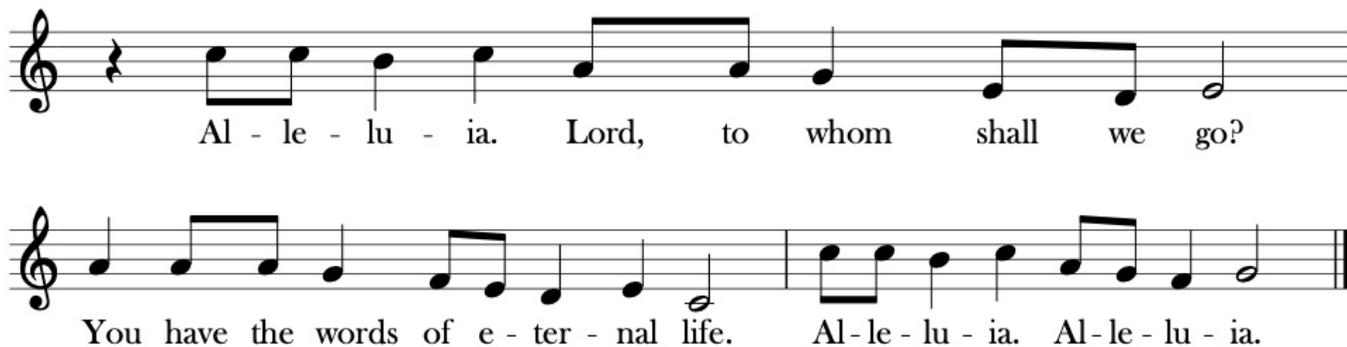
¹³And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, ¹⁴erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

[¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. ¹⁷These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

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Gospel Acclamation (next page)



Gospel: Luke 11:1-13 (Pew Bible Page 845)

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

²He said to them, “When you pray, say:
Father, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.”

⁵And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ ⁷And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’”

⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹“So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion?

¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Time

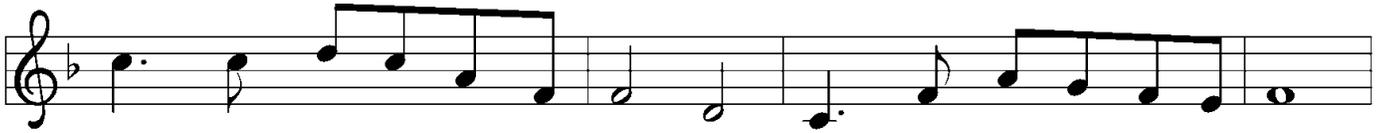
Children of all ages, please come forward

Sermon – Lisa Rygiel

Hymn of the Day: #742 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - row share?
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Invitation to Prayer

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

Your response to "Merciful God", is "*Receive Our Prayer*"

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church.

Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources including those throughout Colorado, and strengthen those who defend them.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve especially...

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation and its leadership. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place, as well as Pastor Kate. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory.

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.

Peace

Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace and of our shared friendship. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

~Meal~

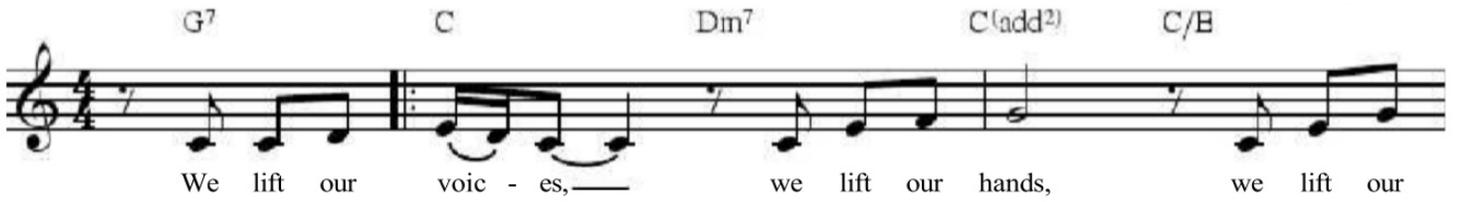
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

An offering is gathered for missions of the church. You can give using check or cash (mail to 510 Pine Street), or online at: https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/1334741

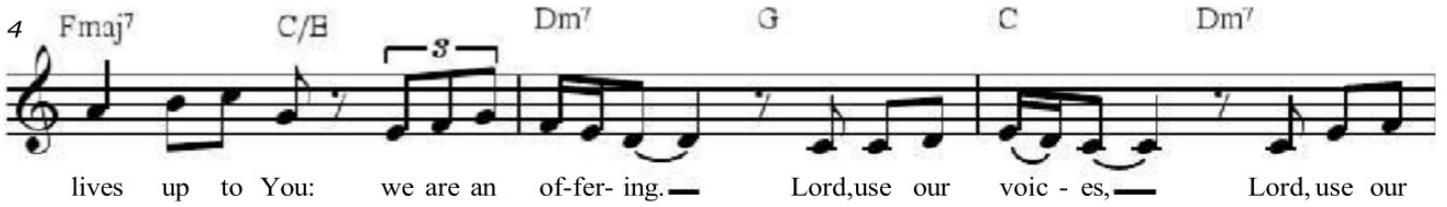
Offertory: #692 *We Are an Offering* (next page)

G⁷ C Dm⁷ C(add²) C/B



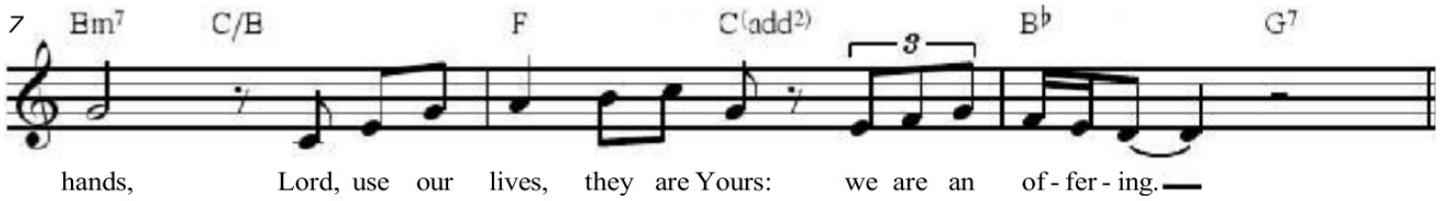
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our

4 Fmaj⁷ C/B Dm⁷ G C Dm⁷



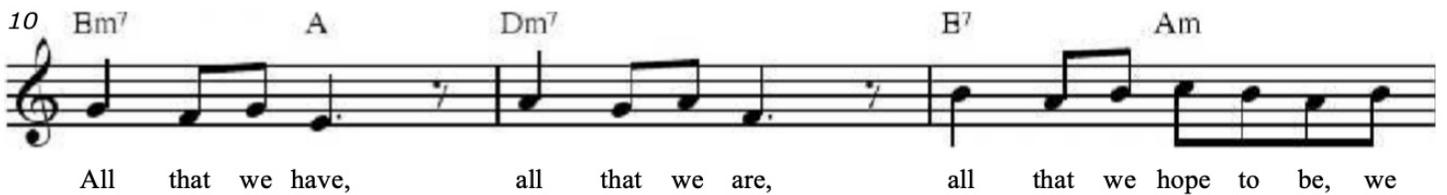
lives up to You: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our

7 Bm⁷ C/B F C(add²) B^b G⁷



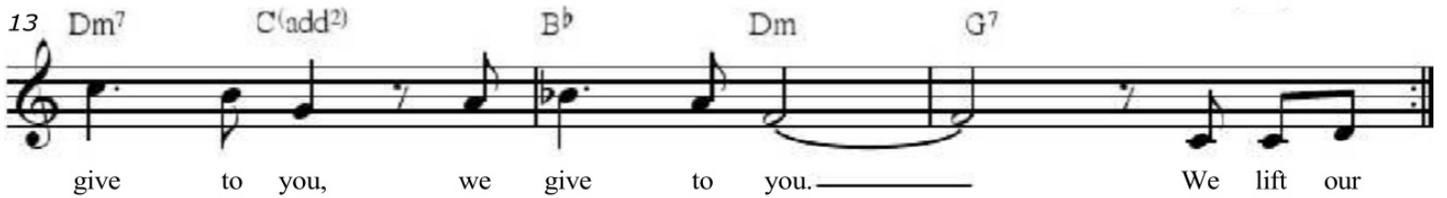
hands, Lord, use our lives, they are Yours: we are an offering.

10 Bm⁷ A Dm⁷ B⁷ Am



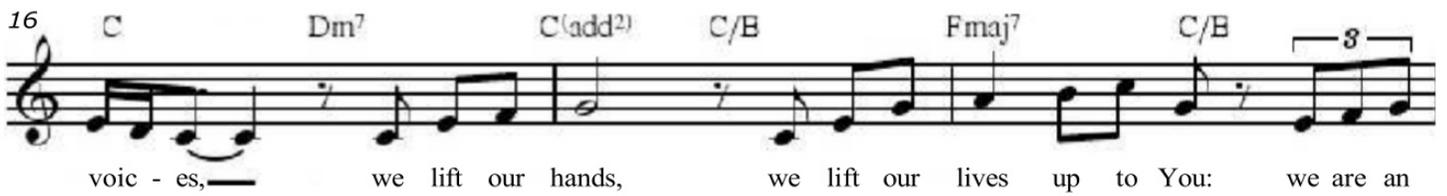
All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

13 Dm⁷ C(add²) B^b Dm G⁷



give to you, we give to you. We lift our

16 C Dm⁷ C(add²) C/B Fmaj⁷ C/B



voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You: we are an

19 Dm⁷ G C Dm⁷ Bm⁷ C/B



of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

22 F C(add²) B^b G⁷ C



lives, they are Yours: we are an offering. We are an offering.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. As you have done with us, may we do for others, holding nothing back, but offering our treasures and lives that hope may be restored, that healing might touch the broken, that the suffering might be revived, and that all might know of your steadfast love in their lives. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

Great Prayer of 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



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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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. Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

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

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

Song of Thanksgiving



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



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks 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.

Communion Prayer

Let us pray. **We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

~Sending~

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements & Special Blessings

Blessing & Benediction

Into every relationship that is dear to us, into every relationship that is hard for us, send health, and steadiness, and hopefulness, modeled upon the relationship You, loving God, have with us.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit †, be with you all, this day, and forevermore.
Amen.

Sending Hymn: #774 *What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

~Announcements~

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost, July 24, 2022

Worship Leaders: Pastor Kate Schlechter, Lisa Rygiel, and Peggy Gustafson

Zoom Leaders: Sharon Sorenson & Ernie Parker

Music: Connie Pallone and Sharon Sorenson

Ushers: Peggy Gustafson and Becky McNeil

Communion: The Pierce Family

Flowers: Presented by Pastor Andrea Doeden in celebration of her and Paul's wedding anniversary.

- Sunday morning Bible Study resumes at 8:30 a.m. in the Blue Room or via Zoom. Come in person or join via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/907628370?pwd=eFVCTEVhb0xqMXcxY2xaUG5JMUZEZz09> or Dial 1 312 626 6799 -- Meeting ID: 907 628 370 -- Passcode: 332397
- Bread and Belonging is on hiatus for the summer.
- Help Wanted:
 - **It's garage sale time on Saturday, Aug. 6, in the Fellowship Hall. We need people to help with the sale, to donate, and to shop. Please let Julie Wersal know if you can help. Bring your donations beginning July 26.**
 - Singers and musicians to serve in the role of key singer and/or provide other musical support on various Sundays, please let Sharon Sorenson know or respond to the church via email at zionsluth@gmail.com.
 - Security team members to monitor the sanctuary door and check that doors in the fellowship hall are locked during services and after everyone has left. Please see Jeff Smith or a church council member if you would be interested.
 - Volunteers are needed to help with 5 Loaves deliveries next Saturday, July 30, if you can help, please contact Norine Hazen, Peggy Gustafson, or Jo Moss.
- Women's Bible Study continues its series on Psalms. Join us at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 5, in person in the Blue Room and via Zoom; all are welcome! To Join via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83136424723?pwd=TkxsQVlIMmo2bVlSekN0dGZqbzF1Zz09> -- Meeting ID: 831 3642 4723, Passcode: 865505 (or call 1-312-626-6799).
- **Creative In the Image of God**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 13, at First Lutheran, 1515 North Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs. The deadline to submit registration is Aug. 9, however the earlier registrations are submitted, the better. Details and registration can be found in the fellowship hall, on our website, and upon request from Lisa Rygiel or Jo Moss. If we have enough interest, perhaps we can caravan or carpool there. If you need financial assistance, please contact Lisa, Jo, or Pastor Kate.
- The flower ministry blesses our worship space, and they bring such joy to our sanctuary. Please coordinate with Lynn Chase to sponsor the flowers.

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